



**JD-PhD**

 **Northwestern Law**

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# THE JD-PHD PROGRAM

Northwestern University's Graduate School and School of Law offer a dual degree program for students interested in conducting innovative research on law and society at the cross section of disciplines. Recognizing the vitality of interdisciplinary intellectual activity in traditional programs and the growing trend among top law schools to hire faculty who have PhDs as well as law degrees, Northwestern developed the JD-PhD program as the most efficient option for future academics wishing to pursue their doctoral and law degrees simultaneously.





Students are able to complete the entire program, including the dissertation, in as few as six years. Interdisciplinary study is a hallmark of Northwestern, and the JD-PhD program reflects this distinction. A fully integrated program with the most generous funding in the country, Northwestern's JD-PhD program is open to a small number of students who intend to pursue an academic or research career and whose teaching and research will be enriched by both degrees.

Northwestern JD-PhD students have pursued a variety of PhD degrees, including: African-American Studies; Anthropology; Civil Engineering; Economics; Finance; History; Media, Technology & Society; Political Science; Philosophy; Psychology; Religion; and Sociology. Northwestern JD-PhD graduates have obtained faculty positions in law and graduate schools as well as prestigious judicial clerkships.



## **Advantages of the JD-PhD**

The program offers a unique opportunity for students to take advantage of the academic excellence of university faculty in both the Graduate School and the Law School. JD-PhD students benefit from:

### **A Truly Integrated Program**

From start to finish, Northwestern's JD-PhD program is the most integrated of its kind. The streamlined application process requires only one application, which is reviewed by both the Law School and the Graduate School admissions offices. The program offers a coherent course of study on a set track that integrates the rigorous terrains of doctoral and law studies. Faculty members from each of the schools jointly supervise students' research and dissertations.

### **An Accelerated Course of Study**

Students can complete the entire program in as few as six years (varies by department). All students can earn both degrees more quickly than they would through consecutive degree programs. JD-PhD students spend the first two years doing graduate-level course work in a doctoral program at the Graduate School, the following two years at the Law School, and the final years conducting research and completing their dissertations.



## **A Strong Community**

Students from various doctoral programs are treated as a cohort, so they have a community of peers in law, in their disciplines, and among those seeking the combined degree. Both Law and Graduate School faculty are involved at every step to support students' progress in the program and to ensure that each student progresses consistently. The weekly JD/PhD seminar alternates between meetings with individual JD/PhD faculty selected by the students and student presentations.

## **Generous Funding**

Northwestern offers a financially generous JD-PhD program, typically providing the JD-PhD Fellows with full funding – including tuition and living expenses – for six academic years and five summers.\*



*\*It is expected that students receiving this combined degree will enter an academic position within four years of graduation from the program or a position with an organization whose primary stated mission is to conduct research. If a student transfers to another institution or withdraws from the joint program prior to completion in order to receive only the JD, the student will be required to repay scholarship money in an amount equal to the Law School tuition rate during the terms he or she was in residence at the Law School. Students who can demonstrate a good faith effort to secure an academic or research position or who experience a significant life event that interrupts their academic job search will be excluded from this policy. Please consult [www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/jdphd/funding.html](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/jdphd/funding.html) for more details relating to funding requirements.*

*Please note that this funding does not apply to students who have matriculated at Northwestern Law or another law school prior to submitting an application. (Information for matriculated students is available at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/degree-programs/jds/jdphd/currentstudents>.)*

## JD-PhD Course of Study

Students can select a doctoral program in any discipline, provided that they can incorporate their interest in legal studies with their graduate research and complete a dissertation that draws on both disciplines.

The JD-PhD program has a strong relationship with the American Bar Foundation (ABF), a research institution dedicated to the study of law and legal institutions through the lens of social science. The ABF and Northwestern Law are located in the same building, and several Northwestern faculty members are also ABF research professors. ABF researchers are an additional resource for JD-PhD students. For more information, visit [www.americanbarfoundation.org](http://www.americanbarfoundation.org).





