

**Ph.D. Program in Urban and Public Affairs  
University of Louisville**

**Supplemental Application for Admission**

In order to select students who have the greatest commitment to and potential for graduate studies at the Ph.D. level, the faculty of the Ph.D. Program have decided to ask some additional questions of applicants for admission. Please keep your answers **short** (200-250 words or less each).

1. Describe in brief your career orientation and plans, and how a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs will contribute to your ability to achieve your objectives.
2. Please review the materials provided about the program and the curriculum. Identify which field option you intend to pursue, and why (it's okay to be undecided at this point). Also describe in what area of urban affairs or public policy you expect to concentrate your dissertation research (even if your description is highly speculative at this early point in your studies).
3. Given your educational background, explain whether you believe we should waive any courses in the curriculum for you (via the transfer of academic credit). If so, please describe (in narrative terms) the justification for this action (we will ask for documentation once you are admitted).
4. Obtaining a Ph.D. is a long, difficult road. It requires a great deal of independent work, demanding that students be extremely self-directed, self-motivated, and disciplined. It normally takes a minimum of four years of very hard work (sometimes longer). In fact, many exceptionally bright people entering Ph.D. programs fail to complete their degrees. Tell us, in brief, why you think you can do this.
5. If you wish to apply for financial aid, please do so by indicating your request for a graduate research assistantship (GRA) or fellowship. Include a full resume of your past work and educational experiences. Describe any past research or teaching responsibilities, as well as any special research skills or experience you might possess (also fill out the GRA/Fellowship application on our website). \*Please note: fellowships and graduate research assistantships are extremely competitive and thus are awarded to only the strongest applicants. Those applying should have *all* application materials submitted by **February 1** (in the event an element of your application will be in a few days late, please let us know in advance and we will try to accommodate). Later applications will be considered only if a position remains unfilled. Both fellowships and assistantships pay a stipend to cover living expenses plus full tuition. While decisions to renew financial support are made on an annual basis based on performance, normally Ph.D. students in good academic standing making good progress toward their degrees will be supported for four years.