



**MAKE YOUR MARK.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Affairs program at the Humphrey School will prepare you for a career at the cutting edge of public affairs research.

Our graduates have established successful careers at prestigious universities and innovative public, nonprofit, and private-sector institutions. They discover, analyze, and address pressing issues to make the world better.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- **Public policy**
- **Urban planning**
- **Management and governance**
- **Science, technology, and environmental policy**

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PHD IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS?

- Join the faculty of a college or university
- Conduct research at nonprofit think tanks
- Lead research programs at federal and state government agencies
- Join private consulting firms working to solve societal problems
- Produce the evidence needed to create effective public policies and thriving communities

PROGRAM POINTS OF PRIDE

Location

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is a large, top 10 U.S. public research university that provides ample opportunities for engaged scholarship and collaboration with students in many fields of study.

Research & Networking

All PhD students present research at national conferences and can network with their peers who are engaged in scholarship that is redefining the meaning of public affairs.

Engagement

An advanced degree in public policy gives students the tools to analyze why and how important decisions are made, and how to effect change. Our students engage with equity issues directly through their specialization.

Vice President
Robert Humphrey





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The Humphrey School ranks in the top 5% of public policy schools



The Humphrey School is located in the vibrant city of Minneapolis, Minnesota



Humphrey School alumni are employed in nearly every region across the globe

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATES

- Are eager to be on the frontier of public affairs research
- Have a strong interest in one of our faculty areas of expertise, such as transportation, sustainable development, governance, or income inequality
- Have a passion for equity and a desire to advance the common good in our diverse world
- Want to improve their critical thinking skills
- Are ready to make their mark

The Humphrey School welcomes candidates from all fields and all backgrounds. Successful applicants will be clear about the research they wish to undertake and why they think the Humphrey School is the best place to do that research. The successful applicant can articulate a research focus that closely aligns with one of our faculty members. Admission is limited to full-time students.



For More Information:
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YOU WILL LEARN

- To identify and address research questions about pressing global issues
- How to conduct rigorous quantitative and qualitative research
- The communication skills to advance your research project

THE CURRICULUM

- Two integrative seminars (6 credits)
- Research design seminar (3 credits)
- Seminar on current research in public affairs (3 credits)
- Research methods courses appropriate to the dissertation research (12 credits)
- Specialization (up to 18 credits)
- Thesis (24 credits)

FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Every Humphrey School PhD student receives strong faculty advising and financial support. Accepted students automatically receive at least four years of financial aid in the form of tuition benefits, stipends, research or teaching assistantships, or partnerships with research collaborators.