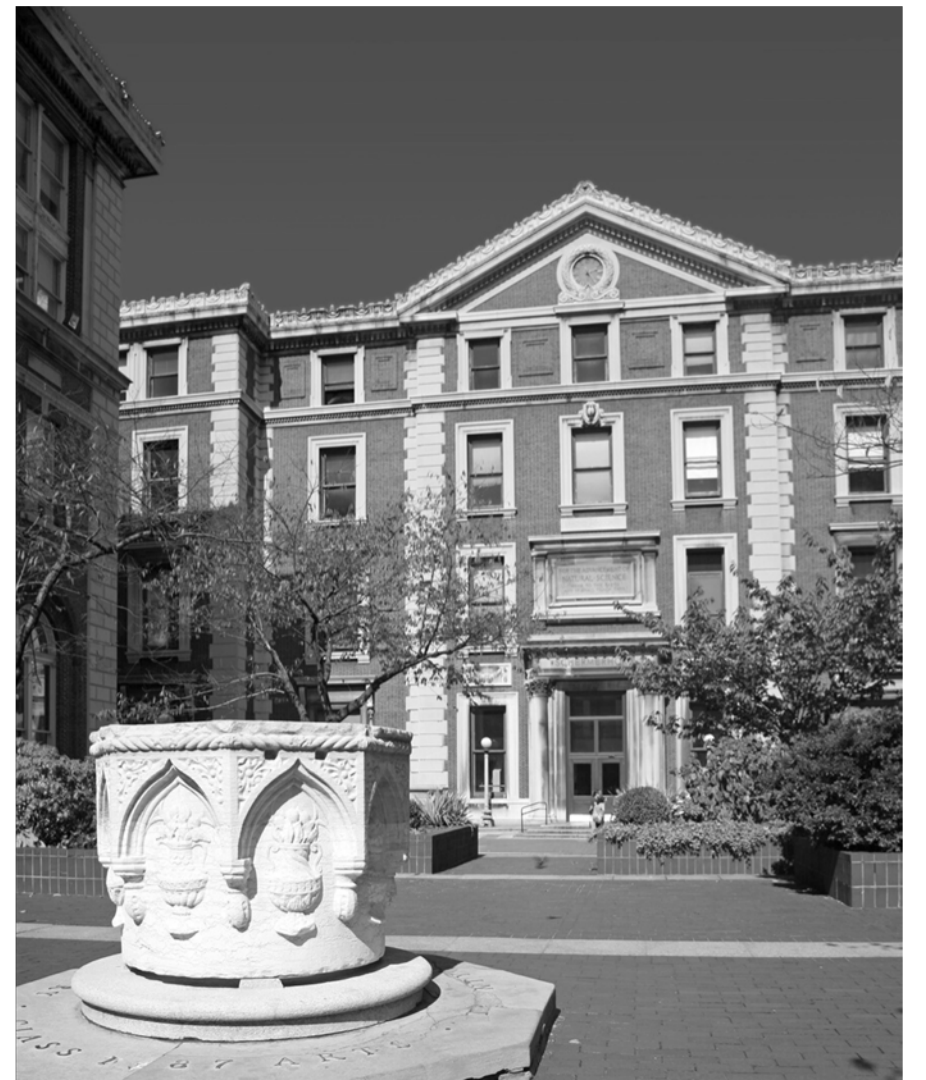


Columbia University School of Social Work PhD Program

September 26, 2023

 **COLUMBIA** | SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



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

Architecture, Planning,
& Preservation,
Graduate School of

Arts and Sciences,
Graduate School of

Arts, School of the

Barnard College

Columbia Business
School

Columbia Climate
School

Columbia College

Columbia Journalism
School

Columbia Law School

Dental Medicine,
College of

Engineering and
Applied Science, Fu
Foundation School of

General Studies,
School of

International and Public
Affairs, School of

Jewish Theological
Seminary

Nursing, School of

Physicians and
Surgeons, Vagelos
College of

Professional Studies,
School of

Public Health, Mailman
School of

Social Work, School of

Teachers College

Union Theological
Seminary

Columbia School of Social Work

**The oldest—and finest—social work
school in the US**



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF
RESEARCH, POLICY & ADVOCACY
— SINCE 1898 —



