

PUBLIC MEDIA (M.A.)

Admissions

Application Requirements

- **Official GRE scores** are *required* if an applicant wishes to be considered for GSAS merit-based financial aid. The GRE is not required for admission to the program in general.
- The successful candidate for admission typically has an **undergraduate GPA** of 3.0 or better.
- **Statement of intent** that helps us understand your interest in our program (no more than 3 double-spaced pages, submitted via the online application. The statement should respond to the following prompt:
 - “With an ethos of, ‘Media with a mission,’ the Public Media M.A. (PMMA) program focuses on training multi-platform journalists and strategic communication professionals to use media as a force for social change. In what ways does this mission connect to your personal and/or professional interests? What experiences in your undergraduate and/or professional career have prepared you for the PMMA? What personal and/or career objectives will this graduate program help you pursue?”
- **Resume/CV** (submit via the online application)
- Three **letters of recommendation**: academic and/or professional (submitted directly by referees via the online application. We suggest that at least one come from a professor on the full-time faculty of your undergraduate institution with whom you have studied.)
- Official **degree transcripts** confirming prior degree conferral are required for all applicants, regardless of matriculation status. These should be ordered at least one month prior to the application deadline for your program of interest, and should be sent directly to the Office of Admissions (fuga@fordham.edu) via secure electronic delivery.
 - If electronic delivery is not available, please request that your transcripts be submitted directly via post, in a sealed envelope, to: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Office of Admissions, Fordham University, 441 E. Fordham Rd., Bronx, NY 10458.
 - Please note: you may upload unofficial copies of your transcripts to your application while the Office of Admissions awaits receipt of your official transcripts.
 - Please ensure that all official transcripts from previously attended post-secondary institutions are submitted in English, or are accompanied by a certified English translation. Transcripts and credentials conversion information is available on the GSAS International Students page.
- **English proficiency**: International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation their official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). GSAS will also consider a student’s International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Cambridge English Proficiency Level language testing results.
 - Official TOEFL or IELTS scores should be sent directly by the testing service to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Fordham University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Code # 2259.
 - We will expect our most competitive applicants to have scores above 100 on the TOEFL and 7.5 overall (with 6.5 in each sub-score) or above on the IELTS. Please consult the English Proficiency web page for additional information. A waiver can be requested by emailing fuga@fordham.edu, based on your

educational history at a U.S.-based institution and if the official language of your country of origin/nationality is English.

- If your native language is not English, an interview by video may be required.
- One to three **writing samples**, submitted electronically. These may be analytical (like a paper for a course) or journalistic.
- Up to three samples from a **multimedia portfolio**. The portfolio offers applicants the opportunity to showcase multimedia, digital, visual, audio, written or web-based production materials as part of the application process (e.g., a website, short film or video, piece of multimedia journalism, audio piece or podcast, a data visualization or motion graphic).
 - If you are a non-native English speaking applicant, you must submit a video submission as one of your portfolio samples demonstrating your English language skills. This should be between 2 and 5 minutes in length and will ideally have you speaking directly to the camera, using either prepared remarks or speaking extemporaneously about a topic of your choice (for instance, your interest in the program or previous experience that has prepared you for the program).

Merit Funding

Highly qualified applicants may qualify for:

- a graduate assistantship package which provides a stipend, a 50% tuition scholarship and an internship at WFUV
- two partial tuition scholarships of \$10,000 each
- paid internship at the Donald McGannon Communication Research Center