



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Department of Political Science

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Dear Prospective Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Department of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. Our department seeks to recruit top applicants into our Ph.D. program, and we offer an exciting academic community for faculty and graduate students alike, including:

- More than 45 tenure-track or tenured faculty
- Several new faculty members this year
- 12-14 new graduate students enrolled each year
- A low student/faculty ratio
- Students and faculty collaboration on research projects, articles, and book chapters

Our internationally respected scholars train graduate students in virtually every methodological approach, thematic topic, and geographic area in political science, including quantitative methods, qualitative methods, survey research, formal theory, and normative theory. Detailed descriptions of each subfield can be found by [clicking here](#).

Notre Dame, a university with substantial resources, is committed to our department's excellence. We provide full tuition scholarships as well as stipend fellowships to all Ph.D. students for at least five years. In addition, each year a number of our admitted students are awarded one of the [Graduate School's Select Fellowships](#), which recognize outstanding undergraduate performance, as well as exceptional promise in graduate studies and professional life. Students who successfully complete the program in five years are also guaranteed a sixth-year post-doctoral fellowship to help them prepare for the job market.

Our students have opportunities to secure generous funding for collaborative research, annual conference travel, field research, and specialized training. A number of on-campus institutes and centers provide further support and intellectual community:

- [Kellogg Institute for International Studies](#)
- [Nanovic Institute for European Studies](#)
- [Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies](#)
- [Notre Dame International Security Program](#)
- [Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy](#)

Our students have been highly successful at publishing their research ([click here](#) for a list of selected recent student publications). Journals in which students have recently published single- and co-authored articles include:

- *American Political Science Review*
- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *Journal of Politics*
- *Comparative Political Studies*
- *World Politics*

Our students have also had great success winning national research grants. During the past few years, our students have secured grants or fellowships from the following organizations:

- National Science Foundation
- SSHRC
- Javits (U.S. Dept. of Education)
- Fulbright
- U.S. Institute of Peace
- Mellon/ACLS
- National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation


Our students' successes can be seen in their ability to secure excellent academic jobs upon graduation. Recent graduates have secured tenure-track positions at, among other places:

- Ball State University
- Baylor University
- Bethel University
- Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicos (CIDE), Mexico
- University of Central Florida
- Lake Forest College
- Miami of Ohio
- Michigan State University
- Northern Illinois University
- Oxford University
- State University of New York, Brockport
- Villanova University
- University of Arkansas, Little Rock
- University of Houston
- University of Richmond
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Texas, Austin
- Wake Forest University
- Western Michigan University

For additional information about the Ph.D. in Political Science, please visit our department's [website](#). For detailed information about the on-line application process, please visit the Graduate School [website](#).

Thank you for your interest, and I look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,



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