

Social Practice and Transformational Change: PhD

Become immersed in a culture of collaboration with emphasis on community engaged scholarship and bridge the gap between theory and practice. This program has been designed to stimulate interdisciplinary examination and critical theorization of social practice and its relationship to policy, programs and transformational change. With the creation of an Individual Development Plan (IDP), the program is deeply learner-centred with built-in flexibility.

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PROGRAM

A unique feature of this program is your active participation in a community of practice (CoP), conceptualized as a collaborative, dynamic, active learning group. Students must successfully complete the following degree requirements:

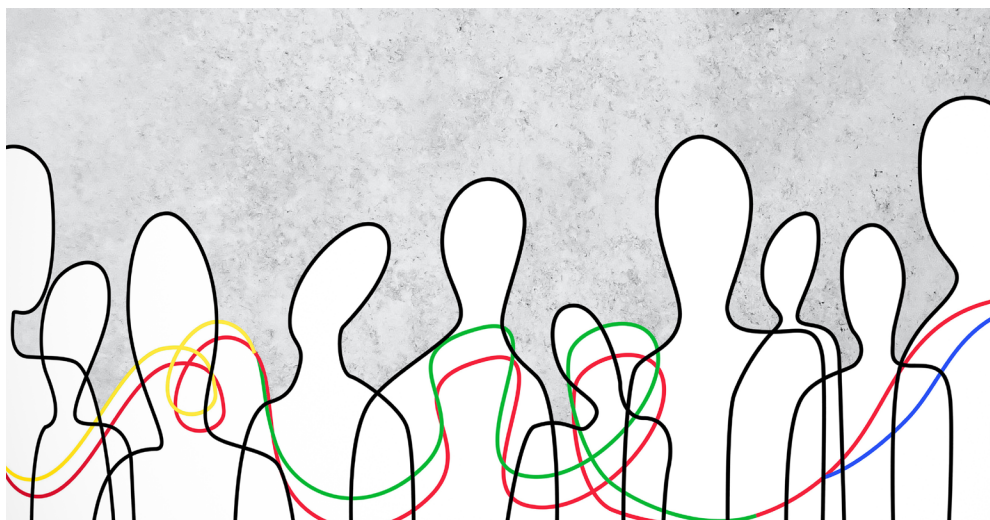
- 1.5 coursework credits in: Social Practice and Transformational Change; Methodologies Lab, Critical Community Engaged Scholarship
- Qualifying Examination
- Thesis

The program can also be taken with the International Development Studies or the Sexualities, Genders, and Bodies collaborative specializations.

KEY PILLARS

The proposed program is grounded by six key pillars:

- Intersectional and Decolonizing Approaches and the 'Unsettling' Nature of Change
- Feminist, Gender, Sexuality and Other Critical Perspectives for Rethinking Difference and the Human
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Social Justice and Praxis Orientation
- Methodological Innovation and Boundary Crossing
- Community Engaged Scholarship



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a course or thesis-based master's degree with a minimum grade average of at least 78% from an accredited university. Applicants who have not completed a master's degree but have considerable relevant professional experience outside the academy may be considered for direct entry into the doctoral program. If relevant, a portfolio of prior work that connects to your research interest may be required. This could include policy, scholarly, or community activities.

FUNDING

The program is committed to providing a minimum stipend of \$20,000 for all students. Students are guaranteed financial support through teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and/or scholarships.

Application Deadline:
January 9, 2026

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Indigenous knowledge
- Social justice
- Community engaged scholarship
- Feminist, gender, and sexuality studies
- Innovative methodologies
- Changemaking

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Research
- Teaching
- Government (local and national)
- Philanthropy and non-profit organizations

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