## Typical Program Structure\*

### Year 1

- Graduate School course work
- Summer: Graduate School research

### Year 2

- Graduate School course work
- Summer: Graduate School research

### Year 3

- Law School course work
- Summer: Graduate School/Law research
- Advancement to PhD candidacy before start of year 4

### Year 4

- Law School course work
- Summer: Submission of prospectus before start of year 5

### Year 5

- Research and teaching fellowship
- Summer: Work on dissertation and other research

### Year 6

- Writing and completion of dissertation

*\*Subject to PhD departmental requirements*

# Representative JD-PhD Faculty

## Law School

Robert P. Burns  
(PhD in Philosophy)

Erin Delaney  
(PhD in International Studies)

Shari Seidman Diamond\*  
Director JD-PhD Program;  
(PhD in Social Psychology)

Peter DiCola  
(PhD in Economics)

Michael Frakes  
(PhD in Economics)

Tonja Jacobi  
(PhD in Political Science)

Emily Kadens  
(PhD in History)

Andrew Koppelman  
(PhD in Political Science)

Jim Lindgren  
(PhD in Sociology)

Janice Nadler\*  
(PhD in Social Psychology)

Laura Pedraza-Fariña  
(PhD in Genetics)

Destiny Peery  
(PhD in Social Psychology)

Max Schanzenbach  
(PhD in Economics)

Emerson Tiller  
(PhD in Business and  
Public Policy)

## Graduate School

Ken Alder  
(History)

Karen Alter  
(Political Science)

Martha Biondi  
(African American Studies)

Galen Bodenhausen  
(Psychology)

Traci Burch\*  
(Political Science)

Kyla Ebels-Duggan  
(Philosophy)

John Hagan\*  
(Sociology)

Laura Beth Nielsen\*  
(Sociology)

Robert Nelson\*  
(Sociology)

Robert Porter  
(Economics)

William Rogerson  
(Economics)

James Rosenbaum  
(Human Development  
and Social Policy)

Laurie Zoloth  
(Religion)



## Kellogg School of Management

Shane Greenstein  
(Management and  
Strategy)

Kathleen Hagerty  
(Finance)

Brian Uzzi  
(Management and  
Organizations)

## School of Communication

Noshir Contractor  
(Communication)

*\*also an American Bar Foundation research professor*





## Admissions

The Northwestern JD-PhD has a single, integrated, online application. To apply, visit [www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/degree-programs/jds/jdphd/application/](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/academics/degree-programs/jds/jdphd/application/)

Applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both the Law School and the Graduate School and gain joint acceptance.

The Law School requires JD-PhD applicants to interview as part of the admissions process. In addition, all JD-PhD degree applicants are required to take the LSAT examination. If the GRE is required for a given doctoral program, applicants must also submit GRE scores. For programs through Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, GMAT results may also be necessary and/or a substitute for the GRE. International students must meet the requirements for certification of language proficiency. All other admissions requirements of the Law School and the specific doctoral program must also be met.



## About the Schools

### Northwestern University School of Law

Northwestern Law ranks among the top law schools in the nation. With the highest percentage of full-time research faculty with PhDs of any law school, it is an ideal place for students undertaking the considerable challenges of law school and doctoral studies at the same time.

### The Graduate School

The Graduate School at Northwestern University supervises graduate work leading to advanced academic degrees, including doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees. The Graduate School collaborates with a number of schools to guide and sustain an institutional culture that facilitates excellence in teaching, innovation and rigor in research, and the personal and intellectual growth of its diverse student population.

### Kellogg School of Management

JD/PhD students can profit from Kellogg's distinctive approach, which emphasizes strategic cross-disciplinary initiatives. Northwestern's top-rated business school offers a rich array of departments or concentrations. Examples include economics, entrepreneurship, finance, organizational behavior, public policy, and quantitative analysis/statistics and operations research.





## Application Timeline

Prospective students may apply to the JD-PhD Program beginning October 1. Deadlines within the Graduate School vary by department. Please consult with the Graduate School for more details regarding their individual application deadlines. For full consideration, applicants to the JD-PhD program are encouraged to submit their applications by the corresponding PhD department application deadline.

Detailed information about Law School application process can be found at: [www.law.northwestern.edu/admissions/applying](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/admissions/applying).



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