Rural Studies: PhD

The Rural Studies PhD Program offers advanced studies on the socio-cultural and biophysical sustainability of rural communities and regions. Faculty engage in research and applied work in Canada and internationally and represent a range of disciplines including: planning, landscape architecture, political science, public administration, geography, adult education, and communications.

The PhD program requires the successful completion of 2.00 graduate course credits after which, students must write and publicly defend a qualifying examination paper and then write and publicly defend a research-based thesis. The program is designed to be completed in 12 semesters.

Research Fields

- Sustainable Rural Communities
- Sustainable Landscape Systems

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a master’s degree (or the equivalent) from a recognized university in the humanities, social-science, or applied-science disciplines.

Admission to the doctoral program requires a satisfactory baccalaureate and a B average in a recognized master’s program.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to communicate with a potential faculty advisor before applying. All applicants are expected to submit a completed background questionnaire.

Application Deadline:
March 1, 2024
Entry: Fall

Recent Dissertations

- Linking Precaution to Adaptive Co-Management to Adapt Rural Water Resources to Climate Change in Ghana
- Career and Community Possible Selves: How do Small-town Youth Envision their Futures
- Innovation Systems in Agriculture: Managing Stakeholder Interaction for Learning and Innovation in the 21st Century
- Exploring The Sustainability of Place: A Case Study of Community-Based Nature Tourism
- A Unique Rurality: Exploring the Role of the Horse Farm in the Post-Productivist Rural Landscape
- Social Enterprises as Agents of Technological Change: Case Studies from Tanzania
- Re-Imagining Food Systems in Mexico: A Case Study of the Mexican Network of Local Organic Markets
- Lament for the Land: On the Impacts of Climate Change on Mental and Emotional Health and Well-Being in Rigolet, Nunatsiavut, Canada
- Planning for Change in the Ontario Countryside: Using Visual Q-methodology to Explore Landscape Preference

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Community Development
- Sustainable Landscapes
- Social Enterprises
- Food Systems
- Rural Policy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Academic positions
- Public sector industry
- Non-govermental organizations in Canada and internationally

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