

# 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.

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## Program

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:

[See website for dates](#)

Entry Fall:



## Recent Dissertations

- *Between Dreams and Reality: Exploring Rural Youth Aspirations and Life-Courses in Contested Contexts: A Case Study from Rural Colombia*
- *Strengthening Rural Health and Wellbeing in Times of Change: Learning for the Future*
- *A Comparative Mixed Methods Study On An Integrated Systems Framework Of Public Water System Governance In Ontario Canada*
- *Weed, Greed and the Need for Reconciliation: Cannabis Legalization and the Case of the Rural Kootenay, BC Region*
- *Eeyou Meechum is Everything" Finding Miyo Pimâtisiwin Meechum: The Good Life of Food in Eeouch Ways of Knowing*
- *The Early Settlement Experiences of Syrian Families in Southwestern Ontario*
- *The Impacts of On-Farm Diversification To The Family Farm and the Intersection with Land Preservation And Public Planning Policy In Ontario*
- *Indigenous Climate Futures: Alternative Visions for Nature-Based Solutions*
- *Place, Power, and Policy in the 'Nuclear North': A Critical Comparative Analysis of Policy Narratives about Rural Innovation Systems Anchored by the Nuclear Energy Sector in Scotland and Canada*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

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

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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