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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
**HARRIS SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC POLICY**

Bridge gaps in your portfolio with a UChicago Credential.

Whether you are preparing for graduate school or seeking professional advancement, strengthen your portfolio with in-demand skills in data analytics, coding, persuasive writing, or current policy topics.

Our credential programs will enhance your skills in a part-time format, while offering the support and network of a full-time program. You'll join a learning environment with interactive UChicago faculty discussions, collaborate with classmates, and practice the tools you learn in the classroom in applied exercises or research projects.

Credential alumni confidently take the next step in their career.

2,100+

Alumni across the globe

90%+

Alumni rated the program beneficial for their academic and professional growth

180+

Alumni became graduate students at UChicago Harris

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Throughout our programs, participants engage in lively intellectual discussions with UChicago faculty members, gain practical skills through hands-on projects, and build connections with a group of curious and driven minds from diverse backgrounds worldwide. They all share the same calling: continue to learn and grow to become a better self for a better world.

"Based on my Data and Policy Summer Scholar (DPSS) program experience alone, I can tell Harris is a place where people are passionate about policy issues and making an impact in the world."

Danya Sherbini
DPSS'21 & MPP'24
VP of Data and Technology at
TechEquity

"The Policy Writing Credential (PWC) opened my eyes to things I wasn't thinking about before when dealing with policy. I became equipped with new ways of looking at policy questions and a more operational, systematic way of developing recommendations more similar to empirical research."

Dr. Gabriela Manea
PWC'22
Program Manager at DCAF-Center for Security
Sector Governance Geneva

PROGRAM NAME

PROGRAM DATES

Public Capital Markets Credential	February 10 - February 21, 2025
Policy Analytics Credential	March 31 - May 30, 2025
Data and Policy Summer Scholar Program	June 30 - August 15, 2025
Persuasive Writing Credential	July 14 - August 22, 2025
International Policy Action Lab with PKU	July 7 - July 25, 2025
Monetary Policy and International Finance with PKU	July 14 - July 25, 2025
Environmental Economics and Policy Lab with PKU	July 28 - August 8, 2025
Policy Research and Innovation Bootcamp	July 28 - August 8, 2025
SDG Challenge Program for High School Students	July 28 - August 15, 2025

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“The goal with our credential programs is to find ways to enable a broader set of learners to have access to the UChicago tools and resources and help them achieve their ultimate goals of improving the world around us.”

Austin Wright
 Associate Professor
 Faculty Director of Strategic Initiatives
 Harris School of Public Policy

01

Public Capital Markets Credential

Public Capital Markets Credential

Enter the public capital markets arena with expert guidance from UChicago professor, researchers, and industry leaders in our two-week hybrid credential program in Beijing, China.



What You Will Learn

- Apply key fixed income concepts like yield-to-maturity, price, duration, and convexity, and analyze bond pricing models in the context of municipal bonds.
- Understand the factors driving investor demand for municipal bonds and the regulatory framework, including tax exemptions, shaping the market.
- Analyze credit quality and innovations in the municipal bond market, including derivatives, financial technology, and financial disclosure practices.



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Sub-national public capital market, municipal bond market

LEVEL

Beginner, intermediate

DURATION

Two (2) weeks, 20-25 hours per week

DATES

February 10 - February 21, 2025

FORMAT

100% in-person in Beijing, China

FACULTY



Justin Marlowe is a Research Professor in the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, where he also serves as Director of the Center for Municipal Finance. His research and teaching are focused on public finance, with emphasis on public capital markets, infrastructure finance, state and local budgeting, and financial disclosure. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Municipal Finance Journal, and co-hosts the Public Money Pod, a podcast produced by the Center for Municipal Finance.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credPCMC or scan the QR code.



02

Policy Analytics Credential

Policy Analytics Credential

Learn from experienced UChicago graduate instructors to develop fundamental programming and statistical skills while exploring real-world datasets.



