Imagine Princeton

Imagine The Possibilities
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At the Graduate School, we believe that demographic and intellectual diversity drives innovative research and discovery, it expands our capacity for teaching and learning, and it equips us for the lives of leadership in an increasingly pluralistic society.

To achieve our academic mission, therefore, requires Princeton to identify, attract, and develop the most promising individuals from as many segments of society as possible. To that end, we aspire to be a truly inclusive community in which individuals of every nationality, religion, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, political viewpoint, socioeconomic status, and veteran status can flourish. Our team has two main functions: Access & Outreach and Inclusion & Community.

1. Access & Outreach:
We promote access to a Princeton graduate education by partnering with academic departments to identify and admit the broadest and richest pool of scholars for our master’s and doctoral programs. We aim to meet prospective students at recruitment and outreach events each academic year.

2. Inclusion & Community:
We support students to achieve their full potential through mentorship, programming, and partnership with academic departments.
Mentorship:
We advise graduate students, aiding them in a smooth transition into their program, supporting them through key milestones, and guiding them toward completion and life beyond Princeton. We serve as a resource and gateway for students with a variety of academic, social, professional, and financial questions.

Programming:
We develop programming to prepare students for academic and professional success. This includes workshops on a broad range of topics (e.g. academic skills, time management, self-care, financial planning), conversations with faculty members, and informal social activities to support students connecting across academic disciplines. Through our weekly newsletter, we connect students to the programming offered by colleagues at the Graduate School and numerous other offices on campus.

Partnership:
We work closely with academic units to understand the needs and experiences of the students in their discipline and to help foster a departmental culture that is supportive of all students regardless of their background. Our office also partners with student resource centers across campus and graduate student affinity groups to support community building and provide access to intellectual, cultural, and social activities.

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Academic Programs

Princeton faculty are renowned leaders in their fields, extraordinary teachers, and dedicated mentors. Graduate students can participate in courses, workshops, and co-curricular programs to explore their professional interests and develop and learn about the transferability of their writing, analytic, research, public speaking and teaching skills. Princeton Graduate students work alongside world-renowned faculty to pursue groundbreaking and innovative research in four graduate divisions.

NATURAL SCIENCES

SOCIAL SCIENCES

ENGINEERING

HUMANITIES

Is covered for students admitted as a Ph.D. candidate for all years of regular program enrollment.

The Graduate School at Princeton University awards 300+ advanced degrees annually across 45 departments and programs. To learn more visit: gradschool.princeton.edu/academics/degrees-requirements/fields-study
HUMANITIES

Academic Program

1. Architecture | MArch | PhD
2. Art & Archaeology | PhD
3. Classics | PhD
4. Comparative Literature | PhD
5. East Asian Studies | PhD
6. English | PhD
7. French & Italian | PhD
8. German | PhD
9. Music Composition/Musicology | PhD
10. Near Eastern Studies | MA, PhD
11. Philosophy | PhD
12. Religion | PhD
13. Slavic Languages & Literature | PhD
14. Spanish & Portuguese | PhD

INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES

- African American Studies
- American Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Interdisciplinary Humanities (IHUM)
- Latin American Studies
- Media and Modernity
- Digital Humanities
Joint Degree Programs are available in specific departments. Visit graddiversity.princeton.edu for more details. Application requirements include: Statement of Academic Purpose, Resume/Curriculum Vitae, Recommendation Letters (3), and Transcripts.

Some programs also require the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), writing samples, portfolio and/or interview; visit gradschool.princeton.edu/academics/degrees-requirements/fields-study to explore program-specific requirements.
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Academic Program

1. Anthropology | PhD
2. Economics | PhD
3. History | PhD
4. History of Science | PhD
5. Politics | PhD
6. Population Studies | PhD
7. Sociology | PhD
8. Princeton School of Public & International Affairs | MPP, MPA, PhD

INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

- American Studies
- Ancient World
- Medieval Studies
- Political Economy
- Political Philosophy
- Renaissance & Early Modern Studies
NATURAL SCIENCES
Academic Program

1. Applied & Computation Math | PhD
2. Astrophysical Sciences | PhD
3. Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences | PhD
4. Biophysics | PhD
5. Chemistry | PhD
6. Ecology & Evolutionary Biology | PhD
7. Geosciences | PhD
8. Mathematics | PhD
9. Molecular Biology | PhD
10. Neuroscience | PhD
11. Physics | PhD
12. Plasma Physics | PhD
13. Psychology | PhD
14. Quantitative & Computational Biology | PhD
15. Quantum Science & Engineering | PhD

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Application Fee Waiver Program
Applicants are eligible to apply for an application fee waiver based on financial hardship or participation in various research programs and recruitment events.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
All PhD students receive full financial, competitive support for all years of regular program enrollment. For masters’ programs, please contact the department for more information.

