

Graduate school

For Queens College Political Science majors thinking about a PhD or a policy master's. Most of the programs in the full guide are free, and many pay you.

Degrees and paths

<u>PhD</u>	<u>Predoc</u>	<u>MPP</u>	<u>MPA</u>	<u>MA</u>
Research and teaching. Funded with tuition and a stipend; 5–6 years.	A paid research job for 1–2 years before a PhD, open to any major. Apply in the fall of senior year.	Design and evaluate policy. About 2 years. Baruch's Marxe School is adding one (first class fall 2027).	Run public and nonprofit organizations. 1–2 years; CUNY programs cost far less than private ones.	Graduate study and methods without a PhD. 1–2 years.

Year by year

<u>Freshman</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Explore and protect your GPA - Take PSCI 100-level courses and PSCI 200. - Go to one professor's <u>office hours</u>. - Protect your GPA; many programs cut off at 3.0. - Summer: a paid job or internship.	Get research experience - Take an intro statistics course (PSYCH 107 or DATA 205). - Ask professors about research assistant work. - Apply for summer research: <u>MIT MSRP</u>, <u>Leadership Alliance</u>, <u>Big Ten SROP</u>, <u>Yale SURF</u>. - Apply to <u>Honors in the Social Sciences</u>.	Apply to summer research <i>Busiest year</i> - Apply to <u>RBSI</u>, <u>PPIA</u>, <u>MIT MSRP</u> and the <u>Truman Scholarship</u> (November–February). <u>Albany session internships</u> (campus dates in October). - The <u>CUNY Pipeline Program</u> (early March). - Apply to fall <u>PhD visit programs</u> in July–August.	Apply, or work first - Take the <u>GRE</u> by October if your programs want it; ask for letters early. - The <u>APSA Diversity Fellowship</u> (late October). <u>PhD applications</u> close late November to mid-December; apply to policy master's too. - Or work first: <u>Coro</u>, <u>Urban Fellows</u>, <u>Civil Service Pathways</u>, <u>predocs</u>.

When things usually close

Sept–Oct	<u>Economics predoc jobs</u> , the APSA Diversity Fellowship and QC's <u>fall scholarship application</u>
November	PPIA summer institutes and the Albany session internships
December	Most PhD applications
Jan–Feb	Summer research (RBSI, MIT MSRP, Leadership Alliance, Big Ten SROP, Yale SURF), the Truman Scholarship and Coro
March	The CUNY Pipeline Program and QC's <u>spring scholarship application</u>
July–Aug	Fall PhD visit programs, for rising seniors

Help on campus

<u>Office of Honors and Scholarships</u>
Rebecca Baron, Advisor for Scholarships and Fellowships, helps with statements of purpose, Truman and other fellowships.
<u>Your professors</u>
Office hours, research assistant work and, later, letters of recommendation.
<u>Center for Career Engagement and Internships</u>
Frese Hall 213. Résumé reviews, mock interviews and the stipend for unpaid internships.
<u>Office of Undergraduate Research</u>
The spring research symposium. OUGR@qc.cuny.edu.



Every program and deadline

Exact dates, updated every week, at maljahmi.github.io/qc-polisci-pathways

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