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Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Boston University Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Sociology and Social Work. Enclosed please find information about both our program and graduate studies at Boston University. This information can also be found online at <http://www.bu.edu/bulletins/grs/>.

The Doctoral Program in Sociology and Social Work is an interdisciplinary program in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Boston University. Central to the program's mission is promoting research and scholarship that join the concerns of social work with the theories and methodologies of sociology and other social sciences. Our primary goal is the preparation of scholars of social welfare/social work that will assume leadership positions in universities, government agencies, and voluntary organizations.

The research and teaching interests of the social work and sociology faculty span a wide range of theoretical, methodological, and substantive interests, including: urban studies, substance abuse, mental health, gerontology, child welfare, family, medical sociology, deviance, political economy, policy analysis, and social stratification.

Boston and the New England area offer rich research opportunities for faculty and graduate students. Boston University has a long history of working relationships with many health and social service organizations, ethnic communities, and governmental agencies throughout the Northeast. Consortium arrangements with Tufts University, Boston College and Brandeis University allow students to share library facilities and take courses for credit in these schools.

Graduate students may benefit from the resources offered at the specialized centers at Boston University, including Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders, Center for the Study of Addictions, African Studies Center, and Institute for Geriatric Social Work. Students also have

access to the Social Work Computer Laboratory and office space in the School of Social Work for the conduct of their own research projects.

We typically admit four to six doctoral students each academic year. While full-time commitment to the program is encouraged part-time study is available for employed social work professionals. Graduate student fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis, and research assistantships are often available through faculty grants. A list of some anticipated opportunities are enclosed. Teaching fellowships are awarded to students who have demonstrated competence in areas where assistance is needed for courses. Travel funds are available for students to present papers at national professional conferences and attend dissertation proposal workshops offered by foundations and governmental agencies.

Applicants to our program must have an earned master's degree in social work or a related discipline and have professional or practice-related experience relevant to their career goals. A completed application for admission and financial aid is due by January 15th in order to begin study in September of that year. A complete application consists of: a graduate student application form and fee, college/university transcripts, graduate record exam (GRE) scores, personal statement, writing sample, and letters of recommendation. Applications from foreign students require demonstration of a high level of competence in English (TOEFL).

If you have any further questions about our Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Sociology and Social Work, please feel free to contact me directly at 617/353-3748 or email mcollins@bu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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