CAMPUS HOUSING
~70% of enrolled graduate students live in campus housing and are a part of our residential life community. Housing options include dormitory-style, furnished rooms in the historic Graduate College or apartment living.

VISITATION PROGRAMS
The Access, Diversity & Inclusion team holds a Prospective PhD Preview (P3) and a number of departments host visit programs to experience academic life on campus and network with students, faculty, and Graduate School administrators.

LOCATION
Princeton University is conveniently located between two major cities: New York City (54 miles, 1h 20m) and Philadelphia (45 miles, 1h), both easily accessible via 1-95 or New Jersey Transit from campus.

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Access, Diversity & Inclusion at Princeton University’s Graduate School offers a wide variety of online resources. Check out some of our signature programs and virtual offerings.

**Recruitment**

(Prospective Students)

**Virtual Workshop Series**

Diverse scholars are invited to join our Graduate School Workshop Series. Participants learn about the application process, get tips for networking, and prepare for interviews/campus visits.

**P3 PhD Preview**

This program engages diverse scholars with tools for the Ph.D. journey, skill workshops, and insights into grad education. P3 Scholars learn from Princeton grads, faculty, and staff to grasp program requirements.

**Admissions**

(Applicants)

**Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Initiative**

This is a one-year, fully funded fellowship that includes an offer of regular admission to the sponsoring doctoral program the following academic year. Satisfactory academic progress is required. For more details, visit gradschool.princeton.edu.
ADI’s Signature Initiatives

Community Building (Current Students)

The Princeton Grad Scholars Program (GSP) enriches first-year graduate and pre-doctoral students’ academic, social, and community growth, fostering a vibrant start to their graduate journey.

Each year, the Access, Diversity and Inclusion Team seeks Diversity Fellows to enhance the inclusive grad community and support underrepresented students. This opportunity offers leadership, networking, and skill development.

The BADI Awards commend faculty, staff, post-docs, and grad students for notable contributions to Princeton’s diverse and inclusive graduate community.

The Inclusive Academy Symposium gathers underrepresented grad students and post-docs for holistic success discussions, featuring diverse workshops on entrepreneurship, well-being, interviews, networking, and leadership.
The Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Initiative is a one year, fully-funded fellowship that includes an offer of regular admission to the sponsoring doctoral program the following year. The fellowship is intended for students who would benefit from an additional year of training before formally entering the sponsoring department’s Ph.D. program. Participating departments include:

- Art & Archaeology (ART)
- Astrophysical Sciences (AST)
- Classics (CLA)
- Chemical & Biological Engineering (CBE)
- Chemistry (CHM)
- Computer Science (COS)
- East Asian Studies (EAS)
- Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (EEB)
- Economics (ECO)
- Electrical Engineering (ELE)
- Geosciences (GEO)
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE)
- Operations Research & Financial Engineering (ORFE)
- Philosophy (PHI)
- Physics (PHY)
- Politics (POL)
- Princeton Plasma Physics Lab (PPPL)
- Psychology (PSY)
- Quantitative & Computational Biology (QCB)
- Religion (REL)
- School of Public & Int. Affairs (SPIA) STEP Program
- Sociology (SOC)
- Spanish & Portuguese (SPO)
**Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**

**HOW TO APPLY**

**STEP 1**
Go to the Regular Admission Ph.D. Application: [graduate-apply.princeton.edu/apply](http://graduate-apply.princeton.edu/apply)

**STEP 2**
Check ‘Yes’ when asked, “Are you interested in being considered for the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Initiative?”

**STEP 3**
Answer the following question(s):
- How would you benefit from the fellowship?
- What would you want to accomplish during your fellowship year?
- What skills would you want to enhance during your fellowship year?”

