



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Social Impact, Down to a Science





The University of Chicago fuels discovery and impact—opening new lines of questioning that lead to ideas that matter.

Founded in 1890, the University of Chicago is a world-renowned research institution that empowers individuals to ask tough questions, cross disciplinary boundaries, and challenge conventional thinking to enrich human life.

Here, scholars engage in intellectual debate, continually searching for new evidence, while facing questions from peers with diverse viewpoints and backgrounds.

The University of Chicago has contributed to some of the world's greatest discoveries and breakthroughs while defining entirely new fields of study around the globe.

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Nobel Prize winners—including four who currently teach at Harris Public Policy



James Heckman, awarded the 2000 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences



Michael Kremer, awarded the 2019 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences



Roger Myerson, awarded the 2007 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences



James Robinson, awarded the 2024 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

At Harris Public Policy, we believe developing effective public policy is a science, based on data and measurable impact.

Since its founding, the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy has embodied the principles of the University of Chicago, redefining what it means to be a public policy school.

At Harris Public Policy, we believe there is a science to social impact and that social science is the only proven path to better policymaking. At Harris, we:

- **Work at the frontiers of data collection and analysis and conduct rigorous inquiry in an environment of innovation and risk-taking**
- **Collaborate across the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, adopting new methodologies to drive better solutions**
- **Engage with our city, our world, and our leaders every day to evaluate and test our ideas**



“Addressing today’s global, interconnected challenges takes rigorous inquiry. It takes serious people, able to face the facts—to gather and understand the data of how things are—in order to make things better. That’s why we’re here—and why you belong here.”

ETHAN BUENO DE MESQUITA

Dean and Sydney Stein Professor,
Harris School of Public Policy,
The University of Chicago

At Harris, develop skills to ask the hard questions, follow the evidence to the answers, and make a real and lasting impact.

Beginning with a strong foundation in data analytics, you will explore public policy through a multidisciplinary lens that includes economics, statistics, and political science, giving you the tools to analyze and address complex problems. You'll also have access to elective options across the University of Chicago to further broaden your skill set and define your career journey.

Harris' real-world, applied approach to learning means creating impact while you matriculate. From the Harris Policy Innovation Challenge to the Pearson Fellows, relationships with institutions and businesses throughout Chicago, the United States, and the world give ample opportunities to put newfound skills to the test.

Harris is also committed to reducing barriers to accessing public policy graduate education—from eliminating the application fee for master's programs to the newly launched US Public Sector Scholarship.

Additionally, graduate studies at Harris unlock a supportive network of peers, mentors, and alumni eager to watch as you turn your personal passion into an impactful career.

[Learn more about the US Public Sector Scholarship](#)



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

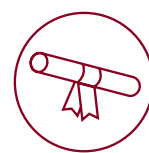
Dr. Rebecca J. Wolfe is a leading expert on political violence, using behavioral science to design and research programs to reduce violence. She is a senior lecturer at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago where is also the executive director of the International Policy and Development program. Dr. Wolfe draws on her policy and academic backgrounds to research important development issues, design interventions that are theoretically grounded and evidence based, and communicate both to diverse audiences.

Gain skills in high demand across sectors*



97%

of recent graduates secured employment six months after graduation



3%

of students pursued a PhD after graduation

TOP SKILLS APPLIED

Graduates working in policy-related careers most commonly reported prioritizing the following skill sets:



Data Analysis



Project Management



Research

TOP SECTORS

Sectors alumni most commonly reported working in:

40% private

36% nonprofit / NGO / IGO

24% public / government agency

TOP SPECIFIED POLICY AREAS

Alumni working in policy-related careers most commonly reported working in the following policy areas:



Data Science



Public Sector Consulting



Social/Inequality



Economic/Fiscal

[Explore the current Career Outcomes Report](#)

Learn from faculty making a difference.

Faculty at Harris Public Policy challenge each other as well as the status quo, testing new methodologies and driving solutions through their innovative research. Coming from diverse sectors, ideologies, and backgrounds, Harris faculty investigate the world's most complex challenges and determine how policy can solve them.

