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# Health Policy and Management

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PhD Program Overview and Application Information Session

October 18, 2022

10 -11:00 am EST

## Today's Agenda

- ▶ The PhD in Health Policy and Management at the Bloomberg School  
10:00 am -10:15 am
- ▶ Question and answer session  
10:15 am -11:00 am

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- ▶ A degree for individuals anticipating an academic career in public health research or teaching
- ▶ PhD students focus on the creation of new and innovative knowledge, learning the research methods for collection, analysis and interpretation of data that will help improve the health of populations

## PhD Concentrations Offered by Health Policy and Management

- ▶ Bioethics and Policy
- ▶ Health Economics and Policy
- ▶ Health Services Research and Policy
- ▶ Health and Public Policy

# PhD Concentration in Bioethics and Policy

Students and faculty in the **Concentration in Bioethics and Policy** address research and policy related to the ethics of public health practice, health policies, and public health research.

## Sample Dissertation Titles

- ▶ Publicly Funded Prenatal Care for Undocumented Immigrants: A Comparative Case Study in Policy, Practice and Ethics
- ▶ Exploring prenatal involvement in rare disease research and advocacy

## Sample Alumni Positions

- ▶ Assistant Professor
- ▶ Health Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research

# PhD Concentration in Health Economics and Policy

Students and faculty in the **Concentration in Health Economics and Policy** address concepts and methods of economic analysis to understand how clinical and public health resources are and should be allocated

## Sample Dissertation Titles

- ▶ Consumer Decision-Making in the Health Insurance Marketplace
- ▶ Essays on Strategies to Reduce Potentially Avoidable Hospital Utilization in Maryland
- ▶ The Impact of a Value-based Insurance Design on those with Multiple Chronic Conditions

## Sample Alumni Positions

- ▶ Principal Analyst: Congressional Budget Office
- ▶ Associate Policy Researcher: RAND Corporation

# PhD Concentration in Health Services Research and Policy

Students and faculty in the **Concentration in Health Services Research and Policy** address the organization, financing and delivery of both curative and preventative services, and their outcomes and costs, particularly for the most vulnerable

## Sample Dissertation Titles

- ▶ Systemic Overuse of Health Care in the Privately Insured
- ▶ Managing the Unwanted: Medical Errors in Primary Care
- ▶ Neighborhood Matters: Exploring the Relationship Between Neighborhood Domains of Social Risk and Medical Spending in Medicaid Population in Baltimore, MD

## Sample Alumni Positions

- ▶ Principal Analyst: Congressional Budget Office
- ▶ Program Analyst: HHS Office of Healthcare Finance Policy
- ▶ Public Health Research Analyst: RTI International

# PhD Concentration in Health and Public Policy

Students and faculty in the **Concentration in Health and Public Policy** address the development, analysis, implementation and evaluation of public policies to prevent disease and injury, reduce inequalities, and promote the health and quality of life of populations

## Sample Dissertation Titles

- ▶ Trends in the Healthiness of U.S. Restaurant Meals and Implications for Policy
- ▶ Examining Factors that Influence the Adoption and Sustainability of a Trauma-Informed Universal Mental Health Intervention in Baltimore City Public Schools

## Sample Alumni Positions

- ▶ Researcher: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
- ▶ Policy Researcher: RAND Corporation
- ▶ Assistant Professor



## PhD in HPM

- ▶ Admit 5-9 students each year across the 4 concentration areas
- ▶ Coursework in years 1-2
- ▶ Thesis proposal and thesis writing in years 3-4
- ▶ HPM PhD curricula <https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/health-policy-management/health-policy-management-phd/>

# PhD in HPM Requirements

- Coursework
- 1<sup>st</sup> year written qualifying exam
- Thesis proposal defended at a Departmental oral and School-wide oral exam
- Written Thesis
- Oral defense of thesis
- All HPM PhD students are expected to serve as Teaching Assistants (Tas) for 6 classes

