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Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science at Carleton University is a thriving community of professors and students who have a passion for learning and exchanging ideas through the creation, dissemination and application of scientific knowledge.

With strong external funding, award-winning faculty and collaborative and engaged centres of research, discovery and innovation thrive across the faculty. For more information, go to our website: science.carleton.ca

Interdisciplinary Programs

Carleton is known for its collaborative graduate programs, which bring together experts and students from a wide variety of disciplines who approach critical issues from many different perspectives.
Ottawa Advantage

One of Carleton’s greatest assets is its location in the nation’s capital. Ottawa is home to most federal government departments, as well as influential non-governmental organizations. It boast a vibrant business sector and has one of Canada’s largest concentrations of high-tech industries. Many other institutions and companies are also headquartered here. This “capital advantage” provides numerous opportunities for work placements, experiential learning and career opportunities.

Innovative Research

Our professors are experts in their fields. They conduct cutting-edge research in world-class facilities that helps change peoples’ lives.
Professional Development at Carleton

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs offers a range of professional development resources to help you establish your career narrative. These include workshops, career planning tools, one-on-one support and consultation and opportunities to learn from the experiences of Carleton alumni. You can also develop new transferable skills through our skill-focused workshops and professional writing modules. We strive to create a culture of professional development that you can take part in while pursuing all your writing, research and career goals. More information is available at: carleton.ca/gradpd

Meet your Professional Development Team: David Lafferty and Karim Abuawad

Career Possibilities

Our graduate programs not only offer excellent research and practical applications related to your field of interest — they also prepare you for rewarding careers in the real world by providing you with the skills that are highly desirable in today’s fast-paced, technology-driven society.
Hands-on Experience

At Carleton, we offer several opportunities to our students to gain real-world experience that complements their classroom learning. Check opportunities offered by your programs of interest.
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
Biochemistry

Discoveries in biochemistry have been a primary catalyst for many of the advances in modern medicine, pharmacology, toxicology, and in the booming field of biotechnology.

Carleton University offers a Collaborative Specialization in Biochemistry to current or incoming master’s and PhD students who are registered in one of the two participating programs (Biology, Chemistry).

Students will gain knowledge of key concepts and current advances in biochemistry and expertise in the methodologies and theoretical approaches used in many major areas including proteomics, genomics, genetics, molecular biology, cell biology and physiology.

In addition to the study of human cells and tissues, this unique biochemistry specialization offers a broader perspective to biochemistry, covering areas that biochemistry graduate programs at other Canadian universities would lack (e.g. toxicology, food science, etc.). It also covers cross-species comparisons outside of human biochemistry not found in other, more focused biochemistry programs.

Graduate students have an opportunity to work with our award-winning and renowned faculty. carleton.ca/biochem/research

They also will conduct their thesis research in laboratory facilities utilized by their Carleton supervisors or off campus at institutes like Health Canada, Environment Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the National Research Council Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or in industry.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD with a specialization in biochemistry.

Career Options
Graduates will acquire transferable skills required for employment in academia, government or industry. Alumni may also consider applying to medicine and other health sciences professional programs.

Application Deadline
The deadline varies according to the deadline of the participating programs. Applicants wishing to apply for this specialization must indicate this in their application to their participating program (home degree).

Admission Requirements
Applicants must be admitted to one of the participating master’s or PhD programs.

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Bioinformatics is an increasingly important scientific discipline answering the fundamental questions about the structure, function and evolution of biological entities through the design and application of computational approaches. Fundamental research in these areas is expected to increase our understanding of human health and disease, which will lead to innovation in industry.

As a field of research, bioinformatics crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries such as computer science, chemistry, biology, biochemistry, engineering and the medical sciences. Today, bioinformaticians must be able to appreciate significant research in other fields. Carleton University and the University of Ottawa established the Collaborative Specialization in Bioinformatics to meet this very need.

**Participating Programs**

Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics.

**Degrees Offered**

MSc in Biology, MSc in Mathematics and Statistics, and MASc in Biomedical Engineering with a specialization in Bioinformatics.

**Career Options**

Bioinformatics specialists collect, store, analyze, and present complex biological data that can include DNA and genome information, protein sequencing and pathways. They can work in areas such as pharmaceuticals, computer information science and medical technology, designing and manipulating complex databases, creating web-based analytical tools and algorithms, and developing new software for project and research needs.

**Fall Application Deadline**

- March 1, as per home department application deadline

**Contact Info**

Further information can be obtained by writing directly to any of the participating institutes or departments, or the relevant program coordinator.

**Admission Requirements**

The requirements for master's programs that offer the Collaborative Specialization in Bioinformatics are as follows:

- Prior admission to the master's program in one of the supporting units participating in the program.
- A letter of recommendation from the participating faculty member of the collaborative program, which both recommends admission and indicates the willingness of the faculty member to supervise the candidate’s research program in Bioinformatics.
So-FISH-ticated Research

As a child, Laurenne Schiller thought the ocean was full of mystery and, by age four, had already decided to study fish and whales when she grew up. As a PhD student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, her research focused on understanding and evaluating the role of different stakeholders in tuna fisheries governance. Now, Schiller has won the opportunity of a lifetime, a Liber Ero Fellowship, to study as a postdoctoral fellow at Carleton. This highly competitive fellowship supports early career scientists to conduct world-class research that informs conservation and management issues that are relevant to Canada.
Carleton University biology programs offer you an opportunity to work closely with renowned scientists in an academically enriching and collegial environment. Faculty members conduct cutting-edge research at all levels of biological organization, from molecular genetics to landscape ecology.

