

BCSSW BY THE NUMBERS

545

MSW students

27

PhD students

32

Full-time faculty

93

Part-time faculty

6

Research centers, programs, and labs

PHD PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

4–5

New students per doctoral cohort

25–30

Total PhD students across all cohorts

73%

AHANA* students

100%

Job placement within a year of graduation

RECENT EMPLOYERS		
Boston Children’s Hospital	Providence College	University of Southern California
Brown University	University of British Columbia	University of Texas at San Antonio
MIT AgeLab	University of South Carolina	University of Wisconsin

**African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Native American*



As early as our orientation, it is emphasized that we are not here to compete with one another but to work together and challenge each other to become better scholars. With financial support from the school, we have been able to organize events that are critical to our learning. For example, I co-organized with my peers a racial justice symposium to address systemic racism and discuss evidence-based methods to dismantle oppressive practices in social work, and a seminar to prepare students of color and first-generation doctoral students to navigate the academic job market.”

–Dale Maglalang, MSW ’18, PhD ’21

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BCSSW was my first-choice program for several reasons. The first is the collaborative ‘feel’ that I got when I visited the school. I’m a huge believer that good scientific inquiry is a team sport, and that the best work we can do to support people’s health and well-being is done collaboratively. Second, I was so impressed by Dean Yadama’s emphasis on transdisciplinary science...here at BCSSW, we are encouraged to innovate and look at social work and public health problems from transdisciplinary angles. Since most of the enduring problems humanity faces today are complex and interconnected—spanning disciplines, knowledge bases, and value systems—any viable solutions must do the same.”

–Cara Antonaccio, PhD ’22

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

December 1

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The Boston College School of Social Work (BCSSW) is a global leader in social work education that endeavors to improve vulnerable lives through pioneering social work education, research, scholarship, and practice at home and in the world.

THE PHD PROGRAM

BCSSW prepares future faculty scholars and researchers to advance the field of social welfare and social work practice through a highly individualized PhD program that promotes original research and the creation of new knowledge.

Our curriculum strengthens analytical and quantitative skills through 45 credit hours of coursework covering research methodology, data analysis, statistics, and a wide range of electives. A research internship, on which you work closely with a faculty mentor, will help you achieve your scholarship and publishing goals. Additionally, the program’s teaching practicum and teaching assistantship offer a strong foundation for a faculty career. Adjunct teaching opportunities are available in our top-ranked MSW program during your third and fourth years.

PhD students may also take advantage of BC’s numerous research centers and six campus libraries, as well as the Boston Consortium, which allows students to participate in courses and other learning opportunities at area universities, including Brandeis University, Boston University, the MIT Women’s Consortium, and Tufts University.

GREATER BOSTON AND BEYOND

Students in the BCSSW PhD program benefit from its proximity to Greater Boston’s many teaching, medical, and social service organizations. The School of Social Work is located on Boston College’s main campus in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts—six miles from downtown Boston and easily accessible by public transportation. Boston College, an R1 designated research university, has abundant connections and affiliations that catalyze research partnerships among social service agencies, hospitals, nonprofits, and government offices throughout Boston and surrounding communities and in many countries, including Cambodia, Italy, Kenya, Peru, and Rwanda.

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U.S. News & World Report ranking

33

required credits

12

elective credits

45

credit hours

4 years

to complete the PhD program

8–10

professional development sessions and workshops a year

ENGAGE WITH A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

Our PhD students partner with BCSSW faculty and doctoral cohorts on shared research interests and myriad research projects. Current BCSSW faculty research is focused on maternal and child well-being; mental health disparities by population; policy impacts on economic, social, and mental well-being in low-income households and low-wage workers; refugee and immigrant well-being, including the role of public services on immigrants and their children; food security in resource-poor households; parenting, including male caregiving and child outcomes in underserved families; the effects from longer working lives; social-behavioral responses to environmental changes; and more.

All PhD students work closely with faculty mentors to complete a five-semester research internship. This formative experience cultivates the essential skills you’ll need to become an independent scholar capable of identifying and helping to solve complex societal problems at the local, national, and global level.

Students also collaborate with faculty and doctoral students at other schools at Boston College, such as the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, the Connell School of Nursing, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Theology and Ministry. These interdisciplinary investigations, which are typically in addition to one’s doctoral commitments, strengthen research competencies and frequently lead to published articles and conference presentations.

On average, our doctoral students publish eight articles a year and present at six conferences during their time in the program. A doctoral program travel budget helps offset conference costs.



ALUMNI NETWORK

8,424

BCSSW alumni

185,630

BC alumni

In over

120

countries



THRIVE IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

The BCSSW PhD program boasts a world-class faculty and is noted for its supportive administrative team. This close personal attention helps you complete your academic studies within four years of entering the program.

The PhD program has a three-year residency requirement, which fosters a robust student experience animated by job clubs and talks, monthly professional development doctoral lunches, publishable paper and dissertation boot camps, specialized training with visiting faculty, and the doctoral outreach community (DOC) group, which coordinates social outings for students, community dinners, and more.