



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ph.D. in Public Policy

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The Ph.D. in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill provides exceptional students with advanced graduate training and prepares them for positions in academia, think tanks, research organizations, and government, in the United States and around the globe. Our doctoral students are trained to conduct policy research in domestic and global contexts, shape public policy, and teach the next generation of public policy educators, researchers, and practitioners. We welcome applications from highly qualified students with a variety of academic backgrounds from the United States and abroad. The interdisciplinary curriculum exposes students to the theoretical foundations of public policy analysis (economics, politics and institutions, and normative theory) as well as research design and methods with a concentration in a substantive policy area.

Our Core Research Areas

Our faculty hold doctoral degrees in economics, history, law, philosophy, political science, public policy, and sociology. Our departmental strengths include the following research areas:

- Education and Labor Markets
- Environment and Human Welfare
- Global Conflict and Cooperation
- Health Policy, Bioethics, and Human Rights
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship; Science and Technology Policy
- International Development Policy
- Social Policy and Inequality

Funding

UNC Public Policy helps secure funding for all graduate students progressing through the program in good academic standing. Sources of funding include a combination of fellowships, traineeships, graduate teaching assistantships, and graduate research assistantships. Each PhD student receives full tuition reimbursement, including fees, health insurance, and a stipend of at least \$20,000 per academic year (nine months), plus a conference travel fund of \$1,000 over the course of the program. Highly qualified doctoral students will also be competitive for merit scholarships.

Deadlines

The application deadline for Fall 2024 entrance is November 28, 2023.

Placement

Graduates have secured academic positions at:

- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgetown University (McCourt School of Public Policy)
- North Carolina State University (School of Public and International Affairs)
- University of California, Irvine (School of Education)
- University of Oregon (Lundquist College of Business)
- University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Graduates have developed policy careers with domestic and international think tanks, private sector firms, and government and non-governmental organizations including:

- American Institutes for Research
- The Brookings Institution
- U.S. Government Accountability Office
- RTI International
- UNICEF
- World Bank
- Merck
- RAND

Commitment to Diversity

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