



DEPARTMENT of Political Science

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The Department of Political Science: Sustaining Democracy's Promise

As a leader in the study of democratic politics, the University of Minnesota's Department of Political Science has addressed the world's most challenging issues for 150 years.

Ours is a rich history of advancing knowledge about the interplay among economics, politics, and society; of deep engagement with the community; and of delivering outstanding instruction to students at all levels.

We prepare our undergraduates for productive and actively engaged careers in civic life. Our PhD students have become leading scholars and teachers at major universities and colleges across the globe.

We have advanced the cause of democracy through a combination of cutting-edge research and sustained efforts to engage with the citizens of Minnesota and beyond.

Many of these achievements would not have been possible without private support from alumni and other friends of the Department.

We take great pride in these generous investments and celebrate our donors' role in advancing our work.

Now, as the Department of Political Science takes on the enormous challenges of the 21st century, our goal is nothing less than to make the world a better place by sustaining democracy's promise to let the people rule.

We're asking for your help in accomplishing three critical goals:

- ▶ **Attract and retain academic stars** to carry out our critical research and teach our students
- ▶ **Recruit a diverse group of promising students** from all walks of life for our undergraduate and graduate programs
- ▶ **Engage with the broader community** in the state, nation, and world



Strengthening diversity and inclusiveness

Issues of race, ethnicity, immigration, and equal opportunity are some of the most significant conflicts affecting politics and policymaking today. As a discipline, political science must not only study but also model the world's changing demographics and increasing multicultural diversity. Your gifts will help us enhance diversity at all levels, expanding efforts in a way that will be a model for the rest of the country.



Meeting the needs of our community

We are among the most productive political science faculty in the nation, and we are taking the lead in addressing some of today's most pressing concerns, including understanding how people form political beliefs, develop partisan attitudes, and decide which candidates to support on

Election Day. We look at issues like how the world's democracies develop or falter, how dictatorships are formed, the judiciary's role in sustaining democracies, and the effects of inequality and financial globalization on democratization.

You can help us maintain our competitive edge and continue building one of the top political science programs in the country. Your gifts for endowed chairs and professorships and seed grants for innovative research projects will help us recruit and retain field-shaping scholars.



Investing in student success

In today's remarkably competitive climate, career readiness is more important than ever. Your gifts for internship scholarships will provide critical access to applied learning opportunities and ensure that all of our students can chart a path to success.

By supporting internship scholarships, you can provide critical access to experiential learning opportunities. Help ensure that all our well-prepared students—not just the extra-motivated or well-connected few—can chart a path to success.



Kathleen Todd, '18, political science with a minor in Spanish

“As an intern in Senator Durbin's Washington, D.C. office, I had the opportunity to witness the legislative process. The theories that I studied in my political science courses were put into practice, and none of it would have been possible without the generous scholarship I received from donors.”



Max Y. Chu, '19, political science and communication studies with a business law minor

“I am passionate about politics and using it as a way to advocate for people in society who are the most in need of help. During my internship in the Governor's Office, I saw how important government is. My scholarship allows me to pursue my goals of becoming a lawyer and a politician. The department's trust in my abilities gives me the confidence to go forth and accomplish my dreams.”



Catapulting our Graduate Program into the Top 10

We have long been recognized as one of the top 20 PhD programs in the country. Your gifts will help make Minnesota a destination for future students.

Gifts for **research fellowships** will provide support for PhD students to conduct dissertation-related research at any phase of their graduate careers. For some students, the fellowship will fund trips to archives in the United States or abroad. For others, the fellowship will fund the collection of public opinion data or field research overseas.

Gifts for **summer stipends** will support year-round student research efforts and help us better compete with the top graduate programs in the country.



Ana Mendoza Packham, '18, political science and philosophy

“I’ve worked as an intern for the DFL House Caucus, the Advocates for Human Rights in their Refugee and Immigrant Program, and at The Arc Greater Twin Cities. All of my internships have shown me how crucial public policy is, and how absolutely necessary it is to continue to have empathy and compassion, even in the face of adversity.”