## PhD Funding in HPM

- ▶ All students admitted to HPM are offered a **standard 4-year funding package**.
  - ▶ Full tuition support for years 1-4
  - ▶ Individual health, dental, vision insurance
  - ▶ University Health Service clinic fee
  - ▶ Matriculation & student activity fee
  - ▶ NIH pre-doctoral stipend for years 1-4.
- ▶ HPM offers NIH and other training opportunities supporting research in targeted research areas in addition to departmental funded slots

## HPM Training Grant Opportunities

- ▶ HPM offers NIH and other training grants supporting research in targeted research areas:
  - ▶ Health care policy and health services research, specifically primary care policy, through a Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) grant
  - ▶ Person- and family-oriented health services and outcomes research that relates to aging populations through a National Institute on Aging (NIA) grant
  - ▶ Mental health and addiction policy research through a National Institute of Mental Health grant
  - ▶ Mental Health services and systems research, through a National Institute of Mental Health grant jointly administered by the Department of Mental Health
  - ▶ Injury prevention through a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) grant
  - ▶ Injury and violence prevention, through endowed scholarships administered by the Department

## Stages of the Application Process



**SUBMIT THROUGH SOPHAS  
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1**



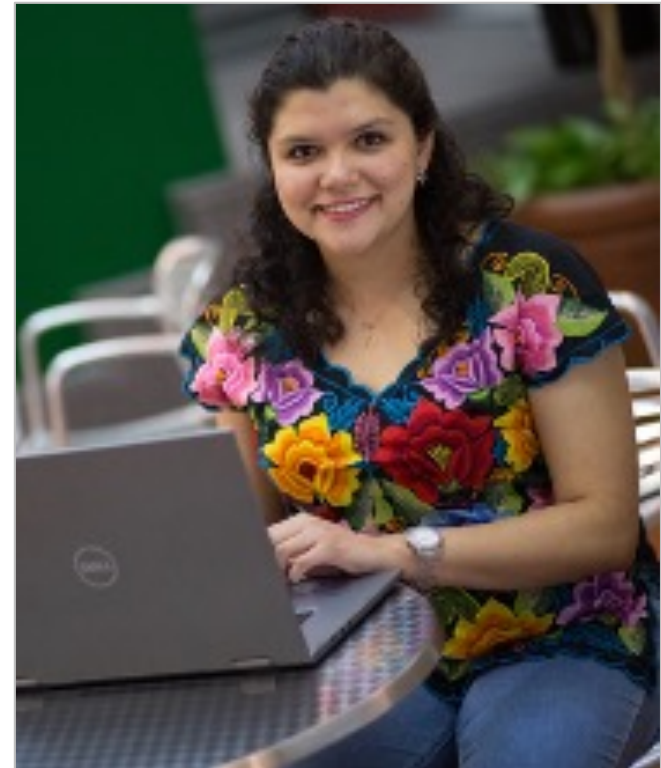
**CONCENTRATION AND  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW**



**OFFERS EXTENDED EARLY  
TO MID-FEBRUARY**

# PHD Admissions Requirements

- ▶ All PhD applicants must submit the following:
  - ▶ A strong and concise statement of objectives, clearly delineating goals for future research and work in the field (2 pages max)
  - ▶ All Transcripts
  - ▶ Three positive and enthusiastic letters of recommendation from faculty and/or employers who know your academic skills and promise as an independent researcher
  - ▶ A curriculum vitae or resume showing work and leadership experience and publication record, if applicable
  - ▶ TOEFL or IELTS scores for International Applicants



## Standardized Test Scores

The Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health does not require submission of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

Any scores submitted will not be included in the application reviewed by the faculty admissions committee.

## Application Hints

- ▶ It is not necessary to secure a research mentor or a dissertation topic prior to submitting your application
- ▶ Start the application process early to ensure that official transcripts or transcript evaluations (for those who attended post-secondary schools outside of the US) are received by JHU by the December 1 application deadline.



# Application Submitted through SOPHAS

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