

PhD Program 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 DURATION: 12 terms (4 years)

RESEARCH FIELDS/SPECIALIZATIONS:

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Successful completion of a Master's degree, or equivalent, in Psychology or Neuroscience. Students must have achieved an average of at least 80% in the previous two years of graduate study and must provide evidence of research competence, normally demonstrated by an empirical Master's thesis. Scores on the General Graduate Record Examination (unofficial test scores up to 10 years old may be provided) are recommended but not required for students with degrees in Psychology or Neuroscience, but must be submitted by students from all other disciplines.

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 PhD program will typically receive:

FUNDING PACKAGES	
Domestic Students	\$21,576
International Students	\$31,576

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:

- University professor
- 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



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 PhD students typically graduate with between 7 and 10 peer-reviewed publications by degree completion!

OUR GRADUATES include over 50 PhD graduates since 2002. PhD students typically complete their degrees within 48 months. Students develop market-ready transferable skills in several areas, including research design and implementation, data analysis, teaching, communication, critical thinking, and teamwork. Our PhD graduates have been highly successful in securing research and teaching positions (80% of graduates), including post-doctoral fellowships (50%) and tenure-track professorships (50%) in countries around the world. Other PhD graduates have gone on to careers in teaching, counselling, assessment, clinical practice, computer programming, and data analysis.

OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURES OF OUR PHD PROGRAM include guaranteed funding (approx. \$21500 for each of 4 years) ; note that many of our 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 (4 years PhD) 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