Our programs are research-intensive. The Department of Biology is equipped with state-of-the-art molecular biology laboratories, an aquatics facility, controlled-environment rooms and growth chambers and extensive greenhouses. Students benefit from our membership in the Ottawa-Carleton Institute for Biology, a joint research-intensive collaboration with the University of Ottawa. OCIB is one of the largest centres in Canada for graduate studies and research in the biological sciences.

We offer a Master of Science degree in Biology, with optional specializations in Bioinformatics, Biochemistry, Chemical and Environmental Toxicology and Data Science. At the doctoral level, we offer a PhD in Biology, as well as specializations in Biochemistry and Chemical and Environmental Toxicology.

“... My time as a graduate student within the Department of Biology allowed me to grow as both a scientist and communicator. Each day presented new challenges which helped build skills useful for any career. The wonderful staff and faculty encourage a highly productive and collaborative environment."
— Kaylen Brzesinski (MSc/2019)

and industrial scientists, lab managers and research technicians, business development officers and analysts, scientific planners and analysts, bioinformatics programmers, health professionals, school teachers and university professors.

Fall Application Deadline
March 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

**MASTER'S:** An honours Bachelor of Science degree with a GPA of at least a B+ (overall GPA or GPA of biology courses in the last two years). For the MSc in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology, you must also have an introductory course in toxicology or take one of the two introductory courses once registered in this specialization.

**PHD:** An MSc from a recognized university is required, as well as a B+ average. A student currently registered for the MSc may be permitted to transfer to the PhD program following a recommendation by the departmental graduate committee and successful completion of the qualifying examination required of PhD candidates.

Prior to applying to a program, applicants must contact individual faculty members to see if they would be willing to act as their research thesis supervisor. A list of faculty is available at: carleton.ca/biology/facultystaff-listing/faculty

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Career Options

Career paths include opportunities in education; the public sector, hospitals and regulatory agencies; or in the private sector working with medical device manufacturers, sports/fitness equipment manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, or in rehabilitation/orthopaedic engineering. There are also opportunities in the non-profit sector. At the PhD level, careers may be more research-focused, e.g. biomedical data analysis, novel medical devices research and design, and simulation and modeling of diseases and biological systems. Several students interact with clinicians, healthcare organizations, or industrial partners as part of their research project.

Fall Application Deadline

March 1, to be considered for funding

Admission Requirements

MASTER’S: a four-year bachelor’s degree in engineering, science, computer science, or a related discipline, with an average of at least B+.

PHD: A master’s degree with a thesis in engineering, science, computer science, or a related discipline, with an average of at least B+.

Degrees Offered

MASc, MEng, PhD
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN

Chemical and Environmental Toxicology

Toxicology is the study of the effects of toxic substances on living systems. These toxic substances can either be organic or inorganic and synthetic or natural materials. As a field of research, it crosses the traditional disciplinary boundaries of chemistry, biology, and environmental sciences. Environmental toxicology further extends to aspects of chemical transport, fate, persistence, and biological accumulation of toxic substances and their effects at the population and community levels.

Carleton University and the University of Ottawa offer a Master of Science or PhD with a Specialization in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology through the management of a committee of representatives from the Ottawa-Carleton Institute for Biology, the Ottawa-Carleton Chemistry Institute and the Ottawa-Carleton Geoscience Centre.

Participating Programs
Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD with a specialization in chemical and environmental toxicology

Career Options
The Ottawa area is home to numerous environmental and biotechnology companies. Different government departments are involved with the research that leads to environmental legislation and regulations, and over 100 companies are conducting research in medical, agricultural, and environmental biotechnology. Associations with these organizations, as well as with the National Capital Commission, national museums, and the National Research Council Canada, provide an unparalleled background for study and career opportunities in this field.

Fall Application Deadline
March 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

MSC: Applicants should apply to the primary participating department that is the most appropriate to their research interests. Once accepted and registered in one of the departments, students must be sponsored into the Collaborative Specialization in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology by a faculty member involved in the program. This will normally be the student's thesis supervisor, who will need to write a letter of recommendation which both recommends admission and indicates their willingness to supervise the student's research program in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by writing directly to any of the participating departments or to the program coordinator.

PHD: Prior admission to the PhD program in one of the supporting departments participating in the program. Accepted students need a letter of recommendation from a participating faculty member who is a member of the collaborative program, which both recommends admission and indicates the willingness of the professor to supervise the student's research program in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology.

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Chemistry affects almost all aspects of our lives. Carleton’s Department of Chemistry is host to innovative programs in analytical, biological, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry, as well as chemical toxicology, nanoscience and food science.

As a graduate student, you will become part of a vibrant network of scientists and have the opportunity to engage in some of the world-class research conducted at Carleton.

