Why Yale?

GRADUATE SCHOOL
OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
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….is at the heart of Yale University’s research and teaching missions offering programs leading to the M.A., M.S., M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees.

….is home to a community of over 3,000 students from all over the world pursuing graduate studies in almost 50 doctoral and 20 master's degree programs, as well as numerous combined- and joint-degree programs with the Schools of the Environment, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

….provides opportunities to collaborate with over 1,100 distinguished scholars and researchers and to study overseas at more than 20 partner institutions around the world.

….offers access to one of the largest university library systems in the world encompassing over 20 libraries, collections, and archives, three museums, and numerous university centers.

QUICK HISTORICAL FACTS:

The oldest graduate school in North America, founded in 1847

The first university to award a Ph.D. degree in the United States in 1861

The first university to award a Ph.D. degree to an African American, Edward Alexander Bouchet, in the field of Physics in 1876

Women admitted to doctoral programs in 1892 with the first cohort of seven women earning the Ph.D. in 1894
GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES:

▶ **Life skills and personal development:** The Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity (OGSDD) maintains a caring community of diverse scholars and is devoted to supporting their intellectual and professional goals.

▶ **Teaching support and development:** The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning offers workshops and consultations about teaching, research, writing, management, and communication.

▶ **Career support and development:** The Office of Career Strategy offers career advice, alumni connections, interview preparation, employment opportunities, and extensive professional development resources.

▶ **Interdisciplinary learning:** Numerous centers foster collaboration between graduate students and faculty across campus, including Tsai City Center for Innovative Thinking, Quantum Institute, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration, Whitney Humanities Center, Tobin Center for Economic Policy, and many others.

▶ **Student life and community:** The McDougal Graduate Student Center is a student hub offering interactive programs, support resources and events that build community and connect students in over 70 graduate student organizations.

AT HOME IN NEW HAVEN:

Yale sits in the heart of New Haven, a vibrant, diverse city of 130,000 people. Downtown New Haven is the cultural capital of the region, attracting almost three million visitors a year interested in theater, music, cinema, clubs, museums and art galleries, as well as science and medical research. New Haven has all the advantages of a cosmopolitan center, offering big city opportunities with the friendliness of a small city. It is conveniently located on the train lines running frequently between New York and Boston.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences educates graduate students to seek answers to life's most challenging questions by leading in the advancement, application and preservation of knowledge. We carry out this mission by investing in and drawing upon the strengths of a collaborative, diverse and inclusive community of scholars and researchers.

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