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**Position**

Graduate Assistant, The School of Public Service

**About**

As a 2023 Chaddick Scholar originally from India, my journey is fueled by a fervent passion for public service, particularly in the realms of urban and transportation planning. At the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development, my focus is on creating sustainable, thriving urban spaces through innovative, inclusive strategies. Here's to forging partnerships and embarking on a transformative journey towards building resilient, vibrant communities for a sustainable future!

**Notable memory**

One cherished memory as a Chaddick Scholar was the day Professor Joseph Schwieterman invited us to his home. There, amidst the comforting aroma of a hearty lunch, our conversations flowed freely, mingling laughter with profound insights. In that cozy setting, with the soft hum of camaraderie in the air, we discovered not just wisdom, but a sense of belonging that remains etched in my heart.