

School of Social Work **PhD Program**



PhD Tuition Fees & Funding

	Full-Time Tuition/year	York Fellowship/year (if you decline the TAsip)	TAsip + York Fellowship/year for years 1-5	TAsip/Year 6
Domestic	Approx. \$5,100	Approx. \$5,400	Approx. \$24,000	Approx. \$19,000
International	Approx. \$18,900	Approx. \$8,400 (level 1-2) & Approx. \$7,800 (level 3-5)	Approx. \$35,000	Approx. \$28,000

PhD Employment **Stats**

Over the past 10 years since the School of Social Work's PhD program began, we have had **14 PhD grads**

10 are teaching in Universities in tenure track positions

1 is teaching in the College system

1 is working with the Government as the Senior Project Officer

2 Recent Graduates



Overview of the **PhD** **Program**

The PhD Program is comprised of:

- Coursework
- Comprehensive Exam
- Dissertation

Program **Timeline**



**1. Complete
Course Work**

**2. Find
Supervisor/Supervisory
Committee**

**3. Comprehensive
Exam**

**4. Research
Proposal & Ethics
Review**

**5. Dissertation
Research &
Writing**

**6. Dissertation
Defense**

Program Schedule

Year One



Year 1	Coursework
Fall - Term 1	7010 Epistemology 7020 Research Methodology
Winter - Term 2	7000 Social Justice 7030 Data Analysis
Summer - Term 3	1 or 2 Elective(s)

Year **Two**

Year 2	Coursework	Comprehensive Exam
Fall - Term 4	1 or 2 Elective(s) 7040 Doctoral Seminar	Establish Comprehensive Paper Committee (supervisor and second reader) and start working on Comprehensive Paper Outline
Winter - Term 5	7040 Doctoral Seminar (Cont'd)	The supervisor and the second reader meet with the student to provide feedback on their Comprehensive Paper Outline before April 30
Summer - Term 6		- Comprehensive Paper Writing (a max of 4 months)

Years **Three - Five**

	Dissertation
YR 3 Fall - Term 7	Passing of Comprehensive Exam no later than Dec 10
Winter - Term 8	Establishment of Dissertation Supervisory Committee; Dissertation Proposal
YR 3 - Summer - Term 9 - YR 4 Summer Term 12	Research and Writing
YR 5 – Fall – Term 13	Potential February Convocation
YR 5 – Winter – Term 14	Potential June Convocation

Comprehensive Exam

- The Comp Exam critically assesses theory, existing knowledge and research on a selected issue, policy, or problem in the social work field
- The Comprehensive Exam forms the topical and theoretical background of the research question to be addressed in the dissertation

Comprehensive Exam Process

Students will need to complete both

- Comprehensive paper outline (2-3 pages)
- Comprehensive paper (approx. 50 pages)

Dissertation Supervisory Committee

The Dissertation Supervisory Committee is generally comprised of three faculty members. Two members need to be from the School of Social Work and one member is external to the School.

One of the members from the School of Social Work will be the student's chosen supervisor.

A dissertation supervisory committee created by the 3rd year in the Winter term.

TAships

Part of your funding is tied to a TAship either within the school or with an allied faculty

You will be asked to grade, teach, facilitate tutorials, work with course director

It is possible to decline a TAship, but most of the funding package is tied to a TAship

Admissions Requirements

- Minimum of a B+ average from an MSW or related discipline
- Extensive experience in the field and/or commitment to social justice and human rights.
- In exceptional cases, applicants who do not have a social work degree may be considered *if they have a related degree*. In such case, applicants must also demonstrate extensive experiences in social welfare, or community/social services.
- The Application process is currently **open** and will **December 15th 2020**.

Interested in Applying?

Please submit the following:

- Provide a Statement of Interest: (please limit your statement to 5 pages double-spaced) In your statement of interest:
 - Please explain your proposed area of research, the questions you are interested in exploring, and the theoretical framework(s) you anticipate using.
 - Please explain why you believe this topic is important to social work and/or social justice
 - Please explain why you consider York University's School of Social Work to be a good choice for you given your research interests.
 - Please describe any life, community, professional, and/or academic experiences which relate to your proposed research.

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Please submit the following:

- Provide a sample of professional or academic writing (e.g., published or unpublished scholarly paper, conference presentation, or professional report).
- Provide a supplementary information form, which you can upload on MyFile (the form can be found on the website).
- Provide three letters of reference, of which at least one should be an academic reference that addresses the candidate's potential for doctoral level research.
- Applicants will need to submit a non-refundable application fee of approximately \$130



The Application Process opens in October and the application deadline is December 15th 2021

To Apply go to:

<http://socialwork.gradstudies.yorku.ca/msw/msw-how-to-apply/>

For Further Inquiries Please Email: gradsowk@yorku.ca