



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 serve society by advancing analysis- and evidence-informed public policy through rigorous research, educating serious-minded and effective policy leaders, and engaging on pressing societal issues.

Since its founding, the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy has embodied the University's tradition of bold inquiry and free expression—redefining what it means to be a public policy school.

We believe there is a science to social impact, and that evidence and analysis are essential to making policy that works. At Harris, world-class scholars set the intellectual agenda on first-order policy questions. They not only produce insights into society's most complex challenges but also shape an educational experience that sharpens minds and prepares future policy leaders to lead with clarity, depth, and conviction.



Hard Questions, Rigorous Answers

The hardest problems demand the deepest thinking. With exacting research and genuine expertise, we generate enduring insights into fundamental societal challenges.



Sharpening Minds, Shaping Leaders

Policy is serious work for serious people. A Harris education challenges assumptions and hones critical thinking, preparing analysts who ground policy in evidence and leaders who drive change with rigor.



Expert Analysis, Respectful Engagement

Facts don't settle value debates—they clarify trade-offs. Our faculty, students, and alumni deliver the rigorous analysis, respectful dialogue, and principled leadership essential to legitimate, effective policy.



“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 will 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 study. There are plenty of opportunities to test your new skills throughout Chicago, across the United States, and around the world, from the Harris Policy Innovation Challenge to Policy Labs.

Harris is also committed to reducing barriers to access for public policy graduate education, including removing the application fee for master's programs and offering the 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

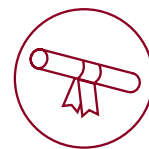
Dr. Rebecca J. Wolfe is a leading expert on political violence, using behavioral science to design and research programs to reduce violence. She is a senior lecturer and the executive director of the International Policy and Development program. Dr. Wolfe draws on her policy and academic backgrounds 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*



90%

of recent graduates secured employment six months after graduation



2%

of students pursued a PhD after graduation

TOP THREE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES



Data Analytics



Project Management



Research

TOP SECTORS

Sectors alumni most commonly reported working in:

41% private

30% nonprofit / NGO / IGO

29% public / government agency

TOP SPECIFIED POLICY AREAS

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



Data Science



Education



Economic/Fiscal



Explore the current Career Outcomes Report

*Source: University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy 2024 Career Outcomes Report.

Learn from faculty making a difference.

Faculty at Harris Public Policy challenge each other and the status quo, testing new methodologies and driving solutions through innovative research and rigorous analysis. 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, Harris scholars take an interdisciplinary approach to research that spans education to energy, conflict to politics.



CHRISTOPHER 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.



Professor **JAMES ROBINSON** is an economist and political scientist. His work explores the underlying causes of economic and political divergence both historically and today and uses both the mathematical and quantitative methods of economics along with the case study, qualitative, and fieldwork methodologies used in other social sciences. 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 necessary to ask the hard questions, ground your answers in evidence, and make a real and lasting impact. You will combine a strong foundation in data analytics by 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 will be able to use each as an analytical lens to dissect and tackle challenges.

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

The Policy Innovation Challenge

Address pressing policy challenges through the Harris Policy Innovation Challenge. This student competition channels analytical rigor, creativity, and evidence-informed insight into bold, actionable solutions for cities, states, and the nation.



Learn more about the
Policy Innovation Challenge

Centers & Institutes

Harris research centers and institutes act as catalysts for rigorous inquiry and principled engagement with the policy community, supporting cross-sector partnerships and high-impact initiatives.



Learn more about
Centers & Institutes

Specializations

Pursue focused areas of inquiry through Harris specializations, optional pathways that allow you to deepen your expertise in a specific policy area. Courses completed within a specialization contribute to the overall degree requirements.



Learn more about
specializations

Policy Labs

Policy Labs are hands-on courses where teams of second-year Harris students apply their rigorous core education to real-time policy challenges facing client organizations. Translating analysis into action gives you valuable experience and a competitive edge 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.

As an MPP student, you will build the mindset and skills to lead with evidence, reason, and strategic insight. In core courses, you'll create economic models, simulate policy decisions, and craft evidence-based recommendations in real-world policy scenarios. You'll learn not only how to think about problems but how to ask the right questions—which is exactly what policymaking should be about.