With the University of Chicago's strong commitment to free and open inquiry, our scholars at Harris take an interdisciplinary approach to research that spans education to energy, conflict to politics.



CHRIS BERRY, William J. and Alicia Townsend Friedman Professor and director of the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, started the Property Tax Project with the Center for Municipal Finance, which exposed how low-value properties face higher tax assessments, disproportionately burdening low-income residents.



Assistant Professor **FIONA BURLIG**, who also serves as deputy faculty director of the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC)-India, studies the impact of rural electrification on economic development and the impact of long-range monsoon forecasts for farmers in India.



JAMES ROBINSON is the Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and Institute Director, The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflict. Robinson is an economist and political scientist, and he received the 2024 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his research on global inequality.



“Professor Ganong was intentional and thoughtful in creating a classroom environment where all questions—even the most minor of clarifications—were encouraged. His lectures were helpful for clarifying confusing concepts, and he also introduced real-world applicability to the classroom through a series of guest lectures.”

LINDSAY HISER, MPP'23
Survey Methodologist, RTI

Coursework that prepares you to make an impact.

At Harris, your coursework develops the skills you need to ask the hard questions, follow the evidence to the answers, and make a real and lasting impact. You'll combine a strong foundation in data analytics through exploring a variety of disciplines and fields including economics, statistics, political science, and organizational theory, among others.

Through learning the methods and theories of these disciplines and fields, you'll be able to use each as an analytical lens to dissect and tackle challenges.

Plus, with access to numerous elective options—across Harris and UChicago—you'll further broaden your skill set to make a measurable difference in addressing the most challenging social problems.

The Policy Innovation Challenge

The Harris Policy Innovation Challenge is a competition where students apply their insights, skill set, and creativity toward solving the most important real-world challenges facing municipalities, states, and the nation.

[Learn more about the Policy Innovation Challenge](#)

Centers & Institutes

Our research centers and institutes serve as catalysts for research and engagement with the policy community around the world. Harris also supports other partnerships and initiatives and is home to the University of Chicago Urban Labs.

[Learn more about Centers & Institutes](#)

Specializations

Harris Public Policy also offers a number of specializations that allow full-time master's students to specialize in particular areas of inquiry. Plus, courses taken toward specializations count toward your degree requirements.

[Learn more about specializations](#)

Policy Labs

Policy Labs are courses where teams of second-year Harris students apply their rigorous core education to real-time public policy challenges faced by client organizations. Students who participate in Policy Labs hold a competitive advantage in the job market.

[Learn more about Policy Labs](#)

[Explore the breadth of elective offerings at Harris](#)

The Master of Public Policy is designed to develop leaders who put evidence first.

As the flagship program at Harris, the two-year MPP is an ideal fit for students seeking a multidisciplinary approach to the study of public policy.

Across the public and private sectors, a new generation of data-minded leaders is needed to bring fresh thinking and different approaches to the world's most pressing policy challenges.

In MPP coursework, you'll build critical thinking and analytical skills in the core curriculum and learn to make data-driven decisions. Through applied experiences in Chicago and beyond, you'll meet face-to-face with professionals in the field to analyze urgent policy problems and design solutions that work, using the latest science and technology.



“One key aspect of my Harris experience has been the importance of analysis beyond coding and running regressions. Technical skills are essential, but as automation and tools like ChatGPT become more prevalent in statistics and coding, the ability to interpret and derive insights from the data is what sets human analysts apart.”

GEET CHAWLA, MPP'21
Associate, Morgan Stanley



“At the US-Mexico Foundation, we're very particular about synthesizing information punctually and deliberately in our communications, so my work is intrinsically linked to the analytical and professional skills I gained at Harris. While you need clean data and sound analysis to formulate a policy, you must also consider the audience impacted by the policy and be able to present the policy clearly.”