What You Will Learn

- Study data analysis using the powerful statistical modeling software, R, including data manipulation, causal inference techniques, and data visualization
- Understand the concepts of statistical inference and methods of applied statistical analysis
- Gain hands-on experience and valuable insights into how experts utilize data to create meaningful policy impact, both in academia and various professional settings



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Foundations of Programming in R, Foundations of Statistics, Policy Applications

LEVEL

Beginner

DURATION

Nine (9) weeks, 5-8 hours per week

DATES

March 31 - May 30, 2025

FORMAT

Virtual Online

FACULTY



Arthur Cheib is an Education and Data Consultant at The World Bank. He holds an MPP degree from Harris and has been serving as a teaching assistant for various credential programs, such as IPAL and DPSS, since the summer of 2022.



Jose Macias is a research associate in the Futures Lab within the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He holds an MPP degree from Harris and is a DPSS alum with extensive teaching experience in credential programs.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credPAC or scan the QR code.



03

Data and Policy Summer Scholar Program

Data and Policy Summer Scholar Program

Gain rigorous data analytical skills with a unique focus on policy impact and specialized track for academic or professional growth in 7 weeks.



What You Will Learn

- Statistical foundations, tools, and methods for public policy research, focusing on causal inference and data-driven solutions
- Foundational to advanced R skills, empowering learners to analyze datasets independently and produce data visualization results
- Collaborate in a capstone project to tackle real-world issues and create portfolio-enhancing deliverables



PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN THE ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL TRACK.



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Data Analytics, R Programming, Public Policy, Policy Research

LEVEL

All levels welcome

DURATION

Seven (7) weeks, 10-15 hours per week

DATES

June 30 - August 15, 2025

FORMAT

Virtual Online



FACULTY

Austin Wright is the Associate Professor of public policy at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. His research focuses on the political economy of conflict. His work is supported by the Becker Friedman Institute, National Science Foundation, World Bank, United Nations, and Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. He has received several teaching prizes, including the 2023 Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award at Harris.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credDPSS or scan the QR code.



04

Persuasive Writing Credential

Persuasive Writing Credential

Make an impact through storytelling and cultivate a robust toolkit to write, revise, and refine persuasive policy stories tailored to diverse audiences.



What You Will Learn

- Analyze an author's claims, opinions, and evidence effectively
- Generate research questions for inquiry and discovery
- Craft engaging policy stories addressing policy challenges
- Build a diverse writing portfolio including policy briefs, memos, op-eds, and "solution journalism" pieces



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Persuasive & Policy Writing

LEVEL

All levels welcome

DURATION

Six (6) weeks, 6-9 hours per week

DATES

July 14 - August 22, 2025

FORMAT

Virtual Online

FACULTY



David Chrisinger is the Executive Director and Writing Director of the Writing Program and Lecturer at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. He is also the author of *Public Policy Writing That Matters*, a book for analysts, advocates, and policymakers who are passionate about using writing to effect real and lasting change. Here's what he said about the Persuasive Writing Credential:

"The most important reason to do a persuasive writing credential here at the Harris School is because it'll give you the tools that you need to be successful, regardless of what situation you find yourself in. Whether you're applying for graduate school, you're trying to pivot in your career, or you want to make an impact in public policy."

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credPWC or scan the QR code.



05

**International
Policy Action Lab**
UChicago Harris & PKU

International Policy Action Lab

Learn from the two world-leading universities to boost your rigorous research and analytical skills in Beijing this summer.



What You Will Learn

- Proficiency in conducting effective policy research through an evidence-based approach with a focused understanding in international policy
- Proficiency in programming in Stata and econometric modeling tools
- Hands-on experience in practical research and data visualization
- Firsthand insight into social impact-driven organizations, fostering networking skills and deepening industry-specific knowledge



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

International Policy, Policy Research, Applied Econometrics, Programming in Stata

LEVEL

All levels welcome

DURATION

Three (3) weeks, 20-25 hours per week

DATES

July 7 - July 25, 2025

FORMAT

In-person at Peking University campus in Beijing, China

FACULTY



Austin L. Wright is the Associate Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.



Xuezheng Qin is a professor and deputy dean in the School of Economics at Peking University, and the director of the Peking University Research Center for Market Economy.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credIPAL or scan the QR code.



