Collaboration with the Community

We expect Ph.D. students not merely to produce scholarship about significant social issues, but to be prepared to enter organizations that actively work toward their resolution.

Through extensive engagement with strategic partners, the AMSTPhD@IUPUI will recruit and train students for well-defined doctoral tracks that apply the humanities and social sciences directly to community-defined problems.

IUPUI seeks to demonstrate with measurable success how the liberal arts can work for and with organizations, agencies, and companies, that have a variety of profiles—from healthcare and parks and recreation to policing and public safety.

Collaboration with the Campus

The AMSTPhD@IUPUI builds on the legacy of the campus itself. From its early years, IUPUI emphasized cross-discipline collaboration to leverage scholarly expertise for community engagement. AMST students work with researchers in the Polis Center, the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, the National Council for Public History, the office for Family, School and Neighborhood Engagement, the Center for Urban Health, and the office for Intercultural Literacy, Capacity, and Engagement.

How to Apply

On-line Application

IUPUI has a central location for applications: http://graduate.iupui.edu/admissions/apply.shtml

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Application details

In addition to IUPUI’s online application, students are required to interview with the AMST director/admissions committee and the external organization sponsoring the particular track for which the student has applied. Students will provide rationale for their interest in a specific track prior to the interview.
A doctorate that works through big ideas to develop ethical, critical leaders for the good of America’s communities.

Public Project Lab
All students participate in a skills building, cross-disciplinary lab that brings big ideas to bear on specific community issues.

Doctoral Exams
Prior to research for their dissertations, students take qualifying exams that cover the research methods and minor(s) related to their field of practice.

Doctoral Minors
Minors can include those already offered at IUPUI, or something generated by the students in consultation with their program committee.

External Organizations
Organizations can include students’ employers as well as those providing internships for students in the program.

Internships and Applied Experience
The doctoral internship functions as the pivot for both coursework and dissertation research, and offers two options. First, students with full-time employment can use the Ph.D. program to explore and expand new avenues within their organization. Second, students recruited through a partnership between IUPUI and an external organization use the internship to research a topic relevant both to an academic discipline and the host organization. In both cases, coursework and dissertations align with the work performed with the external organization.

Faculty, Advisors, Funding
The AMSTPhD@IUPUI will help students construct committees of faculty that cover academic disciplines and applied research fields. Furthermore, the program expects such committees to include both faculty who will guide the dissertation, and external advisors, who will help guide work completed in internships.

Funding for students in the program will combine resources from the university, research centers, and external partnerships. Each track in the program will have defined and often unique funding sources.