



2025-2026 APSA DSRP Graduate Application Highlights For Fall 2026 Admission

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University	Deadline	GRE Required	Application Fee \$	APSA Fee Waiver Groups	Additional Fee Waiver Groups Eligible	Department Contact	Department Contact Email
Arizona State University	01/02/26	Yes	115	DSRP	N/A	Bridget Perez	spgs@asu.edu
Brown University	12/16/25	Yes	75	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	Financial Hardship	Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro	rebecca_weitz-shapiro@brown.edu
Colorado State University	02/15/26	Yes	60	N/A	Military, PeaceCorps, AmeriCorps; Fullbright	Ryan Scott	rpscott@colostate.edu
Cornell University	12/15/25	No	105	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	All Applicants Can Request Waiver	Bryn Rosenfeld	cu_govt_dgs@cornell.edu
Emory University	12/15/25	No	75	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	Financial Hardship	Beth Reingold	emorypolsgrad@emory.edu

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Georgetown University	12/15/25	Yes	90	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	All Applications Waived If Submitted Before 11/15	Penny Flores	pscdgs@gwu.edu
Harvard University	12/01/25	Yes	105	RBSI M/DFP	N/A	Thom Wall	twall@gov.harvard.edu
Loyola University Chicago	01/15/26	No	0	N/A	N/A	Eric Hansen	ehansen4@luc.edu
Northwestern University	12/15/25	No	95	N/A	Full List Here	Justine Andrus-Zhao	justine.zhao@northwestern.edu
Pennsylvania State University	12/10/25	Yes	65	RBSI	Email Department Contact	Lianna Gully	img5783@psu.edu
Princeton University	12/15/25	Yes	75	N/A	Financial Hardship, Full List Here	Jennifer Heuisler	jennifer.heuisler@princeton.edu
Rice University	01/09/26	Strongly Rec'c	85	N/A	All Applicants	Norma Lara	norma.lara@rice.edu
Stony Brook University	01/01/26	No	100	RBSI M/DFP DSRP*	N/A	Carri Horner	carri.horner@stonybrook.edu
University of California, Davis	12/15/25	Yes	135	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	N/A	Lauren Young	leyou@ucdavis.edu
University of California, Santa Barbara	12/15/25	No	135	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	N/A	Julia Morse	jcmorse@ucsb.edu
University of Chicago	12/04/25	Encouraged	90	N/A	Full List Here	Annette LePique	alepique@uchicago.edu
University of Colorado, Boulder	12/15/25	No	60	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	N/A	Jana L. Jones	Jana.Jones@Colorado.EDU

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University of Delaware	12/15/24	No	75	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	N/A	Kassra Oskooii	oskooiik@udel.edu
University of Maryland, College Park	12/02/25	No	75	RBSI	N/A	Ernesto Calvo	ecalvo@umd.edu
University of Minnesota	12/15/25	No	75	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	N/A	Caitlin Boley	pdgs@umn.edu
University of Missouri	01/05/26	Optional	75	N/A	N/A	Jacob Owen	JacobOwen@missouri.edu
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	12/15/25	No	50	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	Military, Pell Grant recipients, McNair, BTAA, AmeriCorps	Ingrid Haas	ihaas2@unl.edu
University of Oregon	01/10/26	No	70	N/A	See info below	Craig Kauffman	ckauffma@uoregon.edu
University of Wisconsin-Madison	12/15/25	No	75	RBSI M/DFP DSRP	Low Income, McNair, SROP	Jonathan Renshon	dgs@polisci.wisc.edu
Wayne State University	01/15/26	Yes	0	N/A	N/A	Yumin Sheng	gradpolisci@wayne.edu

Additional Fee Waiver Groups Abbreviations:

