

# Masters in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics: MFARE

The MFARE is a professional graduate program focused on economic, policy and business analysis for a complex world. Students develop skills in economic and quantitative analysis of policy and business problems, and then have the opportunity to apply these skills to real-world problems impacting the agri-food and/or natural resource sectors.

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## Program

The MFARE program consists of core courses in economic and quantitative analysis and a series of applied courses that enable students to tailor their studies to their own interests. Students have the choice of completing a major research paper or engaging in a consultancy project for a real-world client. Students can choose to specialize in two key applied areas of agri-food sector and policy analysis or management analysis. The program typically takes four semesters to complete.

## Program Strengths

The MFARE program is offered by one of Canada's foremost university departments in the area of food, agricultural and natural resource economics. Faculty members are recognized internationally for their expertise and experience, and frequently called on to provide advice to government, private sector and civil society, both in Canada and globally. Through its strong links with organizations outside of the university, the department is able to offer MFARE students the opportunity to complete a consultancy project for an external client. This opportunity not only enables students to apply the skills they have developed through the coursework they complete, but also to establish links with potential employers.



## Admission Requirements

Applicants should have a minimum 70% (B-) average over the past two years in a four-year honours degree in Food, Agriculture or Resource Economics, or another program with a significant economics content. In addition, applicants should have successfully completed, at a minimum, courses in:

- Intermediate microeconomic theory (equivalent to ECON\*2310 at the University of Guelph).
- Mathematics (especially calculus and matrix algebra with applications to economics (equivalent to ECON\*2770 at the University of Guelph).
- Intermediate statistics (equivalent to ECON\*3740 at the University of Guelph).

Further, it is strongly recommended that applicants have completed a course in advanced microeconomic theory (equivalent to ECON\*3710 at the University of Guelph).

### Application Deadline:

February 1

Entry: Fall

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Food safety balanced with trade and business competitiveness.
- Consumer concerns about food and agri-food business performance.
- Climate change and agri-food /natural resource sectors.
- Impact of government policies on the structure, conduct and performance of agri-food markets

MFARE students not only develop the analytical skills to address these issues, but also the ability to communicate such complicated issues to diverse audiences.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Policy analyst or consultant in government, private sector, civil society and/or within an international organization.
- Business analyst in the private sector.

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