SOFIA POTES, MPP'22
Head, Research and Public Policy Department, U.S.-Mexico Foundation

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)

In the two-year Master of Public Policy program, students take the core curriculum—with classes in microeconomics, statistics, and analytical politics—in their first two quarters. After that, students can take electives from Harris and divisions across the University of Chicago.

The core curriculum equips students with critical thinking and analytical skills to solve problems across sectors and lead measurable impact throughout their career. Students from strong quantitative backgrounds may have the opportunity to take advanced versions of statistics or economics.

| FIRST YEAR – Core Curriculum | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING—ELECTIVES* |
| Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy I | Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy II | <i>Elective</i> |
| Statistics for Data Analysis I | Statistics for Data Analysis II: Regressions | <i>Elective</i> |
| Analytical Politics I: Strategic Foundations | Analytical Politics II: Political Institutions | <i>Elective</i> |

| SECOND YEAR – Nine Elective Courses* | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING |
| <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> |
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**Available elective courses are subject to change each year.*

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Earn your MA in Public Policy in one academic year.

If you already have an advanced degree or significant work experience and want to understand the public policy aspects of your field, our one-year MA program provides the fundamental understanding of public policy and analytics to complement your experience.

Skills such as data analysis, microeconomics, and statistics—essential skills for success in the government, public, or NGO sectors—can be exceedingly difficult to learn and fully absorb on the job. This makes the MA an ideal program for those seeking to gain a professional edge in less than a year. The time commitment—nine months—ensures you are able to return to the workforce with valuable skills and minimal disruption—a benefit for employee and employer alike.

This program is also available to students enrolling for other graduate programs at the University.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Associate Professor Damon Jones conducts research at the intersection of three fields: public finance, household finance, and labor economics and has done substantial work understanding the racial wealth gap. Jones, who recently served as a senior economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), also serves as associate director of the Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility.

MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN PUBLIC POLICY

The MA curriculum consists of any five of the analytical core courses available to MPP candidates and four electives from across the University of Chicago campus, for a total of nine courses. A minimum of seven courses must be Public Policy (PPHA) courses.

| Sample Curriculum | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER* | SPRING** |
| Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy I | Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy II | <i>Elective</i> |
| Statistics for Data Analysis I | Statistics for Data Analysis II: Regressions | <i>Elective</i> |
| Analytical Politics I: Strategic Foundations | Analytical Politics II: Political Institutions | <i>Elective</i> |

*MA students can automatically waive one of the Winter core courses and replace with an elective.

**Available elective courses are subject to change each year.

[EXPLORE HARRIS ELECTIVES](#)



“The skills I gained at Harris—especially looking at data critically—have been invaluable in my role at UNICEF. I have a completely different lens to use when solving problems.”

SHRUTI KAPOOR, AM'19
Lead for Economic Opportunities for Youth at the UNICEF (YuWaah) India Country Office

The MSCAPP program gives you the policy, data science, and computer science skills to bring modern technology to bear on seemingly intractable societal challenges.

The University of Chicago's Master of Science in Computational Analysis and Public Policy (MSCAPP) program, among the first in the nation, is jointly offered by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and the Department of Computer Science.

The MSCAPP program gives students the data analysis and programming skills to solve societal challenges. MSCAPP graduates often pursue careers as data scientists, policy researchers, and data engineers. Alumni have also gone on to become application developers, data visualization specialists, data team leaders, computational social scientists, technical project managers, chiefs of staff, and more.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Professor Dan Black's research focuses on labor economics, economic demography, urban economics, and applied econometrics. He also serves as a senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Labour Economics*, and *Journal of Urban Economics*. Black has served as a consultant for the New Zealand and Australian governments as well as state and city governments.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC POLICY (MSCAPP)

The MSCAPP core courses build foundational knowledge in computer science, data science and statistics, and public policy analysis. Students then go on to complete advanced coursework in econometrics, machine learning, big data methods, data visualization, and application development—all while learning how to apply these skills in the policy realm.