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**

CSSW Research Centers



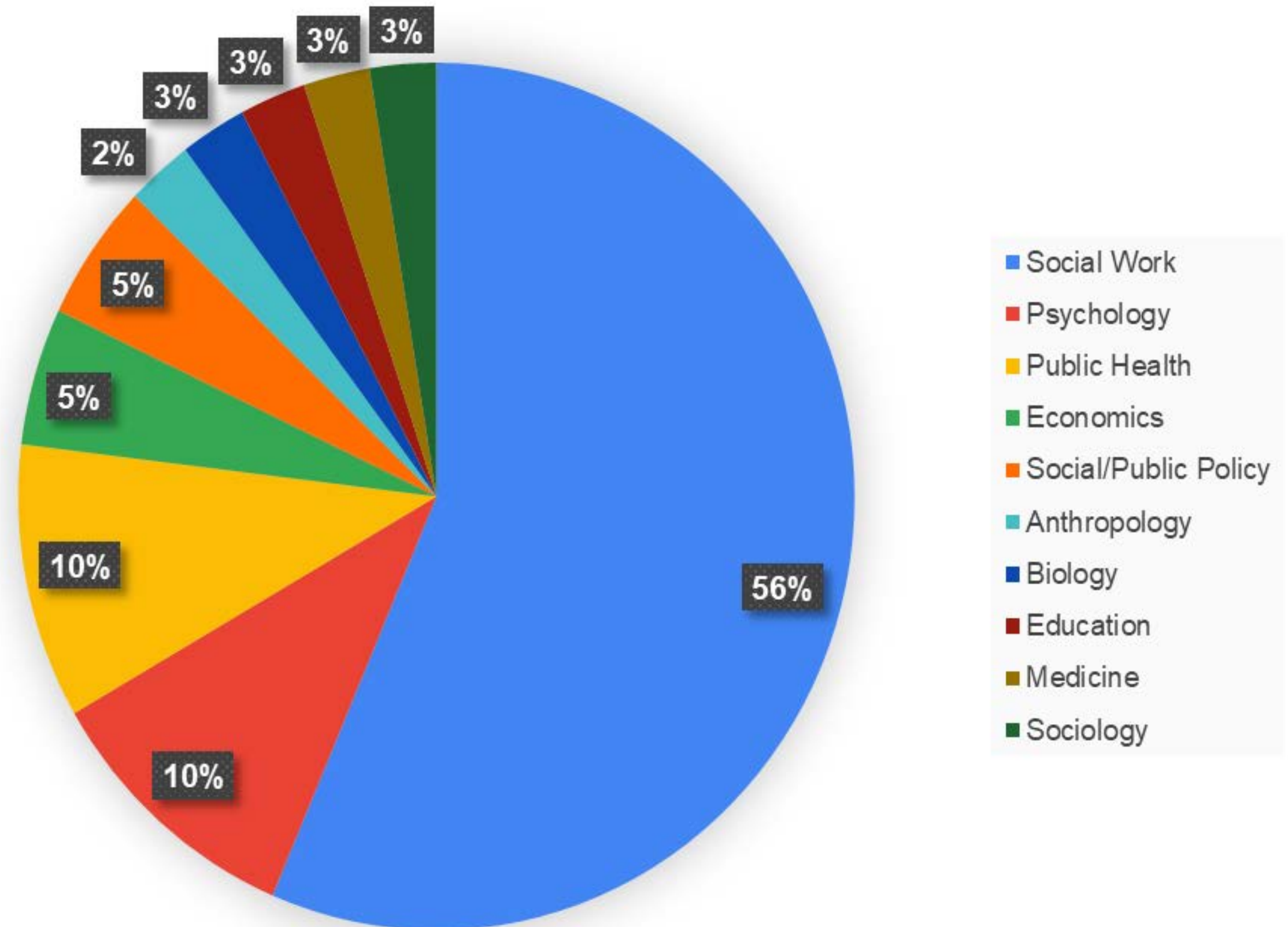
COGBURN RESEARCH GROUP
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Doctoral Disciplines of CSSW Full-Time Faculty

Social Work is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary by nature.

