Agenda

1. Columbia University and the Columbia School of Social Work (CSSW)
2. The PhD Program at CSSW
3. Applying to the CSSW PhD Program
4. Q and A
Columbia University was founded in 1754 as King’s College.

It is the oldest higher education institution in New York state and 5th oldest in the US.
Welcome to Columbia University, a place of "doubled magic!"

- Research
- Education
- Service
- Impact
Columbia is home to 17 schools, including the School of Social Work

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Columbia School of Social Work

The oldest—and finest—social work school in the US
Social Work

The **mission** of social work is to **maximize human well-being** and ensure that all can reach their full potential, no matter their life circumstances.

Through education, research, and action, social workers are committed to:
- eradicating injustice
- alleviating suffering
- combating racism
- rectifying systemic inequities
- promoting full and fair access to opportunity
Social Work is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary by nature.

We tackle all kinds of social problems and challenges.
Doctoral Program

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Oldest social work doctoral program in the US—first PhD awarded in 1952
- Designed to train scholars and leaders in social work

Two concentrations
- Advanced Practice
- Social Policy & Policy Analysis

- 4-years of guaranteed funding
- Excellent faculty & peer mentoring
PhD Career Outcomes 2019-2023

- Non-tenure track faculty: 8%
- Non-profit: 3%
- Tenure-track faculty: 24%
- Non-academic research: 19%
- Academic research: 5%
- Post-doctoral fellowship: 41%
PhD in Social Work Coursework

- Doctoral Proseminar
- History and Etiology – Social Work in Context
- Decolonizing Social Work
- 2 courses within each concentration
  - Advanced Practice
  - Social Policy & Policy Analysis
- 7 courses in Research Methods & Statistics
- 3 courses in Social or Behavioral Sciences
- Dissertation Seminar
Additional Degree Requirements

- 360-hour research practicum
  - Students work as Graduate Research Assistants on faculty projects
- Field of practice tutorial
- Comprehensive exams
- Dissertation proposal
- Dissertation
Funding Support

- 4 years of guaranteed funding, including
  - Tuition coverage
  - Stipend for working as research or teaching assistant, or independent teaching
  - Other fees & health insurance
  - Childcare subsidies
- Annual conference travel funding
- Competitive fellowships and grant support
Mentorship

- Faculty mentorship:
  - Each student is paired with two faculty mentors:
    - Graduate research assistant mentor
    - Academic advisor
  - Peer mentoring:
    - Each student is paired with a peer student mentor
    - Inter-cohort social events
Community Building

- Doctoral student representatives serve on Committee on Doctoral Program (CDP)
- Monthly Doctoral Seminar presentations & interactions with faculty & research scientists
- Active participation in academic conferences such as SSWR and APPAM
Entrance Requirements for PhD in Social Work Program at Columbia

- Master’s Degree upon enrollment
  - Advanced Practice concentration: Two years of post-MSW practice experience recommended.
- Undergraduate & graduate academic records
- Interest in undertaking independent research
- TOEFL exam (minimum iBT: 100)

**GRE exam is not required/considered**
Application to the PhD in Social Work Program at Columbia
Deadline: December 15, 2023

Application Packet includes:
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal statement – demonstrate your capacity and potential as a scholar and change maker in social justice
- Writing sample – single-authored paper strongly recommended; not necessarily a published paper
- Three references (at least two academic)
- Application Fee: $75 paid online
- If applicable: TOEFL exam completed by late November
  - Institutional code 2158, Department code 5001 (Columbia University School of Social Work)
Website and Application Link

- **Website:**
  [http://socialwork.columbia.edu/academic-programs/phd-program](http://socialwork.columbia.edu/academic-programs/phd-program)

- **Application link:**
  [apply.ssw.columbia.edu](http://apply.ssw.columbia.edu)
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