We offer a Master of Science (MSc) and a PhD in Chemistry. We also offer a concentration in Food Science. Our chemistry programs are offered through the Ottawa-Carleton Chemistry Institute, a unique partnership between Carleton and the University of Ottawa.

This allows our graduate students to access resources, expertise and faculty at both Carleton and the University of Ottawa. As part of the joint institute, we have the largest graduate chemistry program and the third largest PhD program in Ontario.

We also offer specializations in Biochemistry or Chemical and Environmental Toxicology at the MSc level and doctoral levels.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD

Career Options
Our programs have strong links with government labs specializing in agriculture, natural resources, the environment and health, the National Research Council Canada, world-class libraries and museums, robust high-tech and bio-tech sectors, teaching and research hospitals, industry-sponsored labs, numerous environmental and biotechnology companies, national and international associations and political organizations. All of these have provided our students with a wealth of possibilities for resources, placements and career opportunities.

Fall Application Deadline
March 1, in order to be considered for funding

Admission Requirements
MSc: An honours BSc degree in chemistry, with a B+ average in the last two years and a B average overall. Applicants who do not meet this requirement, or whose undergraduate degree is in another closely related degree may be accepted into the program, but may be assigned extra courses.

PHD: An MSc degree in chemistry. Students enrolled in the MSc may transfer to the PhD program after successfully completing one year of graduate studies.

MSc and PhD in Chemistry (Concentration in Food Science)

Research interests in this concentration are rooted in all facets of chemistry including bioanalytical, bioorganic and biophysical chemistry with a focus on analysis of food contaminants (toxins, residues, microbial contaminants, etc.) and value-added nutrients (novel fibres, peptides, prebiotics, etc.). Careers include positions in the fields of food, nutrition, agricultural, environmental and health sciences. Admission requirements are similar in all chemistry programs. Degrees in food science, nutrition, and related fields may also be accepted.

“Carleton Chemistry is the best. Working with so many paragons of research is a treat. All members of the department are extremely approachable and fantastic to deal with.” — Peter Pallister PhD/16
The School of Computer Science provides a professional and friendly environment where you can gain knowledge, expertise and skills required to excel in the fast-paced and competitive high-tech sector. The school offers a number of challenging graduate programs, which can accommodate new graduates and experienced professionals. Our small class sizes provide more time with the professors.

The school also offers a wide range of research areas and a low ratio between faculty and graduate students enabling students to have close research interaction with their supervisors. Our wide range of research areas includes machine learning, computational geometry, computer security, big data analytics, databases and information systems, graphics, human-computer interaction (HCI), high-performance computing, and networks and distributed computing.

The Master of Computer Science (MCS) and PhD degrees are both joint programs offered by the School of Computer Science (SCS) at Carleton University and the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Ottawa under the auspices of the Ottawa-Carleton Institute for Computer Science (OCICS). This collaborative Institute allows graduate students to take computer science courses at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa for course credit at their home institution.

The MCS program is two years in length. Typically, MCS students engage in a one-year, in-depth research project, in which they specialize in their area of interest. A co-op option is also available to MCS students.

The School of Computer Science also offers an MCS degree in Human-Computer Interaction and an MCS in Data Science.

The PhD program provides graduate students with an opportunity to conduct in-depth research in their area of specialization and become technical experts in that domain. Typically, students will engage in research for three to four years leading to a PhD thesis in their area of interest.

Degrees Offered
MCS, PhD

Career Options
A large number of high technology companies (e.g. Apple, Cisco, IBM, Mitel, Nokia, Shopify) and a large number of Government of Canada departments are located in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. The technology cluster provides students with an opportunity to conduct joint research with the private and public sector. Graduating students have a large range of employment opportunities from research to development in areas such as designing new software security products, creation of computer games, designing animation software, and data mining and business intelligence.

Fall Application Deadline
January 15 (MCS & PhD), to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MCS: An honours bachelor’s degree in computer science or the equivalent (an honours degree in a program that includes at least 12 computer science half-credits, two of which must be at the 4000-level, and seven half-credits in mathematics and theoretical computer science.)

PHD: Admission to the PhD in Computer Science requires a Master of Computer Science with a thesis or equivalent including demonstrated significant research ability. In exceptional cases, students who are currently in the MCS program and who have completed all course requirements with a grade of no less than A in each course may be permitted to transfer into the PhD program.
Hey, Mom! What’s for breakfast?
Hey, Mom! 
What’s for breakfast?

How about a crunchy container of crickets? Around the world, about 2 billion people eat insects as part of their regular diet. Matt Muzzatti, a PhD student in Biology, is researching edible insects in collaboration with Entomo Farms, North America’s largest cricket company. He notes that: “Insects are a sustainable and nutritious alternative protein source, and a potential solution to the problem of food insecurity.”

An Entomologist at Heart

Muzzatti is fascinated in the diversity of insects and their use as model organisms to study questions related to ecology, evolution and agriculture. His favourite method of eating insects is by adding a dash of cricket powder when baking or in marinades.

Research

Carleton is All About Sustainability

Carleton has become a leader in environmental and sustainability action. While supporting researchers, such as Muzzatti, to focus on research in this area, the university has also created programs such as a new Collaborative Specialization in Climate Change.
Mentorship
Looking for Support During Your Grad Studies?