| FIRST YEAR | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING |
| <i>Courses marked CS are taught by Department of Computer Science faculty; courses marked H are taught by Harris faculty.</i> | | |
| Computer Science with Applications 1 [CS] | Computer Science with Applications 2 [CS] | Databases for Public Policy [CS] |
| Statistics I [H] – Standard option – Advanced option | Statistics II [H] – Standard option – Advanced option | Program Evaluation [H] * <i>or Elective **</i> |
| Analytical Politics [H] | Mathematics for Computer Science and Data Analysis [CS] | Machine Learning for Public Policy [CS] |
| SECOND YEAR | | |
| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING |
| Microeconomics I [H] | Microeconomics II [H] | Program Evaluation [H] <i>or Elective</i> |
| Program Evaluation [H] <i>or Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> |
| <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> |

* Program Evaluation is offered in multiple quarters; students may choose to take it in the Spring quarter of their first year or the Fall or Spring quarter of their second year.

** Available elective courses are subject to change each year.

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“When it comes to using tech for the public good, it’s important to create partnerships between tech experts and policy experts and collaborate on the solution. Tech is a tool, but people save the world.”

ALDEN GOLAB, MSCAPP’17
Machine Learning Ops Engineer, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

The MACRM program prepares students for PhD programs and professional policy research careers.

The Master of Arts in Public Policy with Certificate in Research Methods (MACRM) program is designed for those who want to pursue PhDs at top-tier institutions or become professional policy researchers. The MACRM program is an excellent choice for candidates with strong quantitative backgrounds and exposure to mathematical probability and statistics, multivariate calculus, and matrix algebra.

In the MACRM program, engage in PhD-level courses at the Harris School of Public Policy, collaborate with the University of Chicago's world-class faculty and research centers on impactful research, and benefit from expert guidance to fulfill your academic ambitions—within a framework that emphasizes advanced quantitative methods.

Program Highlights

MACRM students meet with professionals in their field to analyze policy issues and design solutions. During the program, students enroll in PhD core courses focusing on economic theory, game theory, advanced statistics/econometrics, political economy, and quantitative modeling in addition to the policy courses available in areas of interest. Students also take a research methods course, where they learn how to write research papers.



“I love that the MACRM is a professional degree and has the research component. The program provided the time and space to get the best of both worlds in one program.”

BRYANT CONG, MACRM'22
Research Analyst, University of Chicago Education Lab

MACRM students are required to submit a final research paper. The second year curriculum will consist of electives so long as each student fulfills an area of focus (3 courses) in at least one of the following areas of specialization for Harris doctoral students: Education Policy, Inequality, Economic and Social Policy, Health Policy, Energy and Environment, International Policy and Development.

Research Apprenticeship

Students must complete a five-quarter research apprenticeship with a faculty member, working 10 hours per week as a research assistant while developing ideas for a research paper to be written in their final quarters.

MACRM Career Outcomes

Recent graduates of the MACRM program have been admitted into PhD programs including MIT, Stanford University, University of California Berkeley, University of Chicago, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Yale University. Graduates who did not immediately pursue PhD programs entered research assistant / fellow roles at institutions such as the University of Chicago, the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago, and more.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC POLICY WITH CERTIFICATE IN RESEARCH METHODS (MACRM)

MACRM candidates take core courses in game theory, advanced microeconomics for policy analysis, and applied econometrics alongside Harris PhD students. MACRM candidates also complete a substantive research apprenticeship with a faculty member (or one of the research centers at Harris) and can also take a total of six electives across divisions throughout their time in the program.

| FIRST YEAR | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING |
| Game Theory | Applied Econometrics II | Applied Econometrics III |
| PhD Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis I | PhD Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis II | Research Methods |
| Applied Econometrics I | Apprenticeship* | Apprenticeship |
| SECOND YEAR | | |
| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING |
| <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> |
| <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> | <i>Elective</i> |
| Apprenticeship | Apprenticeship | Apprenticeship |

*Students receive more information about the apprenticeship at the beginning of Autumn quarter
 **Available elective courses are subject to change each year.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Steven Durlauf, Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor, focuses his research on labor economics, economic demography, urban economics, and applied econometrics. He is director of the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, where his research on the nature of socioeconomic inequality and barriers to mobility guide the Center’s approach.