**STEP 4**
Complete your remaining application requirements.

**Pre-Doc Advantages:**

- Fully-funded (tuition, stipend, and benefits)
- Admission to Ph.D. program without reapplication upon successful completion of Pre-Doc
- University housing priority
- Enrolled Student Status
- Graduate Scholars Program (GSP) membership
- Integration with first-year grad students
- Robust Advising and Mentorship
The Program Has Three Goals

1. To empower participants to take an intentional and strategic approach to their graduate education.

2. To educate students about how to access the myriad resources available to them at Princeton.

3. To develop a sense of community by connecting graduate students across disciplinary boundaries.

Each student will have access to mentorship opportunities to complement their departmental academic adviser(s) and the Director of Graduate Studies throughout the first year, including staff and peer community members. GSP students participate in pods, which consist of 3-4 first year students led by an advanced graduate student who serves as a Peer Mentor. Pods are typically multidisciplinary, and provide opportunities for students to enlarge their peer networks and engage in community-building activities throughout the academic year. In addition, GSP hosts community dinners, professional development events, and other social events to help build community within and across cohorts.
Grad Scholars Program (GSP)

Federico Uquillas, NEU

“Being a member of the GSP has been instrumental to my success as a first-year graduate student at Princeton. The ADI team has helped me tremendously in a number of ways. Not only did they make sure I had support during my move to New Jersey, but once here, the programs, talks, and events put on by the ADI helped me meet other first-year students and more advanced students. This provided me with various ways for integrating myself into the Princeton community and build a sense of companionship. Most recently, the ADI team also provided me with incredible and unparalleled assistance when applying to a competitive graduate fellowship.”

The Princeton Grad Scholars Program (GSP) is an exciting experience for entering first-year graduate students and pre-doctoral students from diverse backgrounds designed to enhance and support academic, social, and community development during their initial graduate school experience. Scholars meet six to eight times over the academic year for “seminar/workshop” sessions that focus on the transition to graduate education at Princeton. Potential topics include:

- Developing skills for time and task management to promote balance and success
- Developing positive practices for physical, emotional, and psychological self-care
- Budgeting and financial planning for graduate school and beyond
- Preparing for academic and non-academic career pathways
- Building your academic and non-academic community at Princeton
- Writing support and workshops

Please contact Associate Dean Joseph Lewis at joseph.lewis@princeton.edu with any questions regarding the Graduate Scholars Program.
Success

Princeton’s graduate students are prepared for careers in academia, industry, government, and the nonprofit and corporate sectors.
The Princeton Prospective Ph.D. Preview (P3) is a nationally recognized program that focuses on engaging scholars from diverse academic, research and non-traditional backgrounds around the path to the Ph.D. The program prepares scholars for the graduate application process, provides skill and professional development workshops, and gives students the opportunity to learn more about hidden curriculum of graduate education. P3 Scholars will also have the opportunity to learn and hear from current Princeton graduate students, faculty, and staff to get an understanding of program requirements and expectations.

The P3 program is open to all interested students, with a preference given for rising juniors, rising seniors, and post-graduates of all levels.

*Please note that the P3 application and program are not affiliated with Princeton graduate program applications.

**Application Requirements:** A statement describing your current academic and professional goals, as they relate to your interest in graduate study. This statement should specifically mention the programs of study at Princeton that you are interested in, and two or three of our faculty members whose work is of particular interest to you. Required: An unofficial copy of your most recent transcript and Your current resume or CV.

The P3 Program is designed for prospective applicants interested in pursuing a Ph.D. We encourage applicants from all academic disciplines to apply for the P3 program. However, please note that Princeton does not offer an M.B.A., M.D. or J.D. program. Please be sure to review the complete list of graduate fields of study available at Princeton University: gradschool.princeton.edu/academics/fields-of-study

*Applicants interested in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Molecular Biology, Physics, and Quantitative and Computational Biology may have specific letter of recommendation requirements. Please review the application ‘Letters of Recommendation’ page for more information, or review the FAQ section.*
PRINCETON’S GLOBAL COMMUNITY

After you earn your degree, you will forever be a Princetonian. Princeton hosts alumni events throughout the year – on campus, across the country, and around the world – where graduate alumni can reconnect with friends and faculty, engage in academic panels and workshops, and expand their professional connections.
In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other federal, state, and local laws, Princeton University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran in any phase of its employment process; in any phase of its admission or financial aid programs; or other aspects of its educational programs or activities. The Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity is the individual designated by the University to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX, Section 504 and other equal opportunity and affirmative action regulations and laws.

Questions or concerns regarding Title IX, Section 504 or other aspects of Princeton’s equal opportunity or affirmative action programs, should be directed to the Office of the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, Princeton University, 205 Nassau Hall, Princeton, NJ, 08544; or call 609-258-6110.


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