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Doctorate in Urban and Regional Planning and Design
The doctoral program in urban and regional planning and design prepares you to conduct research in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. It also qualifies you to teach at the university level in the fields of urban planning, architecture or historic preservation. You’ll find a nationally recognized faculty who share a commitment to multidisciplinary collaboration, intimate classes with individualized attention and a location that can’t be matched. The postindustrial urban area of Baltimore, architecturally rich Washington, D.C., and historic Annapolis all provide a wealth of topics for your applied and theoretical urban planning and design research. The area is also a hub for state and national government agencies, consulting firms and universities—all potential future employers.
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**Academic Environment**

**Land-Use Planning**

**Urban Spatial Structure**

**Economic Development**

**Urban Design**

**Urban Community**

**Social Development**

**Suggested Specializations**

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### Doctoral Program

**Year program was founded**

**2002**

**Size of class per year**

**5 students**

### Graduates have gone on to work in the following fields:

**Teaching**

- Bogazie University (Turkey)
- Capital University of Economics and Business (China)
- Hong Kong University
- Hoasen University (Vietnam)
- Mary Washington College
- Portland State University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Illinois

**Consulting**

- AARP
- California Association of Realtors
- Noblis

**Government**

- Department for Research and Strategic Planning (Baltimore)
- Government Accounting Office
- Ministry of Urban and Rural Development (Beijing)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
We’re closely tied to the university’s National Center for Smart Growth, a nonpartisan center for research and leadership training on smart growth and related land-use issues, as well as the U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center, which focuses on creating an innovative economy that fosters economic growth and high-quality jobs in our metropolitan area, the redevelopment of distressed communities and methods of promoting sustainable economic development. Both centers will provide you with opportunities to learn new planning technologies and for research and mentorship from some of the top experts in the field.
Hiroyuki Iseki Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Henry’s research is addressing the connections between historic districts and gentrifying neighborhood change, examining the displacement of longtime residents in the traditionally African-American neighborhood of LeDroit Park, in Washington, D.C.

“I have degrees in architecture and preservation, but the integration of all the disciplines in the school was really attractive to me. I’d be interacting with not just planners or architects, but also real estate developers and preservationists. We all work with the built environment and have different perspectives. The opportunity to have discussions with one another is really, really valuable.”

Iseki’s research focuses on balancing efficiency, effectiveness and equity in public policy with special attention to transportation and the environment. His research team is developing a web-based analysis tool that helps transit planners identify the most important improvements needed at transit stops/stations, based on inputs.

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Alumni Spotlight

Timothy F. Welch Ph.D. ’13
Assistant Professor, School of City and Regional Planning
Assistant Director, Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development
Georgia Institute of Technology

“When I was there, I worked for the National Center for Smart Growth, and that was good applied research that helped me hone my research skills, which was a big help in publishing papers and contributed to me getting my job.”

He took courses in civil engineering, agriculture and resource economics because he wanted to pursue a career in transportation policy.
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