

research on conflict and collective action

apply to the
rocca lab!

participate in rigorous social science research that
inspires public solutions to global questions.

What is ROCCA?

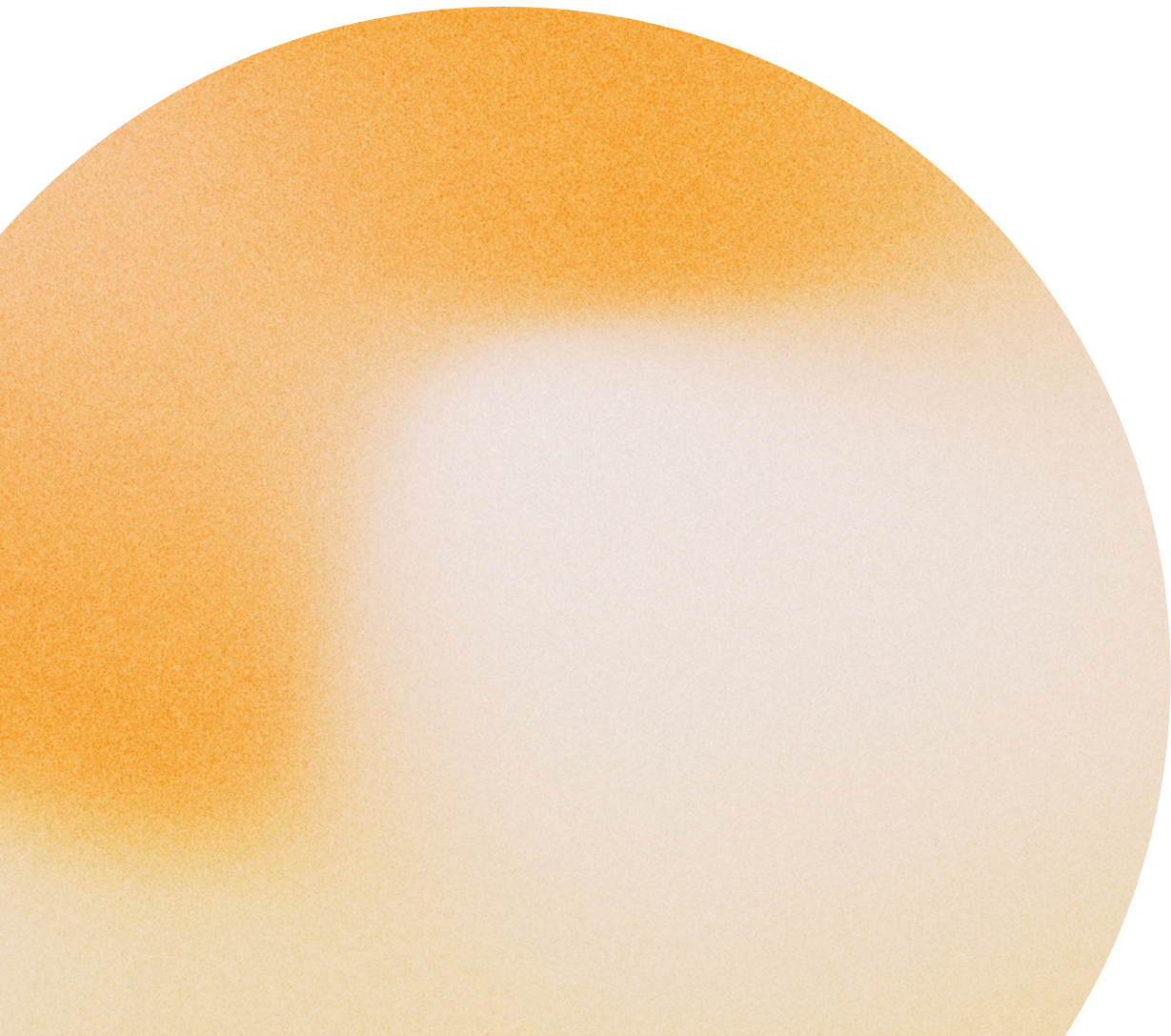
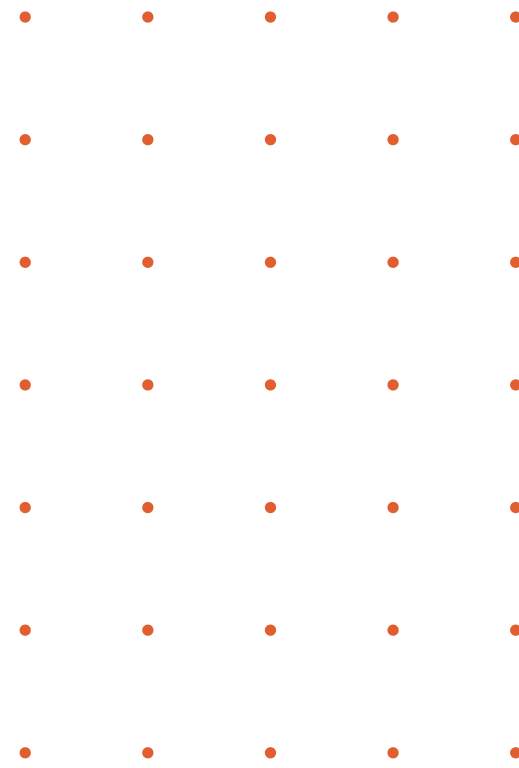
our mission is to collaboratively produce rigorous research on political violence and collective action problems while helping students to develop skills that render them stronger candidates for graduate school and professional careers.

