Call for International PhD. Candidates in Public Administration and Policy

School of Political Science, University of Haifa
2022-2023

The Division
The Division of Public Administration & Policy seeks outstanding Doctoral students who wish to write excellent dissertations in the fields of public administration, public policy, and public management. The program will begin in October 2022.

The department offers a unique and supportive research environment, rich training and guidance throughout the program, and direction towards research positions in academia and other public sector organizations after graduation. During their studies students will be able to engage in the divisions’ research and teaching activities, and become affiliated with the Center for Public Management & Policy (CPMP), and with the Public Organizations and public Policy Interdisciplinary behavioral Lab (POP-I-Lab). Excellent students will be eligible for scholarships and further employment opportunities.

The Division of Public Administration & Policy at the University of Haifa is rapidly growing and is ranked among the 76-100 in the world according to the Shanghai ranking. The division’s researchers are focused in studying in many front-line areas of the discipline such as public management, public policy, psychology and human resources management in the public sector, management and policy of the local government, public and political economy, welfare policy, comparative public administration, behavioral approaches in public administration, public auditing and more. The Center for Management and Public Policy (CPMP) was established in 2004 and focuses on research and practice that may contribute to the international scientific community and to policy makers in Israel and abroad. For more than 20 years, the Center has been publishing the NAPPA-II annual report on "Public Sector Performance in Israel", which has gained wide recognition and publicity nationally and internationally. It coordinates studies sponsored by various scientific foundations in Israel and in North America, as well as in the European Union Research Programs. The Center’s main interest in the relationship between citizens, government, and the administrative systems in Israel and abroad, and is geared towards improving public policy and national resilience.

The program
The unique program is designed to train excellent researchers who will join leading universities and research centers in Israel and abroad. The program focuses on providing tools for excellent research but is also oriented towards advancing practical skills that may advance governance in all levels and sectors. The students will enjoy close guidance and directions by leading scholars from within the division and the school. We especially look for highly intelligent students, with high motivation for the study of the public sector, its advancement and
improvement in view of technological changes and other transformations of the 21st century. These students should be curious, independent in conducting research, creative and innovative. We are open to accept students from across the world and those with an heterogeneous academic background in social sciences and beyond (exact sciences, computer sciences, data science, brain science, life science, engineering, environmental studies, law, etc). The students will enroll in the doctoral program in the school of political science and will form a unique community dedicated to the study of public administration and policy.

Studies
1. Program duration of 4-5 years.
2. Guidance and direction for writing and publication in world-leading outlets.
3. Option for a direct PhD track for those who completed undergraduate studies with honors.
4. Involvement in the activities of the Center for Management and Policy.
5. Option for collaboration with the POP-I-Lab.
6. Learning in an excellent student community with personal supervision.
7. Acquiring advanced methodological tools.
8. Training in teaching and development of a post-doctoral program for the post-graduate stage.
9. Developing a network of international connections through participation in workshops, conferences and seminars.
10. Economic support by various Scholarships based on personal excellence.

Nominations
Ideal applicants will hold a Master's degree in a research track from a recognized University/Institution in Israel or abroad. They will meet the conditions of admission for Doctoral studies at the School of Political Science. Applications for a direct track are also open, for those with a bachelor degree (with honors) and in accordance with the university's regulations.

To apply, please send the following information in a single ZIP file to PAP-PHD@poli.haifa.ac.il. Deadline for submission is May 1st, 2022:
1. Short CV.
2. Evidence of past academic achievements.
3. One page of declaration of intentions regarding the anticipated research fields and the potential supervisors from within the faculty members of the Division.
4. Electronic copy of the Masters thesis, and/or an article that was submitted for publication in a peer reviewer journal
5. Proof of publication ability
6. Additional documents may be required later.

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