Carleton prides itself on being a close knit community that offers caring support to its students. Each year, seven faculty members receive a Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award for going above and beyond in assisting their students. This year, three professors from the Biology Department of the Faculty of Science were chosen.

Winners of the 2021 Faculty Graduate Mentoring Awards accepted their awards virtually.

Meet Jenny Bruin

Dr. Bruin, pictured with her PhD student Myriam Hoyeck, is part of a research team that, among other things, is working on stem cell therapy to reverse Type 1 Diabetes. Here are two of the comments her award nominees made: “Jenny always goes above and beyond to support us in our work.” “During my time in her lab, I have gone from feeling like a semi-adequate student, to a competent and valued member of a skilled research team.”

Meet Mark Forbes

Biology Prof. Mark Forbes researches in the area of evolutionary ecology. His nominees said: “Mark is an exceptional scientist, and encourages his students to strive for excellence.” “Mark is willing to reach out on behalf of students to experts in the field outside the university and even abroad to establish connections; connections that can lead to fascinating projects and co-authored published papers.”

Meet Heath MacMillan

The MacMillan lab studies how temperature impacts animal physiology. “Dr. MacMillan is ALWAYS thinking of students first, and how to get the funding necessary to support them.” “He has been the pillar of leadership to all of us in the lab and is genuinely an exceptional supervisor to have during the time of COVID-19.”
COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATION IN
Data Science

Join our hub of data science experts and shape the future.

Carleton’s Collaborative Specialization in Data Science is geared at graduate students and high-tech professionals who are interested in understanding how to analyze and use ‘big data’ sets collected by governments, NGOs and industry for purposes ranging from generating personal recommendations for online shopping to improving the efficiency of health care delivery or predicting national security threats.

Students will earn their degree from a participating master’s program with a specialization in Data Science (or an MBA concentration in Business Analytics) through research, project work or coursework that addresses a data science challenge.

More than 130 researchers are working on ‘big data’ projects at Carleton ranging from artificial intelligence and sensor data analytics to improving health care delivery.

Depending on availability, students may also gain real-world experience through internships.

Participating Programs

Biology (thesis), Biomedical Engineering (thesis), Business (concentration), Cognitive Science (research project, thesis), Communication, Computer Science (thesis), Economics (thesis or coursework), Electrical and Computer Engineering, Geography (MSc and MA), Health Sciences, History (research essay), Information Technology (Digital Media), International Affairs (MA), Physics (thesis), Psychology, Public Policy & Administration (MA).

Career Options

Over the next five years in North America, it is predicted that there will be more than four million jobs involving data science. Working with its partners and Ottawa’s tech sector, Carleton is poised to become a national hub for data science research and training, educating a highly skilled workforce for local, national and international communities, and creating the next generation of IT leaders.

Application Deadline

The deadline dates for applications vary according to the deadline of each participating program. Those wishing to apply for the Collaborative Specialization in Data Science must indicate their intent when applying to their participating program (home degree).

Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to one of the participating master’s programs. Requirements vary according to which program a student chooses.

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The Department of Earth Sciences is one of the foremost centres for the study of earth sciences in Canada. A broad spectrum of research is carried out by its professors and graduate students and, over the years, they have made significant contributions across a spectrum of research, e.g. new mineral resources and minerals, including Carletonite; a new species of dinosaur; new awareness of the geologic record of environmental change in the rapidly changing Canadian Arctic; and increased integration of earth sciences and applied geophysics.

Graduate students in the department conduct fieldwork spanning a wide range of settings, including both urban and remote regions in Canada and internationally; and, on land, beneath the surface in mine environments, or aboard research vessels studying lake and ocean sediments. Topics range widely too, including many aspects of Earth’s development through geological history, climate change and/or mineral/petroleum resources; analysis of global seismic data related to earthquake and seismic-risk assessment; and development of new geophysical technology related to earth resources or risk assessment. Many students collaborate with industry and government scientists in mineral exploration, the petroleum industry or in urban or industrial water resource programs. Throughout graduate work, there is ample opportunity to master field and laboratory techniques, with laboratory analyses including an array of state-of-the-art tools related to microscopy, radiogenic isotopes, elemental and mineralogical analyses, geophysics, hydrology and geochronology.

Carleton offers MSc and PhD degree programs in Earth Sciences, as well as a specialization in Chemical and Environmental Toxicology.

Our graduate programs fall under the auspices of the Ottawa-Carleton Geoscience Centre, a joint research initiative of Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. Students have the opportunity to enrol in courses at both universities and benefit from the pooling of academic resources and research instrumentation in earth sciences from both institutions. Graduate students are enrolled in the university where their faculty supervisor holds an appointment.

The large size of the centre and its location in the nation’s capital offer unique opportunities for collaborative research projects with the federal government, and in particular the Canadian Museum of Nature and the Geological Survey of Canada.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD

Career Options
Our students have found fulfilling careers in government departments, private industry and as teaching/research academics here in Canada and internationally.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MSC: An honours BSc degree, with at least a B+ in geology or a related discipline.