We tackle all kinds of social problems and challenges.





Doctoral Program

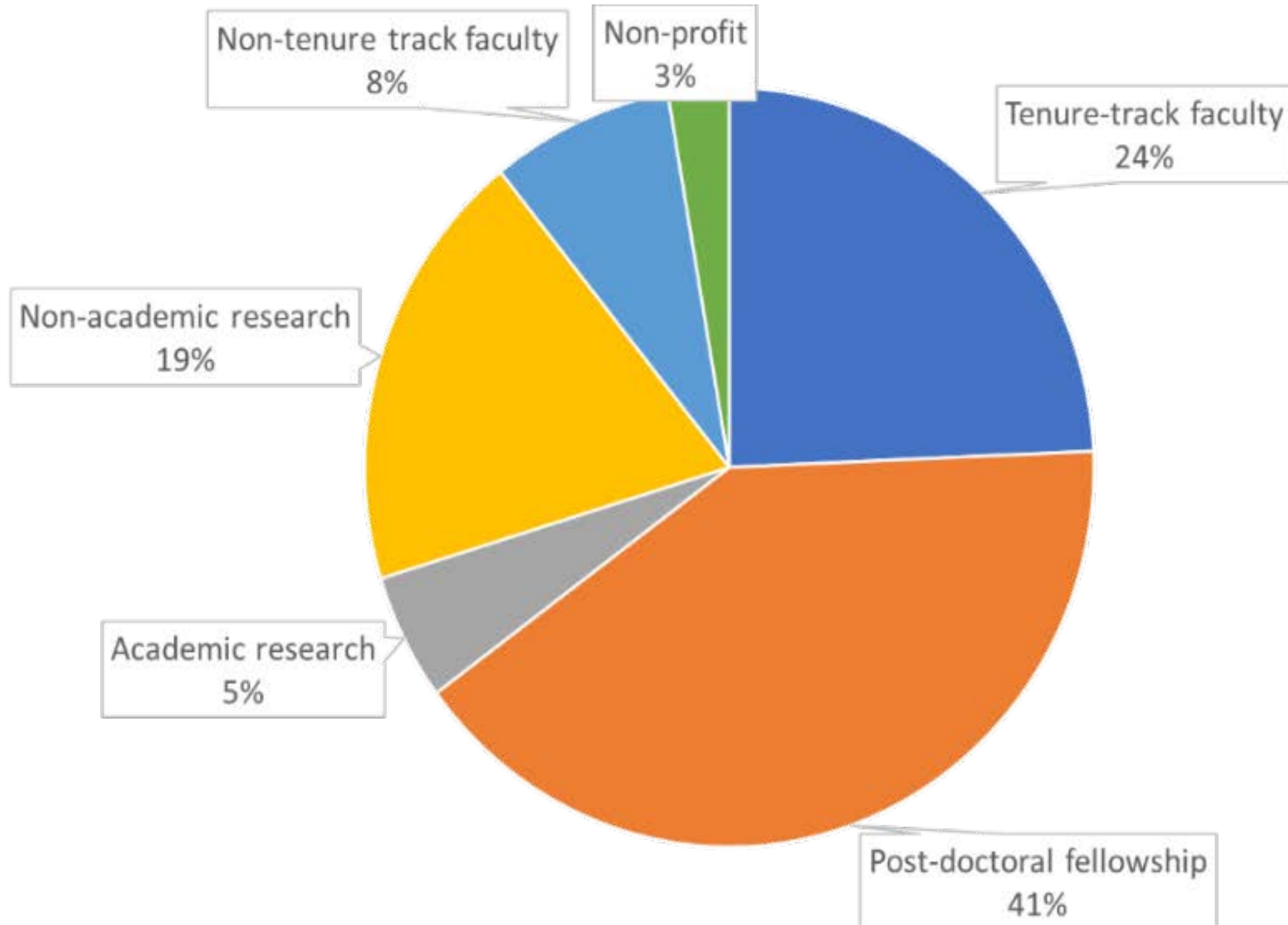
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- 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



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>

- Application link:

apply.ssw.columbia.edu



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