The Harris PhD program prepares students for careers in academia, industry, and government.

The Harris PhD emphasizes a rigorous foundation in microeconomics, econometrics, and political economy, along with in-depth study of areas associated with policy and policy-making. The program allows students to develop individualized and innovative courses of study in which they work closely with faculty members of Harris Public Policy and the University of Chicago more broadly.



PhD Career Outcomes

The doctoral program at Harris Public Policy prepares students interested in research-oriented careers in such areas as crime, education, conflict, health, microeconomics, and political economy.

[Explore recent Harris PhD placements](#)

PhD students should expect to complete their program of study after a minimum of four to five years in residence. While earning their PhD, if doctoral students meet the requirements of the MA or MPP, they may petition to also earn that degree.

PhD students must complete a minimum of eight courses in the first year and six courses in the second year, all for quality grades. Individual areas of focus might require more than these minimums. The core courses consist of two courses in microeconomics, three courses in econometrics, and one course in game theory.

Following completion of their coursework and examinations, PhD students will be able to take advantage of opportunities to obtain financial support for their doctoral research from internal and external sources and to participate in research projects at Harris and the University of Chicago. Students receiving internal financial support will also serve as course assistants beyond their first year of study.

PhD

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Teaching Experience

PhD students must serve as teaching assistants (TAs) for no fewer than six (6) credit-bearing public policy courses in order to graduate.

Qualifying Examinations

PhD students are required to pass a qualifying exam in a specialized field. The exam can take the form of passing two or three courses with adequate grades rather than a separate exam.

Qualifying Paper

A qualifying paper must be completed by the end of the second year of study. Ideally, the qualifying paper will constitute a step toward the completion of a dissertation proposal.

Dissertation Proposal

Following completion of the qualifying paper, students will write and defend a dissertation proposal before the student's dissertation committee and other interested University faculty and doctoral students.

Dissertation Defense

The dissertation should be a significant public policy research project. The dissertation defense is a public meeting of faculty and students. The dissertation is expected to constitute an original contribution to public policy knowledge and to demonstrate mastery of relevant theories and research methods.

SELECT HARRIS PhD PLACEMENTS



Angela Wyse, PhD'24

Assistant Professor of Economics
Dartmouth College, New Hampshire



David McMillon, PhD'21

Assistant Professor
Emory University, Georgia



Liqun Liu, PhD'21

Assistant Professor
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China



Laura Wherry, PhD'12

Associate Professor of Economics and Public Service
New York University, New York



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Assistant Professor Anjali Adukia's research focuses on understanding how to reduce inequalities such that children from historically disadvantaged backgrounds have equal opportunities to fully develop their potential. She is also director of the Messages, Identity, and Inclusion in Education Lab.

Earn an MA in 15 months without leaving your job.

If you're a mid-career professional (5+ years of experience) who wants to hone your analytical skills, gain a policy perspective, take on leadership responsibilities, and strengthen your professional network, there's no better choice than the Harris Public Policy Evening Master's Program. Through the Evening Master's Program, you'll earn your MA in public policy in just 15 months.

The Harris part-time program is designed to accommodate challenges unique to mid-career professionals. All classes are taught by Harris faculty and leverage the exacting research and evidence-based approaches that help produce positive social impact.

Core Curriculum

Build critical thinking and data analysis skills to inform decisions, while sharpening your ability to communicate effectively.

Cohort Experience

Students enjoy an academic experience surrounded by working professionals from different industries and sectors. The group remains cohesive as they journey together through the 15-month program.

Convenient Location

Classes meet two evenings a week at 1871, conveniently located in the Merchandise Mart in downtown Chicago, and one Saturday per quarter at Keller Center in Hyde Park.



“In my role, I saw the need for a policy foundation to address systemic issues. However, I didn’t want to gain that policy foundation by sacrificing my ability to participate in the impact-related work I was already doing. The Evening Master’s Program presented the ideal structure to help me achieve this goal.”