PHD: An MSc degree in earth sciences or a related discipline.
The Master’s degree in Health: Science, Technology and Policy (HSTP) was created to meet a growing demand in the health sector for specific health-related skills and knowledge. Close association with external partners in public, private and community organizations is a core element of the program and provides networking opportunities for students. The program also allows students the opportunity to engage in a health-related practicum to gain real-world, hands-on experience in the field.

The program is designed to provide students with the training and skills they need to be highly marketable in the health and/or policy sectors. The 20-month program focuses on the critical assessment of research and policy information, as well as the ability to integrate information from diverse sources and to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, including experts from different disciplines.

The core courses required by the program are designed to provide students with a foundation in research methods and policy; an understanding of the broad, interdisciplinary nature of the research-policy interface in the health sector that includes a consideration of both the biological and social fundamentals of health; knowledge of health technologies; leadership, communication and knowledge-translation skills; and conducting research as a member of an interdisciplinary team.

A key aspect of the HSTP program is an individual or a collaborative multidisciplinary research project that spans the entirety of the program to solve pressing problems facing employers in the health sector.

Carleton also offers two graduate diplomas in this area, one for current students and one for professionals.

### Degrees Offered
- MSc
- Graduate Diplomas

### Career Options
Career opportunities range from working at the health research-policy interface to working for organizations and agencies that seek to influence government policy and priorities, such as NGOs, public agencies, industry, hospitals and community health centres.

### Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be considered for funding

### Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree or equivalent; a university-level statistics course; show evidence of commitment to a career in the broadly defined health sector.

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“I was given the opportunity to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Looking at the prevalence of interdisciplinary team-based work environments, I believe HSTP has allowed me to become better equipped to excel in my future career.”

— Owen McMorrie (MSc/15)
Carleton’s MSc and PhD in Health Sciences are research-based thesis programs. These programs provide advanced disciplinary learning and hands-on, interdisciplinary research in health sciences in new, state-of-the-art facilities. Students develop a deep appreciation for, and understanding of, the complexities of health problems and solutions through a health research thesis and core courses developed to explore interdisciplinary health topics and health science communication.

These programs are designed to meet a growing need for interdisciplinary health research and skills in knowledge translation and data analysis. The interdisciplinary nature of the programs ensures research theses span health disciplines, are informed by expert faculty and external partners across health sectors and fields of research, and that knowledge is communicated to stakeholders across scientific and broader health communities.

Core courses include advanced topics and seminars in interdisciplinary health sciences, and grant proposal writing and ethics (for PhD candidates).

We also offer a specialization in Data Science for MSc candidates.

**Degrees Offered**

MSc, PhD

**Career Options**

The disciplinary expertise and interdisciplinary skills gained through the MSc and PhD in Health Sciences open the door for diverse career paths in education and academia (including scientific research), clinical health careers, the public sector (including public health agencies and non-governmental organizations), the private sector (including pharmaceutical and medical research companies), and with non-profit agencies (including health research institutions, charities, health communications and advocacy).

**Application Deadline**

Students can commence their program in the spring, fall, or winter. Application deadlines (to be considered for funding) are February 1 for the spring and fall and October 1 for the winter.

**Admission Requirements**

**MSc:** An Honours BSc or BHSc undergraduate degree in a relevant field (e.g. science, life/health sciences, psychology, biostatistics or related discipline). Candidates must hold a minimum B+ overall average, but will generally hold an A- overall average.

**PhD:** An MSc graduate degree in a relevant field (e.g. science, life/health sciences, psychology, biostatistics, or related discipline). Candidates must hold a minimum B+ overall average, but will generally hold an A- overall average.

Prior to applying, prospective students must seek out a thesis supervisor from the Department of Health Sciences who will commit to supervising the student. The application process requires that the prospective student and supervisor draft a proposal of the research thesis project, to be included in the application package.

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Human-Computer Interaction

There is no other program like it in Canada.

The Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) program helps students from a variety of backgrounds make sense out of the rapidly changing world of technology. It focuses on ways computer systems support people at work, at home and at play. What makes this Carleton program distinctive is that it is so unique in its interdisciplinarity, which allows students to tailor their program based on a common core. Students can specialize in one of three programs: a Master of Arts (MA) for emphasis on human factors, a Master of Applied Science (MASc) for emphasis on new media technology and design, or a Master of Computer Science (MCS) for emphasis on software design. Students in all of these programs collaborate across all disciplines.

Our research laboratories are outfitted with the most advanced high-tech equipment. Here, you will be able to collaborate with close to 30 researchers on projects as diverse as:

- HCI for crime simulation
- Interactive video games that can be used for exercise or adapted for occupational therapy
- Interactive facial animation
- Teamwork and situational awareness in complex and extreme circumstances
- Human factors in Cybersecurity

**Degrees Offered**

MA, MASc, MCS

**Career Options**

Students graduating from this program can pursue jobs in diverse fields. From designing cockpits for aircraft, to working on video games or designing cell phone interfaces — all the way to exploring e-commerce purchasing — if you can dream it, this degree can help prepare you for a job in that area. No technology is off limits.

