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— Barbara Allen, PhD/05, Assistant Professor, Public Management and Policy, The University of Warwick

Fall Application Deadline

February 1, to be considered for funding. Applications received by **May 1** are not considered for funding and are reviewed subject to the number of spaces remaining.

Admission Requirements

MPPA: Applicants must have a four-year bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with at least a B+ average.

PhD: An MA degree in any of public administration, political science, economics, political economy, business administration, law, or similar degrees with an A- average or higher in their MA work.

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