DAMI ROSANWO, AM'23

Insights and Research Director, The Harris Poll

EVENING MASTER’S PROGRAM

Students in the Evening Master’s Program complete courses in data analytics, public finance and budgeting, current topics in public policy, and leadership & negotiations.

| Sample Curriculum | | | |
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| AUTUMN | WINTER | SPRING | AUTUMN |
| Data Analytics I: Quantitative Analysis | Data Analytics II: Introduction to Program Evaluation | Analytical Politics I: Strategic Foundations | Analytical Politics II: Politics and Policy Making |
| Public Finance and Budgeting | Economic Analysis I: Microeconomics | Economic Analysis II: Introduction to Cost Benefit Analysis | Leadership & Negotiations |
| Current Topics in Public Policy I | Current Topics in Public Policy II | Current Topics in Public Policy III | Current Topics in Public Policy IV |



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Professor Scott Ashworth uses game-theoretic models to study a variety of issues in political science, with a special emphasis on campaigns and elections. His current research continues to use ideas from contract theory to explore foundational and applied questions in the theory of political accountability.

Whether preparing for graduate school or seeking professional advancement, the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy credential programs provide tangible skills you can apply immediately.



Policy Analytics Credential

NINE WEEKS, VIRTUAL

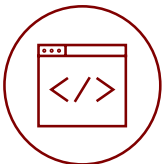
Learn data analytics and programming in R with hands-on coding practice using real-world datasets guided by UChicago graduate instructors. Ideal for participants with no prior experience.



Persuasive Writing Credential

SIX WEEKS, VIRTUAL

Cultivate a robust toolkit to write, revise, and refine persuasive policy stories tailored to your audience and develop a personalized portfolio in a highly interactive space.



Data and Policy Summer Scholar

SEVEN WEEKS, VIRTUAL

Get trained in data analytics and programming in R paired with hands-on policy research experience and professional development resources. Gain tangible skills to analyze large datasets and build your research portfolio with UChicago faculty guidance.



PKU-UChicago Summer School

TWO TO THREE WEEKS, IN-PERSON

Learn from top scholars from UChicago and Peking University in Beijing, China, at the beautiful Peking University campus. Gain career insights from industry expert seminars and site visits.



Policy Research and Innovation Bootcamp

TWO WEEKS, IN-PERSON

In this Chicago-based holistic research-focused program, you'll learn how to conduct quantitative research work while exploring social impact career pathways.

[Learn more about credential programs](#)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Finding a job and finding fulfillment go hand in hand. Harris' Career Development Office is dedicated to helping you find your best fit.

Whether it's your first job or your next move, whether you're looking to advance in your current organization or pivot to a new field, the Harris Career Development Office (CDO) is ready to help you take the next step.

The Career Development team thinks of you as a job candidate from the moment you commit to Harris. We'll help you refine your portfolio; provide professional growth opportunities; and prepare you for interviews, negotiations, and effective workplace transitions.

CDO provides the resources needed to pursue your future with clarity and confidence.



*Source: University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy 2023 Career Outcomes Report.

[Explore the current
Career Outcomes Report](#)

Harris offers the following support throughout your career journey:

- ✓ One-on-one career coaching sessions
- ✓ On-campus recruiting for internships and full-time roles
- ✓ Salary and employment offer negotiation support
- ✓ Exclusive internship opportunities only for Harris students
- ✓ Résumé and cover letter review
- ✓ Preparation for traditional, nontraditional, and virtual interviews
- ✓ Employer engagement opportunities including info sessions, coffee chats, site visits, treks, and more
- ✓ 24/7 access to multiple job boards and career readiness resources



Where Harris graduates work

PRIVATE SECTOR

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

CRA Charles River Associates

Lilly

S&P Global

manatt

PUBLIC SECTOR

CHICAGO
MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON

COOK COUNTY
ASSESSOR'S
OFFICE

Michael W. Frerichs
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

EPA
United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

NONPROFIT SECTOR

BROOKINGS

IDinsight

IFC International Finance Corporation
WORLD BANK GROUP

URBAN
INSTITUTE

THE WORLD BANK



At Harris, an internship is also an important piece of putting your education to work.

