



# Ph.D. Program in Logistics

## About the Program

The need for scholars with highly specialized interdisciplinary knowledge in the areas of logistics and supply chain management has never been greater. The Logistics Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University Max M. Fisher College of Business is one of the longest-standing and most respected programs in the nation. The Ohio State University is located in Columbus, which is the state capital and the most populous city in Ohio.

Our doctoral program takes four to five years to complete. The program is full-time, and all students are expected to be in residence throughout the entire program.

## Collaborative Environment

Our students receive a personalized educational experience focused on developing world-class researchers and dynamic educators. We intentionally keep the program small to ensure high levels of interaction between students and faculty. This approach allows students to be in daily contact with faculty and publish top research papers together with them.

## Program Goals

The goals of our program are to allow our doctoral students to:

- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of the elements of business logistics and the ability to integrate these elements into a systems perspective.
- Develop the ability to design and conduct empirical research of significant scope and value to the discipline of Logistics and Supply Chain Management.
- Maintain a tradition of scholarship and a professional commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service.

### Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>

Top publications in empirical journals of Supply Chain Management 2017-2022, *The Supply Chain Management Journal List*, 2022.

### Ranked 6<sup>th</sup>

The 6<sup>th</sup> best Supply Chain Management and Logistics Program, *U.S. News & World Report*, 2022.

### Program Director



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## Application Process

The admissions process is extremely competitive. Our program requires that all applicants take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). The university requires the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for international applicants. All non-native English speakers who are admitted to the program are required to take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) during their first year on campus.

The application deadline for 2023-2024 academic year is January 15, 2023. The application requirements and the online application form can be found at

<https://fisher.osu.edu/graduate/phd-programs/application-requirements>.

## From Our Alumni

“A department to meet your next colleague, friend or mentor for your academic career. The faculty are nurturing and willing to help above and beyond and yet they allow you to develop into an independent scholar.”

**Dr. Mikaella Polyviou** (Ph.D. 2016)  
Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

“The logistics Ph.D. program is very robust and promotes the independence and growth of students not only as researchers add scholars but also as individuals. During my time here, I was trained by some of the best faculty in the world while the entire department nurtured and supported my research interests.”

**Dr. Abhinav (Sunny) Hasija** (Ph.D. 2022)  
Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

## Recent Placements at R1 Universities

Zenan Zhou, 2022, Arizona State University

Abhinav (Sunny) Hasija, 2022, Michigan State University

Daniel Taylor, 2018, Texas Tech University

Mikaella Polyviou, 2016, Arizona State University

Jason Miller, 2014, Michigan State University

Rudi Leuschner, 2010, Rutgers University

“ The logistics group is so supportive of the personal development and academic success of doctoral students. The logistics faculty members and doctoral students here are like family members. I can always find all kinds of support I can imagine from multiple sources. All I need to do was to maintain strong self-motivation, arm a positive mindset for the bright future, and be productive.”

**Dr. Zenan Zhou** (Ph.D. 2022)  
Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

## Faculty

Dr. Vince Castillo  
Dr. Keely Croxton  
Dr. Terry Esper  
Dr. A. Michael Knemeyer  
Dr. Xinyi (Kate) Ren  
Dr. Annibal Sodero  
Dr. Xiang (Sean) Wan  
Dr. Walter Zinn

## Our Faculty

## Funding

All students admitted into our program are funded with an appointment of Graduate Associate, including an annual stipend. Students also receive tuition waivers, subsidized health insurance, and a waiver for many program fees. Funding is available for four or five years when the faculty determines that the student is making adequate progress in the Ph.D. program.