Projects

click [here](#) to read the descriptions of our current research projects this semester!

Researchers

[meet](#) our wonderful faculty as well as our graduate and undergraduate researchers!

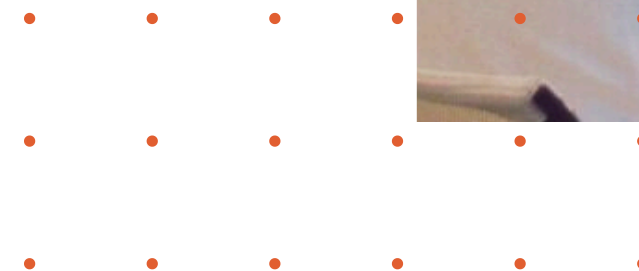


Collaboration with Faculty Mentors

the lab is helmed by ten faculty members from the Departments of Political Science, Economics, and Anthropology with Emily Ritter serving as the Director of the lab.

faculty members lead projects on terrorism, refugees, protest, war, and many other topics while guiding members through the research process.

there are weekly team meetings with mentors and your peers where you share progress updates and discuss the successes and struggles you encountered throughout the research process.



Potential Lab Tracks



Paid Research

Spots are limited, but there are paid positions thanks to funding from Vanderbilt Seeding Success.



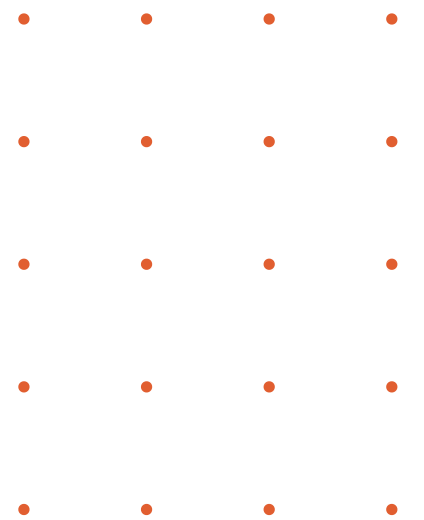
Independent Study

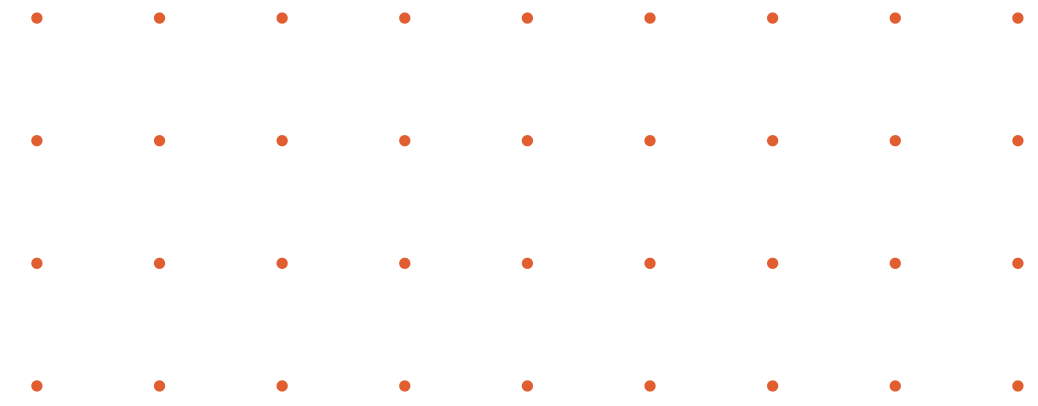
Although the course is preferred, you can instead enroll as part of an independent study.



Research Course (Recommended)

Enroll in PSCI 2171 (a 3 credit hour course) to develop your research skills and participate in professionalization workshops. Complete assignments and engage in discussions centered around conducting team-based research.





