

Master of Development Practice and Global Justice

MDPGJ

The Master of Development Practice and Global Justice (MDPGJ) is an in-person graduate program at the University of Guelph designed for changemakers who want to address some of the world's most pressing challenges, from inequality and climate justice to food insecurity and systemic oppression.

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PROGRAM

This is a course-based master's program that can be completed within eight months (two semesters). In only eight months, you'll develop the practical skills, critical insights and real-world experience needed to begin or advance a career in development, policy or advocacy.

For individuals looking for part-time study, this course-based master's can be completed in five semesters of study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a minimum average of B (73-76%) in the last two years of study.
- A four-year undergraduate degree in a development-related discipline is preferred.
- Applicants with non-development backgrounds are encouraged to apply, provided they have at least 2.0 credits in development/international studies.
- Completion of a minimum of 3.0 credits in social science disciplines and 0.5 credits in social science methods.

Application Deadlines

Domestic Applicants: May 2, 2026
International Applicants: January 16, 2026

Entry: Fall 2026



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

Tackling urgent global issues, including:

- Inequality
- Climate justice/change
- Food insecurity
- Systemic oppression

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- International and community development
- NGOs and humanitarian organizations
- Government and multilateral agencies
- Advocacy and policy organizations
- Corporate social responsibility

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