The Institute of Communications Research (ICR) offers a doctoral degree in Communications and Media. The faculty and graduate students are also active in various departments and programs across the University of Illinois, including Advertising, Journalism, Media & Cinema Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Gender and Women's Studies Program, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, Campus Informatics Initiative, Latino/a Studies Program, and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

**Graduate Program**

- Degree: Communications and Media, Ph.D. ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/communications/#doctoraltext](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/communications/#doctoraltext))

**Graduate Degree Programs**

Please note: The ICR no longer has information regarding our programs of study available in hard copy format. All information can be found via http://www.media.illinois.edu/icr. On the graduate level, the Institute of Communications Research only offers a doctoral degree in Communications and Media.

Admission

Any student with a bachelor's or master's degree and with a substantial background in the humanities, social sciences, or physical sciences is eligible to apply to the doctoral program. It is suggested but not required that students have or will have a master's degree. All candidates for admission must submit an application for admission along with the application fee, official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate courses taken and grades earned, three letters of recommendation, and Graduate Record Examination scores.

Our application process is administered through the ApplyYourself ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply)) system managed by the Graduate College at the University of Illinois. Applicants should consult the instructions on the Grad College's web page and the guidelines to applicants available on the ICR web page.

Applicants from non-English-speaking countries are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) before they come to the University. Depending on the results, they may be required to take further instruction in English after their arrival. Rules for "International Students & Applicants" can be found on the Graduate College website.

Students are normally admitted to start the program only during the fall term. Only under exceptional circumstances are they allowed to begin it in the spring or summer term. All material for fall admission should be submitted by a date designated each year on the ICR website.

**Faculty Research Interests**

See ICR website: [https://media.illinois.edu/phd-program/faculty](https://media.illinois.edu/phd-program/faculty)

**Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available in the form of assistantships, fellowships, and tuition and fee waivers. Students from populations underrepresented in communications research are eligible for certain University fellowships. Most Institute students receive financial support. The application for admission includes a section to be completed if you wish to be considered for financial aid. Insofar as possible, the Institute makes financial aid and admission decisions simultaneously.

See also the University of Illinois Graduate College Financial Aid ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/funding-jobs)) and Fellowship Office ([http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowships](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/fellowships)).

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