Alongside your degree, academic year and summer internships help students achieve their career goals. Internships provide opportunities to build professional networks, hone skills, and explore career paths.

Harris cultivates relationships at influential organizations such as Booz Allen Hamilton, Eli Lilly, Cook County Assessor's Office, UNICEF USA, and The World Bank Group that are seeking Harris talent.



Harris invests in exclusive internship opportunities with public and nonprofit sector organizations that are only available to Harris students. These paid opportunities give students the opportunity to put their analytical skills to work and build their resume and professional networks.



Thanks to the generosity of Harris alumnus John Bartlett, the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) offers paid internships each summer for Harris students. These internships are part of the James Bartlett Fellowship Program, which offers funding for internships in energy and environmental research during the academic year and over the summer.



The France Chicago Center's partnership with Harris offers students the opportunity to apply for a stipend for a summer internship in France.



“The Dean of Students Office is designed to be the first point of contact for nearly any question you have as a student. Our team fosters holistic and personal relationships so we can best tailor support for each student’s needs.”

KATE BIDDLE
Dean of Students



“The Dean of Students team is always available, and that’s very beneficial —because grad school is difficult. It’s nice to have that support.”

TJ CHATTO, MPP'21
Social Science Research Analyst, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

Personal Support and Advising

- ✓ Assistance with selecting courses both at Harris and at other schools and divisions in the University
- ✓ Support and academic planning for personal and health emergencies
- ✓ Facilitate student disability accommodations
- ✓ Facilitate core course waiver exams and mandatory math exam
- ✓ Programmatic opportunities outside of the classroom

Academic Support

- ✓ Math & Coding Camp, Jumpstart, and Math Methods (for PhD and MACRM students)
- ✓ Harris Writing Workshop
- ✓ Curriculum planning, course schedule, and registration processes

[Learn more about academic support programs](#)

Inquiry and Advocacy

- ✓ Advocate to Harris faculty and leadership on behalf of students
- ✓ Work closely with Harris Student Government (HSG) to understand and address student concerns
- ✓ Equip students with information in a timely manner to empower informed choices and decisions throughout their time at Harris

[Learn more about inquiry and advocacy](#)

Student Organizations

With more than 30 student organizations, you can join a diverse community of students from around the globe who will challenge you and cheer you on. From the Asian Policy Forum to Women in Public Policy, Harris student organizations are another opportunity to make connections, put policy into practice, and develop and refine your leadership, teamwork, and project management skills.

[Learn more about Harris Student Organizations](#)



“I was particularly keen to get involved in the Chicago community and start making an impact. Harris Community Action (HCA) provided the perfect opportunity. My group and I partnered with a nonprofit called The Music Box Foundation that works to expand access to music education, and it’s been gratifying to see the immediate impact.”

MARTHA MACLAREN, MPP CLASS OF 2025

[Read more about Martha's experience with HCA](#)

Diversity and Inclusion



Harris is committed to fostering a community of belonging that engages students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of backgrounds and welcomes diverse perspectives.

Truly and thoroughly exploring policy issues requires the involvement and understanding of diverse viewpoints, experiences, and traditions, including but not limited to: race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic background, and social or political beliefs.

Consistent with the University of Chicago’s commitment to free expression, the Harris community consists of numerous students, faculty, and staff involved in organizations that work to encourage inclusion.

Some organizations that have special roles in promoting inclusion at Harris include:

- ASIAN POLICY FORUM**
- BLACK ACTION IN PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES**
- HARRIS TALKS**
- LATIN AMERICA(N) MATTERS**
- MILITARY AFFILIATED STUDENTS OF HARRIS**
- MINORITIES IN PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES**
- OUTPOLITIK**
- RURAL AMERICA CAUCUS**
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26 miles (42 km)

of lakefront

200

art galleries

9

Fortune 500 companies

552

parks

23

Michelin-starred
restaurants

1 million

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