Admissions
The deadlines apply to both the MPP and graduate certificate programs.

Fall Application Deadlines
March 1: Priority deadline for scholarships
June 15: International application deadline
August 1: Domestic application deadline

Spring Application Deadlines
October 15: Priority deadline for scholarships
November 1: International application deadline
December 1: Domestic application deadline

Scholarships
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• EITM Summer Institute & ICPSR Summer Workshops

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• Civic Engagement Boot Camp
• Civic Houston Internship Program (CHIP)
• CONNECT Program
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• Hobby Fellows in Austin
• Leland Fellows in Washington, D.C.
• Social Economy & Enterprise Academy Internship

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