Immersion Vanderbilt

participating in the ROCCA lab can serve as a means of fulfilling the Immersion Vanderbilt requirement.





Day in the life of a ROCCA'teer



Monday

rocca course:
9:05-10:20am

Tuesday

outreach team
meeting:
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesday

rocca course:
9:05-10:20am

Thursday

bureaucratic
repression team
meeting:
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday

own time:
complete
research
assignment for
two teams



Info Session!

join us to learn more about the ROCCA lab
and to ask any questions you may have.

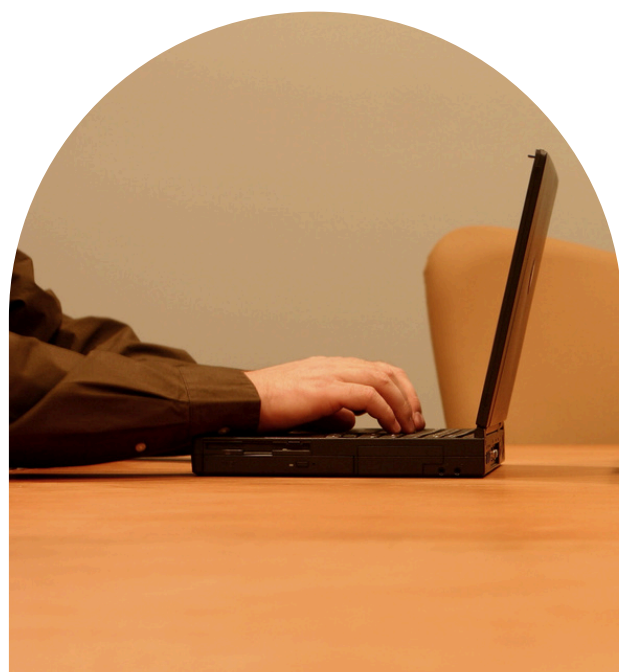
hear from the Immersion Vanderbilt office
and current lab members who are using
ROCCA to fulfill the project requirement.

When: March 20th, 2025, 4:30-5:30 PM

Where: Commons 320

see you there!

How to Apply



Application Link

the application can be found on the [ROCCA website](#)



Format

it is a quick application consisting of a few short-answer questions, multiple-choice questions, an academic transcript, and a writing sample.



Deadline

make sure to have your application in before **March 25th @ 11:59 PM!**

Contact us!

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please reach out with
any questions or
concerns you have!



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