

Master of Arts in Psychology

Our graduate program has been designed to provide intensive research training and to develop the capacity for a critical and scholarly approach to issues in each of the three specializations. Collaborative work allows students to link across focal areas to pursue the research questions they seek to address.

PROGRAM: 2 years (6 terms)

RESEARCH FIELDS/SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Lifespan Development
- Social / Personality

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Successful completion of an Honours Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, in Psychology or Neuroscience with a minimum average of 78%. Successful applicants typically have achieved an average of at least 80% in each of their last two years of undergraduate study. An empirical Honours thesis, or evidence of similar research is required. Scores on the General Graduate Record Examination are recommended but not required for students with degrees in Psychology or Neuroscience, but must be submitted by students from all other disciplines.

Students applying at the MA level should indicate on their application whether they intend to pursue graduate studies through to a PhD so that their application can be considered in the context of their academic goals.

Application deadline: December 15

Entry: September

FUNDING:

This is a funded program.

Our funding packages consist of a combination of different sources of funding including graduate fellowships and graduate assistantships. This year, graduate students enrolled in a full-time, research-based Master's program will typically receive:

FUNDING PACKAGES	
Domestic Students	\$15,576
International Students	\$22,076

Students are eligible to apply for scholarships. For more info visit:
brocku.ca/graduate-studies/scholarships-awards/



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Describing, predicting, and explaining human behavior
- Understanding how and why people think, feel, and act the ways they do
- Brain functioning, development and aging, personal characteristics, group functioning



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- PhD programs in Psychology
- Data management, research design, data analysis
- Counselling, clinical psychology, assessment, mental health, health care
- Education, teaching
- Computer programming



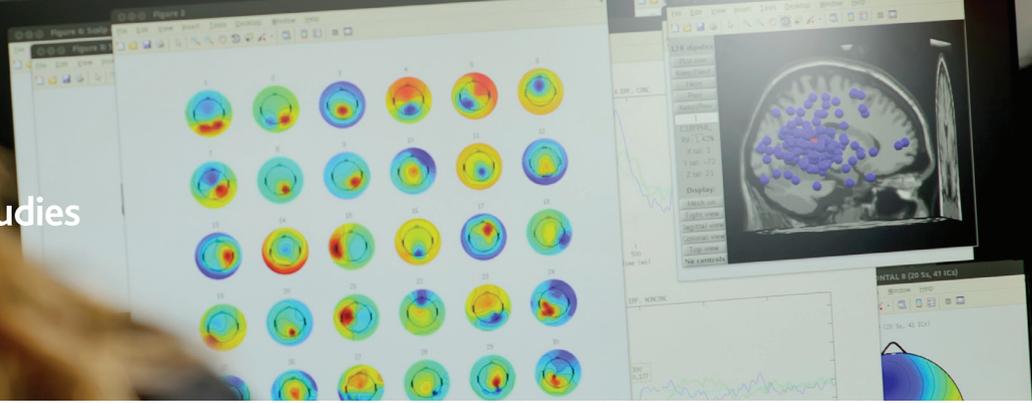
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Research design
- Data analysis
- Data management
- Team work
- Independent work
- Time management

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OUR DEPARTMENT is among the Top 10 Psychology departments in Canada in research productivity and impact. It houses research labs spanning a diverse range of research topics and maintains a large participant pool for conducting research. We are located at Brock University, a midsized comprehensive university, on the beautiful Niagara Escarpment near Niagara Falls, and within one hour of Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo

OUR FACULTY include 24 full-time faculty members who are leaders in their research specialities, and over two-thirds of whom have externally-funded research programs. We also excel in teaching and mentorship, as recognized through university, provincial, and federal awards, including 3M National Teaching Awards .

OUR STUDENTS include 40 graduate students (14 MA and 26 PhD as of September 2018) from across Canada and countries around the world. Our students are highly successful in winning external scholarships and awards through provincial and national award agencies (60% of grad students for 2018-19). Our students are actively involved in research and dissemination, including presentations at academic conferences and peer-reviewed publications.

OUR GRADUATES include over 150 MA graduates since 1992. MA students typically complete their degrees within 24 months. Students develop market-ready transferable skills in several areas, including research design and implementation, data analysis, teaching, communication, critical thinking, and teamwork. In recent years, over 80% of our MA graduates have continued on to our PhD program. Other graduates have gone on to careers in teaching, counselling, assessment, clinical practice, computer programming, and data analysis.

OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURES OF OUR MA PROGRAM include guaranteed funding (approx. \$17500 for each of 2 years) ; note that many of our MA students receive external awards and scholarships which can double the funding beyond the guaranteed minimum. Our small student-to-faculty ratio (typically 2:1) results in close mentorship. Students have multiple opportunities for students to collaborate with faculty and fellow students, both within and outside their primary research labs. Students regularly attend national and international conferences each year and publish their work in high-quality peer-reviewed outlets. Guaranteed Teaching Assistantships (2 years MA) provide opportunities to develop practical teaching-related skills, including seminar preparation, group facilitation, grading, and course management. We offer high-quality training in a collaborative, collegial, and supportive environment