At Harris, you will develop the skills to:

- Analyze real data, quantify uncertainty, and evaluate policy claims using tools like R.
- Assess policy trade-offs, predict economic impacts, and evaluate how markets, firms, and governments allocate resources.
- Understand the politics behind policy decisions—how elections, lobbying, and institutional rules shape what policies get passed—and develop strategies for overcoming obstacles to reform.



“One key aspect of my Harris experience was 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

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.

Whatever your career path, the Harris core curriculum prepares you for action—to navigate complexity with confidence. Plus, whether you're a seasoned data analyst or just learning the basics, the Harris core adjusts to your background through waivers, bootcamps, placement exams, and advanced course options. The Harris core is intentionally rigorous—but you'll not go it alone. Academic support, including TA-led study sessions, peer learning groups, and one-on-one tutoring, make the core accessible and achievable as you master the skills that matter.

FIRST YEAR – Core Curriculum

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*

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>
<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>
<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>

*Available elective courses are subject to change each year.



Explore the MPP

The Master of Science in Climate and Energy Policy is a one-year, full-time graduate program designed to train future leaders at the intersection of climate science, energy technology, data science, economics, and public policy.

Whether you're already working in climate or energy and looking to deepen your policy and data skills, or you're eager to pivot into the field from another sector, the MSCEP is designed for individuals who are analytically minded and ready to tackle one of the most pressing challenges of our time.

Developed in partnership with the University's Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth, the MSCEP curriculum provides you with a holistic understanding of the climate and energy challenge, rigorous training in applying data and evidence to policy design, and opportunities to learn and apply skills outside the classroom. This approach equips you with the analytical tools, interdisciplinary perspectives, and intellectual rigor needed to craft serious solutions.



Explore the MSCEP



“A game change is needed in the climate fight—one that works with humanity’s aspirations for economic growth by relentlessly identifying how economics, policy, and markets can be used to pursue cheaper clean energy technologies. That’s exactly what the MSCEP is focused on addressing.”

MICHAEL GREENSTONE

Founding Faculty Director

Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY (MSCEP)

The 11-month program provides a 360-degree understanding of the climate and energy challenge with a strong foundation in quantitative analysis, climate science, economics, and energy policy, progressing from fundamental data skills to advanced policy applications. The curriculum blends academic rigor with applied learning, ensuring you graduate ready to develop solutions that are scientifically informed, economically sound, and politically feasible.

Sample Curriculum			
SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Data and Programming for Climate and Energy Policy	Energy and Environmental Markets	Foundations of Climate Science	Climate and Energy Policy Evaluation
Data Analytics and Visualization for Climate and Energy Policy	Data and Statistics for Climate and Energy Impact Analysis	Climate and Energy Technology	Capstone Project
Climate Economics and Energy Systems	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>	<i>Elective</i>



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Ryan Kellogg is the Ralph and Mary Otis Isham Professor and Deputy Dean for Academic Programs at Harris. Kellogg’s research examines energy and environmental economics and policy, often with a focus on energy markets and firms’ behavior. Much of his work studies how markets and public policies affect energy supply and its environmental impacts, using insights and methods from industrial organization.

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 James M. and Cathleen D. 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, and students from strong quantitative backgrounds may have the opportunity to take advanced versions of statistics or economics.

Sample Curriculum

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.*



“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

Program Specialist, UNICEF India



Explore the MA

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.



Explore the MSCAPP



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. Students from strong quantitative backgrounds may have the opportunity to take advanced versions of statistics or economics.

FIRST YEAR

AUTUMN

WINTER

SPRING—ELECTIVES

Courses marked CS are taught by Department of Computer Science faculty; courses marked H are taught by Harris faculty.

Computer Science with Applications 1 [CS]

Computer Science with Applications 2 [CS]

Databases for Public Policy [CS]

Statistics I [H]

Statistics II [H]

Program Evaluation [H] *
or *Elective* **

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]
or *Elective*

Program Evaluation [H]
or *Elective*

Elective

Elective

Elective

Elective

Elective

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

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



“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

Senior Staff Engineer, MLOps and AI Infrastructure
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. MACRM students are required to submit a final research paper. The second-year curriculum consists of electives so long as each student fulfills an area of focus (three courses) in at least one the following areas of specialization for Harris doctoral students: 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 after the MACRM degree entered research assistant/fellow roles at institutions such as the University of Chicago, the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago, and more.



