Politics Ph.D.

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We offer a distinctive approach to the study of Politics. Our department is the "Politics Department" for a reason. We study politics through historical, philosophical, cultural, conceptual and other perspectives — in addition to the scientific approaches that are customary in the U.S. discipline of political science.

Do you have any diversity fellowships or other opportunities specific to your program?
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What type of support do first-year graduate students in your program receive?
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When are graduate applications due for your program?
January 4th.

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