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APPLICANT CRITERIA
Ideal doctoral applicants will have
- At least a bachelor's degree, preferably in a field relevant to their proposed area of research
- A superior academic record, with evidence of ability to engage in independent and original study in an information field

- A distinguished record of scholarship, maturity, integrity, intellectual honesty, leadership potential, professional promise and the capability of making substantive and scholarly research contributions to the field

PROGRAM FUNDING
All students admitted to the School of Information doctoral program receive financial support, including tuition, a stipend, and a health plan. Funding is guaranteed for the full program during fall and winter semesters, contingent on satisfactory progress in the program. Additional funding may be available. Support comes from a combination of fellowships, research, or teaching assistantships.

PROGRAM FACTS
Demographics
Total students: 66
International students: 38
Male/female students: 33/33
Average entering class size: 12-14

TIME TO DEGREE
- Two years to candidacy
- Two to four years writing dissertation
- Five years average to completion

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