Curatorial Studies

Carleton's Graduate Diplomas in Curatorial Studies offer students both the disciplinary expertise and applied skills sought by cultural institutions today. Our interdisciplinary program spans the arts, social sciences and sciences, exposing students to a wide range of museological and curatorial issues and environments. Through our strong relationships with museums, galleries and festivals in the National Capital Region, students receive hands-on, disciplinespecific training and exposure to professional best practices. As Maclean's reported in its 2018 College and University issue, the program is preparing students for the "museums of the future".

Our program offers two Graduate Diplomas in Curatorial Studies to domestic and international students. The Type 2 Diploma is designed for students seeking practical skills in addition to an MA or PhD at Carleton, and will provide a combination of academic training and professional skills unique in Canada. The stand-alone Type 3 Diploma is designed for practitioners who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills, and students who wish to supplement their academic qualifications with practical training. Both diplomas include a two-semester **practicum** component.

Carleton University is located in the heart of Canada's National Capital Region, with a large concentration of galleries, museums, and heritage and arts organizations. Significant components of the program are delivered in collaboration with professionals from these institu-



tions, both on campus at the Carleton University Art Gallery, and in the field. These opportunities afford our students both real-world experience and excellent employment networks.

Degrees Offered

Graduate Diplomas

Career Options

Students who complete a Graduate Diploma in Curatorial Studies are well-placed to pursue careers in art galleries and museums of anthropology, history, nature, science, war, etc. as well as in dance, film or music programming, government, heritage conservation, auction houses and commercial galleries. These sectors, which are rapidly expanding worldwide, are seeking knowledgeable, welltrained curators able to balance theory and practice. Many Carleton alumni have gone on to successful curatorial careers and constitute an influential network in the field.

Application Deadline

Complete applications received by March 15 will be assessed by mid-April. Applications can be submitted after March 15 up until August 1, but they will only be assessed if space remains in the program. During this time frame, please contact curatorial@carleton.ca to confirm availability.

Admission Requirements

An honours bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, in a related discipline, with a B+ standing. Students pursuing a Type 2 Diploma must also fulfill the admission requirements of their degree program. Professionals interested in the Type 3 Diploma who do not satisfy this degree requirement must demonstrate relevant professional excellence. The applicability of previous coursework and/or professional experience will be determined on an individual basis.

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