

# Ph.D. in Public Affairs at Florida International University

## ABOUT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a Top 50 public university that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. Carnegie very high research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing on environment, health, innovation, and justice. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 58,000 and 260,000 Panther alumni.

## ABOUT PH.D. PROGRAM

Highly qualified full-time students are eligible for graduate assistantships that include a bi-weekly stipend and tuition waiver.

The Ph.D. in Public Affairs offered by the Department Public Policy and Administration prepares students for academic and research careers, as well as senior-level positions in public, nonprofit and international organizations. The degree provides a sound foundation in current research in public administration, policy and management. Doctoral students demonstrate significant research capacity in the discipline through the writing of a dissertation. The program features an “apprentice-style” system of learning. Small class sizes encourage close interactions between faculty and students and promote peer collaboration. Our faculty is world renowned and currently includes individuals who serve in senior editorial positions in the top journals in the discipline as well as leadership positions in professional associations, such as ABFM, ASPA, and IASIA.

Our Ph.D. student body is representative of the global community. Domestic students hail from all over the United States. International students come to us from around the world, including China, Germany, Guatemala, India, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and Vietnam, among others. Our students have received competitive awards and accolades nationally and internationally, including fellowships from the Fulbright Program, National Science Foundation and U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. Our students have also published, independently or collaboratively, in leading public policy and administration journals, such as Administration and Society, Governance, Public Administration Review, and Public Performance and Management Review.

Recent Ph.D. placement in both academic and research practitioner positions:

- Clemson University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Georgetown University
- Rutgers University
- Penn State University
- University of South Florida
- University of Washington
- Director of Operational Analysis, FIU Office of Retention and Graduation Success
- Research and Evaluation Manager, Children’s Services Council of Broward County
- Director of Planning and Zoning at City of Coral Gables
- Director of Analytics, Research & Strategy, Miami Heat

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should generally have a master’s degree before pursuing their Ph.D. degree, though outstanding applicants with only a baccalaureate degree may also be considered. Admission is not restricted to students with a background in public administration. The program welcomes and encourages applicants from diverse academic backgrounds, yet preference given to those with grounding in public policy or administrative sciences. Applicants should ideally demonstrate knowledge of American political institutions and fundamentals of social science research methods.

The annual Ph.D. application deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Required application materials are:

- ✓ An online application via FIU Graduate Admissions.
- ✓ A non-refundable application fee, \$30.
- ✓ Official transcript/s. Transcripts of all degree granting institutions must be sent directly from each college or university either electronically or in a sealed envelope to the Graduate Admissions Office.
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation.
- ✓ A current resume.
- ✓ GRE scores (applicant is expected to have 60 percentile scores in verbal and quantitative sections; FIU’s institutional code is 5206)
- ✓ A personal statement describing the applicant’s background, career goals, and the reasons for pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Affairs.
- ✓ At least one writing sample.
- ✓ Foreign applicants must demonstrate English proficiency by presenting a minimum score of a 100 on the TOEFL iBT.

## HOW TO APPLY

**Apply now and start your Ph.D. application, please visit FIU Graduate Admissions Office:**  
<https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>

Prospective applicants should contact Mr. Dirk Hart, Ph.D. Program Coordinator, at **305-348-5890** or [dhart@fiu.edu](mailto:dhart@fiu.edu), for inquires and questions.



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