

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN Psychology

Carleton's graduate programs in psychology train students to use the scientific method to study mind and behaviour. Both of our graduate programs are distinctive because of their focus on research skills. Our students become experts in finding, reviewing and synthesizing information, in building experiments, in advanced data analysis and in presenting the results of their research to lay people and specialists.

The Master of Arts (MA) program allows students to gain the essential tools to conduct empirical research, while the PhD is strongly research-oriented and emphasizes hands-on training. A specialization in Data Science and a Concentration in Mental Health and Well-Being are available at the MA level and a Concentration in Quantitative Methodology is available at the PhD level.

In addition to exciting opportunities for developing research collaborations within the department and across the university, students can enrol in a range of graduate courses and participate in community practica.

Our faculty and students conduct cutting-edge research in a variety of fields, including cognitive, developmental, forensic, health, organizational, personality and social psychology. Some examples of research questions include:

- Are healthier employees more productive and engaged employees?
- How do people adapt to life-changing events?

- Should introverts act more like extraverts?
- Can future violent behaviour be predicted?
- How can virtual reality be used to train pilots?
- How does understanding children's thinking help teachers and parents?
- How does sports participation impact a child's self-esteem?
- How can unhealthy behavior be modified?

Degrees Offered

MA, PhD

Career Options

Graduates from the MA program are well prepared to pursue doctoral studies. Graduates from both our MA and PhD programs have found employment as social science researchers in a variety of venues including academia (postdoctoral research positions and tenure-track faculty positions), federal government agencies (Department of National Defence, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, National Research Council, Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Transport Canada), educational settings (school boards, early childhood agencies), health-related agencies, hospital settings (the Eye Institute at the Ottawa General Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) and private companies such as Telus Health Solutions.

Our students focus on research and solving real-world problems.



Application Deadline

January 15, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

MA: An honours BA or BSc in psychology, or equivalent, with at least an A- in psychology, completion of an honours research thesis, advanced statistics and credit in a breadth of courses in line with the psychology major.

PhD: A master's degree in psychology, or equivalent, with at least an A- average, and the completion of a research thesis.

Admission to our programs is highly competitive and meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

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