“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

Analyst, University of Chicago Education Lab


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 and can also take a total of six electives across divisions throughout their time in the program.

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

**Students receive more information about the MACRM apprenticeship at the beginning of Autumn quarter.*

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



Explore the MACRM



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.

Earn an MA in 15 months without leaving your job.

If you are 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 will 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.



“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

Senior Director, Strategy, The Harris Poll



Explore the Evening Master's Program

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			
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

Ariel Kalil is the Daniel Levin Professor at Harris. Kalil is a developmental psychologist who studies economic conditions, parenting, and child development. She directs the Center for Human Potential and Public Policy and co-directs the Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab. At the Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab, she draws on insights from behavioral economics and neuroscience to design and experimentally test technology-based interventions to strengthen parental engagement and child skill development in low-income families.

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.



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 Harris faculty guidance.



Policy Research and Innovation Bootcamp

TWO WEEKS, IN-PERSON

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



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.



PKU-UChicago Summer School

TWO TO THREE WEEKS, IN-PERSON

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



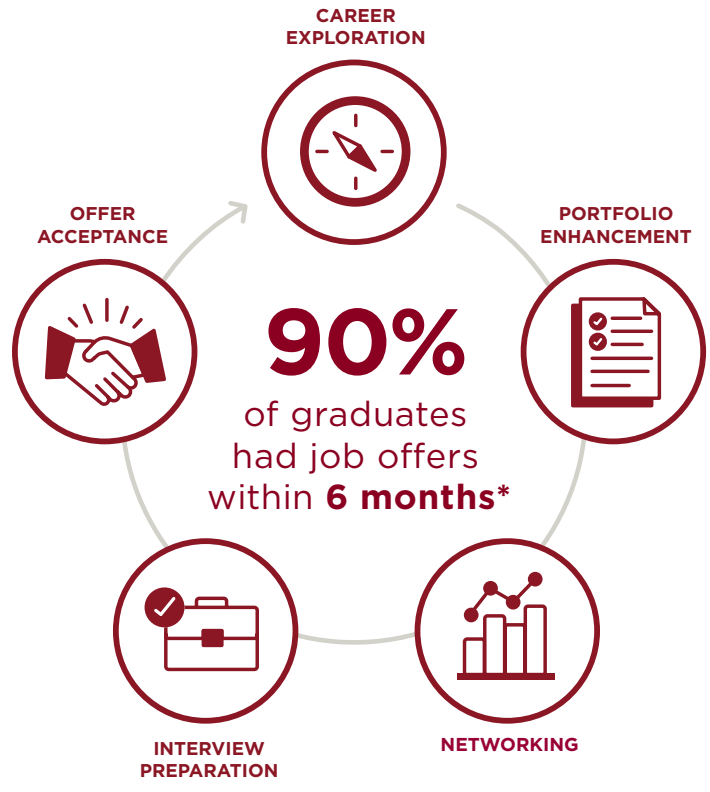
Learn more about credential programs



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

At Harris, our commitment to your success goes beyond the classroom. As a professional school, we're dedicated to making sure everything you learn—whether in a lecture or a one-on-one coaching session—is immediately applicable in the real world.

The Harris Career Development Office (CDO) equips Harris students with the tools, strategies, and confidence to manage their careers—starting with the first job search after graduation and continuing throughout a lifetime of professional growth.



*Source: University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy 2024 Career Outcomes Report.



Explore the current Career Outcomes Report

Your career. Your plan. Our support.

From the moment you become a Harris student, you will be immersed in a career development process designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. Plus, with a network of more than 193,000 University of Chicago alumni worldwide, your professional network is never far away.



Signature CDO Events

International Development Month

Includes panel discussions, guest lectures, workshops, and networking sessions with leading professionals in international development.

International Career Pathways

Attend workshops, seminars, and networking events with professionals who have extensive experience in business and policy sectors in emerging markets around the globe. Explore career opportunities in multinational corporations, international organizations, and governmental agencies seeking Harris talent.

Career Treks

Expand your professional networks, gain insights into different career trajectories, and develop strategies for career advancement. Past treks have included visiting employers in Beijing, Chicago, New York, Shanghai, and Washington D.C., spanning industries from local government to research-based organizations to financial institutions and technology companies.

