

**Applicant Bio-sketch**

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| **Full name / Pronouns:**  | Last name, First name |

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| **TRACK**Identify one of the three tracks: |  |
| **POLICY SPECIALIZATION**Select from the list or indicate *other* and specify: |        |
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| **RESEARCH FOCUS** (150 words maximum)Short, general idea of your policy research interests and why is it important to you |
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| **SELECTED WORK and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** (limited to 1-3 entries)Employment or volunteer activities, internships, GA or TA positions |
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| **SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS** (limited to 1-4 entries) Include publications, awards and certificates |
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| **Applicant Statement of Interest** |
| **1. Proposed Dissertation Topic** |       |
| **2. Potential Supervisors** |       |

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| **3. Rationale for Getting a PhD in Policy Studies** (One to three paragraphs, max. 500 words) |
| Why do you want a PhD in Policy Studies? How does this relate to your prior undergraduate and graduate study? What is your career objective upon completing the PhD? |
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| **4. Background in Policy Studies** (One to two paragraphs, max. 400 words)  |
| Identify specific academic coursework and professional experience in policy studies or policy making. |
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| **5. Training/ coursework in methods** (Qualitative, quantitative) (max. 150 words)  |
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| **6. Plan of Study/ Research Proposal** (500 to 1000 words max.)  |
| \* Please see instructions at bottom of document for questions to include and writing resources. |
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| **7. Tuition, Financial Support, and Scholarships** |
| Current domestic tuition rate is set at approximately $8,806.54 and the international rate at approximately $23,849.91. <https://www.ryerson.ca/current-students/tuition-fees/programs/graduate.html>  |
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| **7a. Domestic Students (Canadian citizen or permanent resident)** |
| We aim to provide domestic students who are admitted to the PhD Policy Studies program a financial package of about $21,000 for four years with about $11,000 in graduate scholarship funding and another $10,000 earned through Teaching Assistant (TA) and Research Assistant (RA) positions. We recognize that some students will continue to work full-time and may not be in a position to accept a TA or RA appointment. |
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| **Check one:** |
| [ ]  I wish to have RA and/or TA employment as part of my financial package. |
| [ ]  I do not wish to have RA and/or TA employment as part of my financial package. |
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| **7b. International students (not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident)** |
| Unfortunately, the primary source of financial support available to students in the PhD Policy Studies program is limited to Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Therefore, international students have a higher tuition rate and receive no scholarship support from the program. **In light of this, how would you anticipate financing your PhD Policy Studies given the higher costs and lack of basic scholarship support?** |
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| \* (No documentation is needed here. We are asking you to give us an idea of how this can work for you whether through drawing upon personal resources you have or other scholarships available to you that may help pay for your studies. You may find these links helpful in considering costs of living in Toronto. <https://www.ryerson.ca/global-learning/incoming/toronto/>; <https://www.ryerson.ca/housing/future-students/residence-buildings/>; <https://www.ryerson.ca/housing/housing-alternatives/off-campus/>) |
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| **8. Additional Information**  |
| Include any other information you think would be relevant for the admissions committee. |
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**Instructions for Statement of Interest**

* **Fill in responses in the shaded grey text boxes - Once you have completed the entire form save document as a PDF before submitting**
* **Once document is saved as a PDF, responses will no longer be shaded in grey**

**\* Question #6: Plan of Study/Research Proposal (500 to 1000 words maximum, plus references)**

**The plan will be evaluated based upon:**

* Identification of an important policy research question, the theoretical approach that informs the study, the research method and kind of data that will be collected, and the significance or importance of the findings for policy makers or scholars,
* Indication of how your previous professional experience or study prepared you for the study you propose (e.g., appropriate training or degree, publications, awards or achievements)

**You may find the following sources useful for writing up a Plan of Study.**

Creswell, John W., and J. David Creswell. Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches. Sage publications, 2017.

Pzreworski, Adam and Salomon, Frank, On the Art of Writing Proposals. Social Science Research Council, 1995 rev., 1988. <https://www.ssrc.org/publications/view/7A9CB4F4-815F-DE11-BD80-001CC477EC70/>