Students who have studied HCI at Carleton have found jobs at places like Google, Microsoft, Amazon, RIM, IBM, CNR, Charles Schwab and various federal government departments.

High quality students completing a master’s in HCI may also be qualified to pursue a PhD in their respective fields of study.

**Fall Application Deadline**

March 1, to be eligible for funding

**Admission Requirements**

**MA:** An honours undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in arts, social sciences, business or related areas with at least a B+ average.

**MASc:** An honours undergraduate degree in engineering, architecture, design or related areas with at least a B+ average.

**MSc:** An honours undergraduate degree in computer science with at least a B+ average.

Applicants with a background in cognitive science will be considered for whichever of the three programs is appropriate to their academic background. Applicants may be asked to complete additional coursework in addition to the program requirements. All applications will be considered by the HCI Graduate Committee.

[carleton.ca/hci](carleton.ca/hci)
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
Mathematics and Statistics

Our graduate programs are collaborative, creative and insightful.

For decades, graduate alumni from our School of Mathematics and Statistics have been impacting people’s lives. Join our team and make a difference! We offer two distinguished graduate mathematics degrees: a Master of Science (MSc) and a PhD. There are three pathways at the master’s level: coursework, research project and thesis.

You can choose from the following program and research areas: Applied Mathematics (through the Applied Analysis or the Combinatorics Research Groups), Pure Mathematics (through the Algebra and Number Theory or the Theoretical and Functional Analysis Groups), or Probability and Statistics. A specialization in Bioinformatics (MSc only) is also available.

Our professors are internationally recognized for their research expertise and leadership. More information about individual faculty is available on our website.

As proud sponsors of the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences, our students participate in lectures sponsored by the institute, including the Fields-Carleton Distinguished Lecture Series.

The School is a member of the Ottawa-Carleton Institute for Mathematics and Statistics (OCIMS), a joint institute with the University of Ottawa. Together, we offer one of the largest grad programs in math and stats in Canada. Students can take courses at both universities, while benefiting from the expertise and resources at both institutions.

Our location in the nation’s capital provides easy access to paid internships in government departments and private industry. Our students have interned at Corel, Health Canada, the Loeb Research Institute, Canadian Border Services Agency, the Canadian Institute for Health Information and Generation V, among others. Placements are competitive and not guaranteed.

The school hosts the Centre for Quantitative Analysis and Decision Support (CQADS), which offers a myriad of analytical services to clients on a cost-recovery basis. As part of its activities, the centre provides funding, training and on-the-job consulting experience to qualified grad students and recent alumni. Students work with clients such as the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, Ottawa Integrative Cancer Centre, United Way Centraide Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, Nordicity Group Ltd. and Transport Canada.

“ I remained at Carleton for my PhD because of the undeniable learning experience it had to offer. Being a joint institute with the University of Ottawa and having close ties to the Fields Institute, there are a multitude of high-level courses, seminars and colloquia available on a continuous basis.”

— Jason Crann, PhD/15, Carleton Associate Professor, School of Mathematics and Statistics

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD

Career Options
Our alumni are leaders, pursuing successful careers with most of the above organizations, and elsewhere.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1 in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

MSC: An honour’s bachelor’s degree in mathematics, or the equivalent, with at least B+ overall. Applicants holding a three-year degree, with at least a B+ average, may be considered.

PHD: A master’s degree in mathematics, or the equivalent, with at least a B+ standing.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN Neuroscience

Our students are our top priority.

Discovering how the brain works holds the key to understanding phenomena as basic as breathing or as complex as thinking and having emotions. Recent advances have helped unlock the puzzle of how neurobiological processes impact mental and physical health. Yet scientists have only just begun to understand such processes.

Neuroscience research also reveals insights into how changes in the structure and function of the nervous system lead to neurological and psychiatric diseases. Identification of the determinants of these pathological processes is essential for treatment, intervention or management of diverse neurobiological conditions ranging from depression to neurodegenerative disorders to brain injury to chronic pain to obesity to dyslexia.

Understanding neurobiological processes sheds light on the links between physical and mental health outcomes, and how these outcomes are further affected by traumatic and chronic psychosocial, cultural, and environmental stressors. These determinants provide a basis for prevention, as well as broader interventions to alleviate risks.

Our faculty members engage in collaborative research programs covering learning and memory processes, social dynamics, hormonal involvement in behaviour and pathology, molecular biological processes in disease, brain-immune interactions in psychological and neurodegenerative disorders, and the role of environmental and social stressors on vulnerability and resilience to physical and mental health disorders. Our research covers the entire life span, from the fetus to the elderly.

Our MSc and PhD degree programs train students to design, perform, analyze and communicate innovative research as they work alongside top mentors in a nurturing and supportive environment. Students have access to state-of-the-art facilities in microscopy, histology, neurochemistry, behavioural analysis, rodent and human electrophysiology and neuroimaging, chemo- and optogenetics, and molecular genetic analysis. Cutting-edge human research facilities enable sophisticated quantitative and qualitative approaches, use of epidemiological techniques, and community-based research with Indigenous peoples, disadvantaged groups, or other at-risk populations. Students gain a combination of technical, theoretical, analytic and translational skills that equip them for a range of careers.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD

Career Options
Graduates from our programs can pursue career opportunities in academia, education, and health-related government, non-governmental, and private sector organizations. PhD alumni interested in academia can potentially pursue postdoctoral fellowships leading to careers as research scientists in universities, hospital research centers, and government research units.

