

History: MA, PhD

The Tri-University Graduate Program in History is the second largest History graduate program in Canada, linking Guelph with Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo. Our students benefit from access to expertise at all three institutions, and close student-professor relationships foster high quality research and support students' success.

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PROGRAM

We offer both Master's and Doctoral programs.

Master's options include:

- MA with course work and an optional major research paper (3-4 semesters)
- MA with course work and a research thesis (4-5 semesters)

MA-level research options correspond to our faculty's broad expertise.

PhD studies:

The Tri-University Doctoral Program requires sufficient knowledge of a second language and the successful completion of a qualifying exam, a colloquium, major and minor fields, and a dissertation in one of nine areas of research.

Collaborative Specialization options include:

- One Health
- International Development Studies
- Sexualities, Genders and Bodies

FACULTY EXPERTISE

- Canadian History
- Scottish History
- European History
- Medieval History
- Indigenous Histories of Turtle Island
- Rural and environmental history
- History of tourism and travel
- History of science and medicine
- Gender history

Application Deadline:

April 30, 2026

Entry: Fall



Historians often joke about working alone or in isolation, but I never felt alone in the History department. My advisor, the graduate coordinator, and the administrative team supported me through various personal and academic challenges. The program took it into account that I am a whole person with non-academic priorities and provided access to numerous professional development opportunities that prepared me for professional and academic roles. I feel incredibly lucky to have studied at the University of Guelph!

– Chelsea Larsson, PhD History (2022)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Academic transcripts & CV
- Statement of research intent describing proposed area of study
- Referees (2 for MA, 3 for PhD)
- Academic writing sample
- International applicants may be required to provide TOEFL scores

MA:

- Degree in history, or equivalent, with at least a second class (B) average

PhD:

- Master's degree in History, or related field, with at least an "A-" standing

FUNDING

Eligible MA students receive guaranteed financial support in the form of teaching assistantships and scholarships.

Eligible PhD students receive substantial multi-year financial support.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Health and healing
- Food, culture and the environment
- Books and archives
- War and society
- Protest, social movements and change

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Museums and archives
- Government and the Law
- Private sector/start ups
- Media & journalism
- Education

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