

# Psychology: MA, PhD

## Applied Social Psychology

The Department of Psychology at the University of Guelph offers a unique field in Applied Social Psychology (ASP) designed to prepare students for research careers in a wide range of applied and academic settings. Our ASP field has a strong social justice orientation and is best suited to students who wish to investigate social processes and problems, in areas that include: health and illness, gender, violence, prejudice, inequality, cooperation, culture, immigration, intergroup relations, science and technology.

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### Program

We offer both Master's and Doctoral fields. The MA requires completion of course work in applied social psychology and methodology, as well as a practicum in an applied setting and the preparation and defense of a research thesis. The PhD requires successful completion of a qualifying exam, in addition to advanced course work and a research dissertation.

### Research Areas

- Health and Illness
- Gender and Violence
- Culture, Migration and Globalization
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Psychology of Science and Technology
- History and Theory of Psychology

### Admission Requirements

- Honours BA/BSc (or equivalent) in Psychology or affiliated field, with a minimum B+ average
- Senior honours thesis or research project equivalent
- Intention to proceed to PhD

### Application Deadline:

December 15

Entry: Fall



"The program has allowed me to think about what career path I'd like to take by exposing me to various options. I feel a lot more confident about what I'd ultimately like to do with my research career."

– Mamta Vaswani, PhD (2020) in Applied Social Psychology

### Training

Our training is distinguished from other social psychology programs by the following features:

- **Career options:** Our ASP field integrates theory, methods, and applications. Students have the flexibility to emphasize one of two broad goals: research in practice or research in academia.
- **Diverse methods:** Faculty employ diverse research strategies to answer questions related to social issues.
- **Practicums and consulting experience:** Students work in applied settings to conduct research, design interventions, and serve in consulting roles. Practicum placements offer an opportunity for skill acquisition and refinement, developing professional networks, and knowledge translation to meet the needs of host settings. These settings include: government departments and agencies, NGOs, and private companies.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Public Health, Health, and Social Policy
- Gender and Violence
- Science and Publics
- Culture, Marginality, Migration
- Evolution, Social Relationships, and Cooperation

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Applied Researcher
- Research Consultant
- Program Evaluation
- Policy Analyst/Advisor
- Tenure-Track Academic

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology

Our main objective is the training of graduate students for work as clinical psychologists. The field follows a scientist-practitioner model in which an integrated series of courses and practica at the Master's and Doctoral levels collectively contributes to the acquisition of competence as both clinicians and researchers. Students see clients in our on-campus training clinic, and complete off-campus practica in hospitals, mental health settings, and schools, under the supervision of registered psychologists.

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### Program

Students entering the field do so with the understanding that they will complete a doctoral degree and the academic requirements for registration as psychologists. Our program follows the standards for a clinical psychology program and is accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association.

### Research Areas

Faculty in the CCAP field pursue a wide variety of research topics, including: typical child development and psychopathology, family context, positive psychology and resilience, attachment, self-regulation, child and youth mental health and wellbeing, adolescent relationships and dating, pediatric pain and health psychology, antisocial behaviour, forensic psychology, non-suicidal self-injury, youth risk taking, parent safety practices and injury prevention, intervention, and neurodevelopmental disabilities including learning disabilities and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

### Application Deadline:

December 1

Entry: Fall



### Admission Requirements

- Honours degree in Psychology with a thesis component, or equivalent research experience
- Adequate training in statistics and course work directly relevant to developmental psychology
- Additional experience doing research and working with children and youth is encouraged
- Applicants must clear a police security check and child abuse registry

To discuss the Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology Field, contact:

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### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Clinical and Developmental Psychology
- Psychological Assessment, Screening, Diagnosis, and Intervention
- Clinical Research

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Clinical Scientist
- Clinician
- Academia
- Private Practice

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## Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Industrial-Organizational (I-O) Psychology is the study of how people think, feel and behave at work. More specifically, I-O psychologists are interested in such topics as: recruitment and selection systems, motivation, employee development, teams, performance management and reward systems, fair workplace practices, leadership, and employee well-being.

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The I-O Psychology field at the University of Guelph was developed based on the graduate training recommendations of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) and the Canadian equivalent (CSIOP). The field is unique in Canada because of our balanced approach to graduate education - we highly value both the research and practice in our field and recognize their interrelated role in the profession.

### Admission Requirements

Prior to applying to the I-O Psychology graduate field you will need to complete an Honours Psychology Degree and write the General GRE (Graduate Records Exam). The GRE Subject test (Psychology GRE) is recommended. Because of the research-intensive nature of our program we are most interested in students with a strong background in research methods and statistics. The I-O Psychology MA and PhD field at Guelph form an integrated graduate degree; consequently, only students interested in completing both the MA and PhD are encouraged to apply.

### Application Deadline:

January 4

Intake: Fall



### Research Intensive:

Graduate students develop the skills they need to conduct top quality research by working closely with faculty, who have a variety of active research programs, and by completing an integrated series of courses. Our faculty are leading-edge scholars conducting exciting basic and applied research and our graduate students have a strong record of winning research and thesis awards. In short, our faculty and graduates are working to extend our understanding of psychological phenomena in the workplace and to use this knowledge to improve productivity and the quality of life at work.

**To discuss the Industrial-Organizational Psychology Field, contact:**

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### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Employee stress and well-being
- Inequality in organizations
- Trust across individuals and in teams
- Understanding interview anxiety
- Exploring how organizations manage job performance
- Assessing selection systems for organizations

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Academic or non-academic
- Management consulting
- Human resources
- Applied research

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## Psychology: MSc, PhD

### Neuroscience and Applied Cognitive Science

Neuroscience provides training for students interested in the integrative functioning of the mind and brain. Students are given specific research and course training in their research field and are exposed to broader interdisciplinary research through the Research Seminar in Neuroscience and Applied Cognitive Science. The practicum is a unique feature that provides students with additional specific training in a research laboratory, hospital, government agency, or non-government agency.

[uoguelph.ca/psychology/graduate/nacs](http://uoguelph.ca/psychology/graduate/nacs)

We offer a two-year MSc and a four-year PhD, both of which involve preparation and defense of a research-based thesis. In addition to courses and thesis research, students attend a weekly research seminar, and complete a practicum placement and a qualifying exam.

#### Research Areas Include:

- Basic Cognitive Processes
- Behavioural Neuroscience
- Cognitive Ergonomics
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental and Life-Span Cognition
- Evolution and Behaviour
- Foundations of Cognitive Science

#### Admission Requirements

We encourage applicants with experience in one or more of the fields within Neuroscience, Psychology and Applied Cognitive Science. Students who enter a Master's will normally have a Bachelor's or Honours degree in Psychology (or related field). Students who enter at the PhD level will normally have a Master's degree in a related field.

**Application Deadline:**  
January 15



#### Application Process

To apply for admission, applicants should review the information provided at the links below. Please be explicit about the faculty with whom you wish to work when you outline your research plan in the Psychology Department Graduate Studies Admission questionnaire.

For more detailed information about Admission and Application Instructions, see: [uoguelph.ca/psychology/graduate/admission](http://uoguelph.ca/psychology/graduate/admission)

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#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Attention, Emotion, Learning, or Memory
- Evolution and Behaviour
- Addiction and Sickness
- Applied Cognition, such as Driving Behaviour or Economic/Political Decision Making

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Academic or non-academic (hospital, industry, etc.) researcher
- Science Policy Advisor
- Government or NGO contractor

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