Alumni Connections

Through our robust alumni programming, including panels, mentoring opportunities, and structured networking opportunities, you'll connect with policy leaders across sectors and around the globe.

“Careers in” Courses

These no-credit, no-cost courses focusing on specific career paths are offered during your first year. “Careers in” courses support your professional growth and provide career exploration opportunities while enabling you to prioritize and integrate career development alongside your academic commitments.

Recruitment Fairs

Designed to facilitate connections with industry leaders, our career fairs are opportunities for you to network with industry professionals, learn about career paths, and secure internships and full-time jobs. Past recruitment fairs have focused on roles in:

- [Consulting & Finance](#)
- [Climate & Energy Policy](#)
- [Research Organizations & Think Tanks](#)

Harris Mentor Program

Overseen by the Office of Student Engagement and Belonging, this program helps you build powerful professional networks by facilitating relationships between students and seasoned professionals and policy practitioners—many of whom are Harris alumni. Mentors include city and government officials, executive directors of nonprofits, policy analysts, consultants, and other policy practitioners.



Learn more about the Career Development Office

Job searching can be one of the most transformative moments in a student's life. That's why our team of dedicated Career Coaches is here to help you take the driver's seat in your career journey.



Our coaches work with you in one-on-one sessions, group settings, and through programming that supports every stage of the career development process.

Throughout your career journey, you'll have access to resources including:

- ✓ **On-campus recruiting for internships and full-time roles**
- ✓ **Exclusive internship opportunities**
- ✓ **Resume and cover letter review**
- ✓ **Opportunities to engage with employers via info sessions, coffee chats, site visits, and more**



Meet our Career Coaches

In individual sessions with your Career Coach, you'll clarify your goals and areas of interest; set actionable, realistic milestones; and build systems of accountability that keep you on track.

Individual sessions are always customized to your needs. Some common areas Harris students explore include:

-  **Networking**
-  **Behavioral Interviewing**
-  **Technical and Case Interviewing**
-  **Career Mapping**
-  **Managing Multiple Hiring Timelines**



Where Harris graduates work

PRIVATE SECTOR

Booz | Allen | Hamilton

CRA Charles River Associates

Lilly

S&P Global

manatt

PUBLIC SECTOR

 **CHICAGO**
MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON

 **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**
COOK COUNTY

 **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 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 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

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT

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.



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“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 was gratifying to see the immediate impact.”

MARTHA MACLAREN, MPP'25

Senior Delivery Adviser
UK Department for Education



Read more about Martha's
experience with HCA

Belonging



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

WOMEN IN PUBLIC POLICY



Chicago is our classroom, our gallery, and our playground.

The University of Chicago is a global university, and the city of Chicago—an extension of our classroom in many ways—is a global city with worldwide organizations, international commerce, and fine arts.

Like the University of Chicago, the city is an intellectual destination, drawing top scholars, companies, entrepreneurs, and artists who enhance the academic experience of our students. Plus, the University of Chicago's close relationships with businesses and institutions across the city connects students to exceptional resources and meaningful mentorship. This unparalleled access enables students to prepare for their future careers, gather experience, and engage their interests.

Chicago is the sum of its many great parts: distinct personalities, local flavors, and vibrant cultures. Woven together by an extensive public transportation system, all Chicago has to offer is easily accessible to University of Chicago students.



26 miles (42 km)

of lakefront

200

art galleries

9

Fortune 500 companies

552

parks

23

Michelin-starred
restaurants

1 million

flights each year out
of O'Hare and Midway



Start exploring
Chicago now

The University of Chicago's home on the South Side combines the best aspects of a world-class city and a vibrant college town. Hyde Park is one of Chicago's most historic neighborhoods, known for its intellectual culture, museums, and expansive green spaces.

The Keller Center is the epicenter of your Harris experience here at the University of Chicago, where Harris students, faculty, and staff congregate to study, work, and learn from one another.

The LEED-certified Keller Center combines several sustainable design elements including ethical redevelopment and reclaimed building materials, rainwater and solar energy capture, green walls, and a rooftop garden, making it one of the most sustainable buildings in higher education and the city of Chicago. Its open layout and sunlit four-story atrium promotes a feeling of warmth and interconnectedness among students.





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