African American Studies Ph.D. Program

Overview
As an interdisciplinary graduate program, the African American Studies (AAS) Ph.D. Program - the first program of its kind in the U.S. Southeast - is a highly selective course of study combining the expertise of an esteemed group of more than 50 core and affiliated graduate faculty with research specializations in disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields. The program provides rigorous training and preparation for Ph.D. students interested in careers within and outside of academe.

Cognate Fields
- Gender & Sexuality - This area of study focuses on how gender and sexuality intersect with race to shape social understandings of personhood.
- Social Justice & Social Movements - This area will provide in-depth analyses of the individual, collective and organizational efforts of African Americans to resist structural racism and inequality.
- Expressive Arts & Culture - This field explores the significant contributions, conditions, and influences of African American Expressive Arts and Cultures within local, regional, national, and global contexts.

Program Details
We expect to enroll four new Ph.D. students each year. It is also anticipated that each student will complete the degree within five to six years. All Ph.D. students are fully funded for five years with an annual stipend of at least $36,376, a tuition remission, and 100% health insurance subsidy. Though each student is guaranteed funding and support for five years, funding for a sixth year - if needed - will be possible.

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