RBSI = Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Program Alumni

M/DFP = Minority Fellowship Program and Diversity Fellowship Program Alumni

DSRP = Students enrolled in the Diversity Student Recruitment Program Database

Additional Application Fee Waiver Instructions/Programs & Resources

Brown University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the fee waiver for APSA's DSRP program, DFP Program, or the Ralph Bunche Scholars program, select one of these programs within the application and the fee waiver will happen automatically. • Financial hardship fee waivers- information here • Completed fee waiver applications must be submitted at least 14 days in advance of the program's deadline • The Brown University Graduate School offers all admitted PhD students five to six years of guaranteed financial support, including a stipend (for 12 months of each year), tuition remission, health services fee, and health and dental insurance. • There is also annual funding available to attend and present at conferences, and research grant funding • The Graduate School has opportunities for Diversity and Inclusion for recruiting including a special fellowship and a campus visit prior to applying.
Cornell University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Inclusion and Student Engagement
Emory University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Fee Waiver Instructions
Georgetown University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortara Center for International Studies
Harvard University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants can determine eligibility for a fee waiver by completing a series of questions in the Application Fee section of the application. Once these questions have been answered, the application system will provide an immediate response regarding fee waiver eligibility.
Loyola University Chicago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loyola University Chicago provides funding to reimburse travel expenses for admitted students to visit campus.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our department offers a range of concierge-like support and resources designed to support admitted graduate students: • The Commune: A student-led organization that fosters community through social events, peer support, and resource sharing. They host many important events related to milestones and job searches throughout each academic year. They also pair each incoming student with a

Northwestern University	<p>mentor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly cohort meetings with our Director of Graduate Studies. • Quarterly "Lunch and Learn" events presented by staff. • First-Year Advising: Each student is paired with an advisor to assist them with class selection, early milestones, and general program inquiries. • Math Camp: A preparatory workshop offered before the academic year to strengthen quantitative skills. • The department offers workshops on publishing, grant writing, and job market preparation
Stony Brook University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enough funding is only available to waive the fee for the first five requests. • Center for Inclusive Education (CIE)
University of California, Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full list of eligible participating prep programs here. • Full information here. • Departmental Fellowships/Scholarships with focus on Political Science Diversity Award • Graduate Studies Fellowships/Scholarships with focus on Eugene Cota Robles Fellowship
University of California, Santa Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please reach out to Kynedi Diverrett to request a waiver: kynediverrett@ucsb.edu
University of Colorado, Boulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While there is no such thing as an application fee waiver within the Department of Political Science, they will pay the application fee for the first five complete applications from the three APSA groups (RBSI, DFP, DSRP). Such applicants should submit their applications without paying a fee (reimbursements are not available). Email department contact first. • The Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado Boulder is structured to support graduate students from minoritized communities. For instance, the department has a standing committee on inclusion and engagement that includes graduate student membership. Furthermore, the Graduates in Political Science (GIPS) organization has leadership roles that include the Racial Justice and Policy Liaison and the International Students Liaison to bring relevant issues to the attention of the department. Finally, we have the Barney Ford Lab for Civic Thought and Engagement, which promotes research and education on how to be an engaged citizen in a pluralistic democracy.

University of Maryland, College Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants should email gradschool@umd.edu to request the fee waiver.
University of Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants should email the Graduate Program Coordinator at pdgs@umn.edu with their relevant participant details to move forward with a fee waiver.
University of Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Oregon's Graduate School provide each department with one application fee waiver per year. The department's procedure is to compare multiple waiver requests against one another, to see which is more likely to win approval from the Graduate School. Decisions will be made approximately 2 weeks before the application deadline (i.e., in December 2025). You can apply for the application fee waiver by completing the form at the following link - https://forms.office.com/r/38e9SHspL4 • The University of Oregon offers Promising Scholar Awards to recruit highly qualified incoming doctoral graduate students from diverse backgrounds who enhance and advance the academic and research excellence of the university. Information can be found at https://graduatestudies.uoregon.edu/funding/awards/promising-scholar-award
University of Wisconsin- Madison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information and to apply for our Graduate School's application fee grant, click here: https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/. • Our Department also provides application fee grants for participants in APSA's Ralph Bunche Summer Institute and the Diversity Student Recruitment Program. If you have participated in either of these programs, please email Erin Moskowitz (erin.moskowitz@wisc.edu) to receive a fee waiver code. • Graduate Assistants Equity Workshops: https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/graduate-assistants-equity-workshops/ • DACA/Undocumented Student Support: https://osas.wisc.edu/guide/supporting-daca-recipients/ • Black Cultural Center: https://msc.wisc.edu/cultural-centers/black-cultural-center/ • Latinx Cultural Center: https://msc.wisc.edu/cultural-centers/latine-cultural-center/ • Asian-Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Student Center: https://msc.wisc.edu/cultural-centers/apidasc/ • UW-Madison Inclusion & Engagement: https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/inclusion-and-engagement/ • Women+ in Political Science (graduate and faculty group funded by the Department) • Political Science Graduate Workshop (personal and professional development for graduate students) • Department of Political Science Diversity and Equity Committee (committee led by Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Committee Chair, Professor Ben Marquez)