Graduates with an MSc or PhD who are interested in health professions might consider careers (in some cases following further education) such as medicine, rehabilitation counsellors, behavioural therapists, speech-language pathologists, public health officers, microbiologists, genetic counsellors, biomedical lab technicians, health planners, consultants, toxicologists, youth workers, or mental health workers.

Within non-governmental agencies, government, and the private sector, career paths may include knowledge broker, science communicator, technical writer, pharmaceutical sales, consultant, policy analyst, patent officer, and forensic scientist.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
MSc: A Bachelor of Science degree in neuroscience, psychology, biology or a related field with a completed bachelor’s thesis or equivalent, a minimum B+ average and research experience.

PHD: A master’s degree in neuroscience, psychology, biology or related field with a minimum A-average.

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The interdisciplinary Northern Studies graduate program at Carleton emphasizes northern environments and societies, and the policies that are developed to govern them.

There are four pathways for graduate students — MA and MSc degrees and Graduate Diplomas (Type 2 or 3) for current graduate students and working professionals.

All of the programs are designed to give interdisciplinary training and experience in Northern Studies and all students are required to begin their studies with a field course of about one week. This is a residential field course that will take place too far from Ottawa for daily commuting. The introductory field course is a prerequisite for the core courses that are integral to the degrees and diplomas. Students in the degree program are required to take a work placement in Ottawa or the North, a second field course in northern Canada, and a comprehensive examination.

Both master’s programs are three full-time terms (1 year) in length while the diplomas are two terms.

The Northern Studies program is a collaboration of six departments: Geography & Environmental Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, Earth Sciences, Biology, School of Public Policy and Administration and the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies. This collaboration allows for a variety of faculty research interests, which can be viewed on the Northern Studies website.

Degrees Offered
MA, MSc, Graduate Diplomas

Career Options
The program aims to assist students and northern professionals who need further academic experience to advance their career ambitions. Career possibilities range from government to private business and non-profit organizations.

Application Deadlines
February 1 (priority placement)
July 15 (final deadline)

Admissions Requirements

- MA, MSc and Graduate Diploma (Type 3): An honours degree (or four-year degree) with B+ standing. Customarily, applicants will have degrees in the environmental sciences, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, geography, or a related field. Applicants with degrees in other disciplines, or without an honours degree, must demonstrate equivalent experience that may have prepared them for the program.

- Graduate Diploma (Type 2): Enrolment in a master’s or doctoral program; letter of support from your supervisor; and a 500-word letter outlining the reasons you want to enrol in the program.

[carleton.ca/northernstudies]
Oh, My Aching Back!

Did you know that one in five Canadians suffer from chronic pain? Neuroscience PhD Alumna Annemarie Dedek is helping to research potential treatments for chronic pain. Dedek placed third in the Carleton Three Minute Thesis competition last year. Stephanie Norlock, a master’s student in Neuroscience, has been using computational approaches to study the mechanisms driving chronic pain within the spinal cord. She hopes her research will lead to new ways of managing and treating chronic pain.
Medical physicists improve the understanding, diagnosis and treatment of disease using the tools of physics. Particle physicists study the nature of particles that make up matter and radiation. Carleton's Department of Physics offers master's and PhD degrees in both medical and particle physics.

In medical physics, our national capital community is closely networked. Thesis projects are available both on and off campus with adjunct faculty in clinical and government institutions. Topics range from MRI, PET, SPECT and x-ray imaging through cancer radiation therapy treatment delivery, verification and dosimetry to biophotonics and radiation biology. Our PhD program was the first in Ontario to be internationally accredited (campep.org).

The theoretical particle physics group is the largest phenomenology group in Canada, studying connections between theory and experiment. We have active research in Higgs physics, dark matter, neutrinos and physics beyond the Standard Model. The experimental particle physics group participates in major international experiments, including ATLAS at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider, one of two experiments to confirm the existence of the Higgs boson. We are building on our success with the SNO experiment with the Enriched Xenon Observatory (EXO) to understand the nature of the neutrino and the DEAP experiment at SNOLAB to understand the nature of dark matter. Our students also benefit from Carleton’s membership in TRIUMF, Canada’s centre for particle and nuclear physics.

Our degrees include a substantial research project which builds on the courses taken. Our programs are linked with the University of Ottawa through the Ottawa-Carleton Institute for Physics (ocip.ca) which allows both universities to offer a broad spectrum of complementary programs.

We also offer a combined specialization in Data Science at the Master’s level.

Degrees Offered
MSc, PhD

Career Options
Our alumni are found across Canada, the U.S. and overseas. Particle physics alumni work in government labs, academia and in industry. Medical physics alumni hold positions as clinical physicists, researchers and academics, physicists in regulatory agencies, and in industry.

Fall Application Deadline
January 15 (late applications will be considered if openings remain)

Admission requirements
MSC: An Honours BSc in Physics or a closely related field with at least a B+ average.

