

JSGS PhD in Public Policy (after Master's) Application Questions

The JSGS PhD in Public Policy is a research degree and is the highest degree awarded in Public Policy. The program prepares graduates to conduct advanced policy research across a variety of sectors. Through inquiry and application of interdisciplinary knowledge, the PhD in Public Policy program equips students to advance public policy knowledge. Graduates are prepared to work as advanced researchers locally and globally in the academic, public, not-for-profit, and corporate sectors to identify innovative strategies to address policy challenges.

1. Why do you want to pursue a PhD focusing on public policy?
2. What is your research background and preparation in policy-related research, including scholarly and practical experience?
3. Describe one or more general areas within public policy in which you would like to do research. Please provide some examples of specific topics you consider interesting and researchable within this area.
4. What type of theories and methods do you want to use or explore?
5. Please provide an example that demonstrates your ability to define a topic, apply theoretical concepts to it, cite existing key literature, and propose ways to create new scholarly knowledge on that topic. This example might relate to one of the sample topics you identified in (3) above.
6. Have you approached any of the faculty at our school regarding your application? If so, please provide their name(s).

Maximum of 1,500 words.

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