

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ECONOMICS

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SHAPE YOUR FUTURE BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Department of Economics offers graduate programs of research and training leading to master's (MA) and doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees.

MA in ECONOMICS

When you join us for an MA at Carleton you can choose among five different programs including our regular MA or specializations in either Financial Economics, Data Science, African Studies, or Climate Change. All our programs can be completed in one year, though if you need some extra preparation you can enter through our Extended MA or the post-baccalaureate diploma, which are alternative on-ramps to the MA.

A popular option among many students is our internship program that allows you to study part-time for one or two semesters while you complete a placement with a partner organization. These paid internships will give you valuable work experience and are a great way to transition into the workforce after graduation.

Our graduate placements in recent years speak to the quality of our program and success of our students. We have had students placed at the Bank of Canada, the Competition Bureau, Natural Resources Canada, Scotia Bank, Statistics Canada, Alterna Credit Union, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Environment and Climate Change Canada, among others. Our MA also provides strong preparation for doctoral studies for students interested in continuing their graduate work. Many of our students have joined PhD programs at top universities in Canada and abroad.

“ While studying in the OCGSE program, I was able to develop research, teaching and networking skills that would prove invaluable in my academic career. ”

— Florian Richard, Ph.D. Graduate (2023), Assistant Professor, Laval University.

PH.D. in ECONOMICS

The Ph.D. program is a joint program with the Economics Department at the University of Ottawa. The program provides students with the highest level of training and supervision from about 60 faculty members in both departments, making it one of the largest programs in North America. Our innovative coursework that emphasizes original research activities from an early stage of the program helps transition from a student to a researcher. Our faculty members, renowned for their research, are dedicated to supervising students. Many candidates present their work at top Canadian and international conferences and have academic presentations before graduation. Our graduates go on to successful careers in academia as well as the public and private sectors. (<https://carleton.ca/economics/graduate-studies/phd-program/job-market-candidates/>).




RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Economics in the Faculty of Public and Global Affairs at Carleton University is a research-intensive academic unit that houses the Center for Monetary and Financial Economics (<https://carleton.ca/cmfe/>) and Carleton Economics Laboratory for Behavioral and Experimental Research (<https://carleton.ca/economics/research/celber/>). Our faculty members' successful records of receiving research grants create ample research assistant opportunities.

CAPITAL ADVANTAGE

Ottawa is home to government departments, foreign embassies and country-wide associations, as well as research institutes and non-governmental organizations involved in public policy and international issues. This gives unique advantages to our programs. Students benefit from networking opportunities with researchers from these organizations and observing how economic analyses and policymaking are integrated.

Our graduates often accept positions with these organizations even before they graduate. Our programs also provide unique opportunities for those who are currently working in these organizations to pursue a higher degree.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The normal requirement for admission into our Ph.D. program is a master’s degree (or the equivalent) from a recognized university with an average of A- or higher.

The normal requirement for admission into our MA program is a BA (Honours) degree (or the equivalent) from a recognized university with an average grade of B+ or higher.

Details of the specific program requirements can be found on our website.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You need to provide the following documents:

- Two letters of reference
- Statement of Intent
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.
- If applicable, a copy of your English-language test results
- CV/Resumé
- GRE test results are not required. However, it is recommended that international students provide a GRE test result.

Note: Official documents (transcripts, test scores) will be required if you are accepted into our program.

APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES

Details about how to apply are available here: <https://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online/>

The applicant deadline to be considered for Fall admission/funding is **February 1**.

The applicant deadline to be considered for Winter admission/funding is **August 1** for international students and **December 15** for domestic students. Note that there is no winter admission into the Ph.D. program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For admission into Carleton’s graduate programs, you will need to demonstrate that your knowledge and use of English are strong enough for graduate studies at an English-language university. For a listing of the Department of Economics minimum English-Language requirements, please go to: (<https://carleton.ca/economics/graduate-studies/english-proficiency-requirements/>).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Generous funding is available in the form of teaching/research assistantships and scholarships based on academic excellence. We encourage students to compete for scholarships from OGS, NSERC or SSHRC. Applicants who apply after February 1 may still be considered for funding, if funding is available.

For additional information on scholarships visit (<https://graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance/>).



“ I really enjoyed this joint Ph.D. program, as it allowed me to receive constant guidance, invaluable feedback, and helpful comments from professors with expertise in various fields of economics at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. ”

— Jingjing Xu, Ph.D. Graduate (2022), Assistant Professor, King’s University College, Western University.