PHD: An MSc in Physics, or a closely related field, with at least a B+ average. Students holding an MSc in a discipline of physics outside of medical or particle physics will be considered. Students who have been admitted to the MSc program may be invited to transfer into the PhD program if they demonstrate academic abilities for advanced research in their field.

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Our alumni are making a difference in the worlds of medical and particle physics.
Mat Roloson, a Carleton Earth Sciences master’s student, is trying to solve a paleontological mystery that dates back more than 66 million years. He and Jordan Mallon, a paleobiologist at the Canadian Museum of Nature and an adjunct professor at Carleton went on a field trip to Saskatchewan to determine whether an older Triceratops species found in Montana gradually evolved into the younger Canadian species (or if their evolution told a more complex tale). Back in Ottawa, Roloson immersed himself in “skull morphology” — more detective work — as he learned how the shapes of Triceratops skulls have changed over time.
Fees and Financial Assistance

Tuition fees are based on your program, your status as a full- or part-time student and your status as a domestic or international student. Fees are paid to the Student Accounts Receivable department after you have been admitted to Carleton and have registered for classes. For more information visit: carleton.ca/fees

Generous funding is available in the form of teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and/or scholarships based on academic excellence. Applicants who apply after the stated deadline may be considered for admission and funding, if funding is still available.

You may also qualify for awards from various donor-funded scholarships provided by Carleton’s generous alumni and sponsors.

You should also consider applying for an external financial award.

More information on financial assistance is available at: graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance

Deadlines

Deadlines for applications vary according to the program. Some programs have several deadlines depending on their intake process. Deadlines for the fall term normally occur between December and March, to be guaranteed consideration for admission and funding. Admission deadlines are subject to change. For the most up-to-date deadlines, visit graduate.carleton.ca.

Admission Requirements

While each program has its own minimum requirements, our master’s programs typically require a four-year honours bachelor’s degree, with a B+ or higher in your major subjects and B- or higher overall. Our PhD programs typically require a master’s degree, with a B+ or better in your courses (including your thesis) and no grade below a B. Please note that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into a graduate program.

Admission Process

In addition to meeting the grade and prerequisite requirements of the program in which you are interested, you will need to submit several required documents with your application. Typically, these include a copy of transcripts from all of the post-secondary institutions you have attended, a Statement of Intent, emails for two or more references (typically academic) and, if applicable, a copy of your English-language test results. Only after you are accepted into one of our programs will you be required to submit official copies of your transcripts and test scores (if applicable). International students who have received an Offer of Admission are required to submit a course-by-course evaluation (WES ICAP) from World Education Services. graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online

Graduate Calendar

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- Environmental Engineering*
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- Technology Innovation Management

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Master of Architectural Studies (MAS)
- Anthropology
- Art and Architectural History
- Canadian Studies
- Communication
- Economics
- English
- European, Russian and Eurasian Studies†
- Film Studies
- French and Francophone Studies
- Geography
- History
- Human-Computer Interaction
- International Affairs*
- International Affairs/Juris Doctor**
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Linguistics (Applied) and Discourse Studies
- Migration and Diaspora Studies
- Music and Culture
- Northern Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science*
- Psychology
- Public History
- Religion and Public Life
- Sociology*
- Sustainable Energy*
- Women’s and Gender Studies

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Shanghai

Master of Cognitive Science (M.Cog.Sc.)

Master of Computer Science (MCS)**
- Computer Science
- Human-Computer Interaction

Master of Design (MDes)

Master of Entrepreneurship in Technology Innovation Management

Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Aerospace Engineering*
- Biomedical Engineering*
- Civil Engineering*
- Electrical and Computer Engineering*
- Environmental Engineering*
- Infrastructure Protection and International Security†
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Sustainable Energy Engineering and Policy
- Technology Innovation Management

Master of Information Technology
- Network Technology
- Digital Media

Master of Infrastructure Protection and International Security (MIPIS)†

Master of Journalism (MJ)

Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL)

Master of Political Management (MPM)

Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)†

Master of Science (MSc)
- Biology*
- Chemistry*
- Earth Sciences*
- Geography (Physical Geography)
- Health Sciences
- Health: Science, Technology and Policy
- Management
- Mathematics and Statistics*
- Neuroscience
- Northern Studies
- Physics*

Master of Social Work (MSW)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)
- Aerospace Engineering*
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies
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- Biology*
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- Canadian Studies***
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- Cultural Mediations
- Earth Sciences*
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- English
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- Ethics and Public Affairs
- Geography
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- History
- Information Technology
- International Affairs
- Legal Studies
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- Mechanical Engineering*
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- Physics*
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- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS
- Architectural Conservation
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- Economic Policy
- Ethics and Public Affairs
- European Integration Studies
- Health: Science, Technology and Policy
- Indigenous Policy and Administration
- Infrastructure Protection and International Security (IPIS)
- Linguistics
- Migration and Diaspora Studies
- Northern Studies
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
- Public Policy and Program Evaluation (online)
- Work and Labour

COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATIONS
- African Studies (Master’s)
- Biochemistry (Master’s and PhD)
- Bioinformatics (Master’s)
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** Program requires application and registration at both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa
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