06

Monetary Policy and International Finance

UChicago Harris & PKU

Monetary Policy & International Finance

Work with top faculty members, expand your career knowledge and industry network, and explore the study of monetary policy, central and commercial banks, and international finance.



What You Will Learn

- A comprehensive understanding of monetary systems and banking in the modern world
- Analyze the policy choices of governments and central banks in different nations
- Hands-on Capstone Project experience with faculty supervision
- Network with, and hear insights and career advice from, leading practitioners in the U.S. and China finance sectors



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Monetary Policy, Fiscal Policy, International Finance

LEVEL

All levels welcome

DURATION

Two (2) weeks, 15-20 hours per week

DATES

July 14 - July 25, 2025

FORMAT

In-person at Peking University campus in Beijing, China

FACULTY



Thomas Coleman is a Senior Lecturer at the Harris School of Public Policy, and previously served as the Executive Director & Senior Advisor at the Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics.



Zefeng Chen is an Assistant Professor at the Guanghua School of Management, Peking University. His research interests lie in international finance.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credMPIF or scan the QR code.



07

Environmental Economics and Policy Lab

UChicago Harris & PKU

Environmental Economics and Policy Lab

Deepen your understanding of environmental policy issues with UChicago economics framework in Beijing this summer.



What You Will Learn

- Apply economic analysis to the management of the environment and natural resources
- Analyze theoretical and empirical research in environmental economics and energy policy
- Prepare an analytical policy report that develops knowledge and practical implementation of relevant economic theory in understanding and addressing an environmental or energy issue.



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Environmental Economics, Environmental Policy, Energy Policy

LEVEL

Beginner, intermediate

DURATION

Two (2) weeks, 15-20 hours per week

DATES

July 28 - August 8, 2025

FORMAT

In-person at Peking University campus in Beijing, China



FACULTY

Shaoda Wang is an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, and a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). He also serves as the Deputy Faculty Director at the Energy Policy Institute at UChicago, China center (EPIC-China).

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credEEPL or scan the QR code.



08

Policy Research and Innovation Bootcamp

Policy Research and Innovation Bootcamp

Develop your quantitative research and policy analytic skills through this fully immersive, 2-week training program, with the option to add another 2 weeks of a statistical or English language immersion jumpstart course before the program.



What You Will Learn

- Research a question, analyze data, propose solutions, collaborate in groups to craft comprehensive policy proposals, and present findings
- Decision-making ability to build a cohesive career compass that aligns your destination with your strengths and authentic leadership skills
- Thought-provoking dialogues with practitioners at the forefront of innovative research



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Policy Research Method

LEVEL

Beginner, intermediate

DURATION

2 weeks, 30-40 hours per week;
Optional: Additional 2 jumpstart weeks, 15-20 hours per week

DATES

July 28 - August 8, 2025

FORMAT

100% in-person in Chicago

FACULTY



Austin L. Wright is the Associate Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.



Benjamin Krause is the Executive Director of the Becker Friedman Institute for Economics at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

To learn more about the program, visit har.rs/credPRIB or scan the QR code.



09

SDG Challenge Program for High School Students

SDG Challenge Program for High School Students

Contribute to the advancement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with rigorous data-driven project deliverables and guidance from UChicago faculty and alumni network.



What You Will Learn

- Develop a foundation in public policy and key methods needed for quantitative social sciences research
- Design innovative solutions to a SDG policy challenge with a group of peers
- Prepare for college and a future career through a series of self-exploration exercises, academic writing projects, and insights from current UChicago students and alumni



Features & Schedule

SUBJECTS

Public Policy and Research, Sustainable Development Goals, College Preparedness

LEVEL

High School

DURATION

Three (3) weeks, 15–20 hours per week

DATES

July 28 - August 15, 2025

FORMAT

Virtual Online



FACULTY

Austin Wright is the Associate Professor of public policy at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. His research focuses on the political economy of conflict. His work is supported by the Becker Friedman Institute, National Science Foundation, World Bank, United Nations, and Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. He has received several teaching prizes, including the 2023 Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award at Harris.

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