Earn your PhD Degree through NYU Silver’s

PHD PROGRAM

» Personalized Mentoring

» Cutting Edge Research Training

» Global Opportunities
Why NYU Silver?

Graduates from the NYU Silver School of Social Work PhD Program are competitively positioned for careers as independent researchers, scholars, and educators.

They are prepared to address contemporary global social welfare challenges as leaders at research intensive institutions.

Our Goal is to:

» Provide PhD students with highly structured personalized mentoring to facilitate professional growth and entry into academia and other leadership careers.

» Train PhD students with methodological, statistical, and conceptual methods for cutting edge research and scholarship.

» Prepare PhD students to significantly impact contemporary global social welfare and health challenges.
Curriculum

PhD students are engaged in extensive academic and professional training through a focused offering of courses and a mentored research practicum.

For detailed information about curriculum content and program requirements, visit: 

socialwork.nyu.edu/academics/doctoral-program/curriculum

Admission Requirements:

- Master’s degree (MSW is preferred) with a graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher, based on a 4 point scale;
- Bachelor’s degree with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher, based on a 4 point scale;
- Competitive scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), particularly in the quantitative reasoning and analytical writing sections;
- Acceptable scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for applicants whose first language is not English;
- A well written and compelling statement of research interest; and
- Three outstanding recommendations.

Note: While post MSW practice experience is not a requirement, at least three years of experience is recommended.

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Competitive financial support packages for up to 4 years.
PhD Program Committee

NYU Silver has 30 distinguished faculty who contribute to the PhD program, with diverse research programs from developing evidence-informed clinical interventions to addressing poverty and inequality.

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Wen-Jui Han, PhD, MSW
Professor of Social Work and Director, PhD Program; Global Public Health Affiliate Faculty

Areas of Expertise: Poverty and inequality; children’s health - cognitive, socioemotional, and well-being; children of immigrants; child and family policy; parental employment; demography; and policy analysis

Suzanne England, PhD, MSW
Professor of Social Work

Areas of Expertise: Aging; dementia; memory; policy narrative; social media in social work; and leadership and practical ethics in nonprofits

Marya Gwadz, PhD, MA
Professor of Social Work and Associate Dean for Research

Areas of Expertise: Social/behavioral interventions to improve health equity; culturally appropriate interventions; the multiphase optimization strategy (MOST); adaptive intervention designs; reducing disparities in HIV incidence, prevalence, and health outcomes; poverty
**Deborah K. Padgett, PhD, MPH**  
*Professor of Social Work and Global Public Health; McSilver Faculty Fellow; Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine*

**Areas of Expertise:** Homeless adults with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders; qualitative and mixed methods; mental health services research; and cancer prevention and control

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**Rohini Pahwa, PhD, MSW**  
*Assistant Professor of Social Work*

**Areas of Expertise:** Serious mental illness; mental health services; cross-cultural and cross-national research; community integration; stigma; health vulnerabilities in people with serious mental illness; social network analysis; and quantitative and mixed methods

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**S. Lala Straussner, PhD, LCSW**  
*Professor of Social Work; Director, Post-Master’s Certificate Program in the Clinical Approaches to Addictions; Founding Editor, Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*

**Areas of Expertise:** Substance abuse; mass violence and trauma; mental health, international social work; occupational social work/employee assistance programs, women’s issues, family dynamics, and social work education

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**Research Centers and Institutes**

NYU Silver PhD students engage in cutting edge research training with faculty at our nationally and globally recognized research centers such as:

» Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health
» McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research
» Center on Violence and Recovery
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