



Social Work

PhD



The School of Social Work, York University, is committed to social work education which develops practice strategies for human rights and social justice and thus affirms that personal experiences are embedded in social structures. Rich in theory, our PhD program challenges students to expose and examine the functions of social control and oppression, focusing on the ways in which social structures contribute to the dislocation of oppressed and disenfranchised populations. Students benefit from our research-based, critical theory approach to learning, preparing them for leadership roles focused on the promotion of social equality and the pursuit of social transformation. The program adopts a critical perspective, which encourages students to deconstruct dominant ideologies to address power inequalities inherent in society.

Details of Degree

- 4-5 years

Documents to Submit

- › Transcripts (all university studies)
- › References (3)
- › Statement of Interest
- › Resume/CV
- › Sample of Written Work
- › Supplementary Information Form

- › ELP Test Score, if applicable
- › IELTS: 7.5 Academic
- › TOEFL: 100
- › Duolingo: 140

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Admissions Support: fgsapply@yorku.ca



- yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students
- futurestudents.yorku.ca/events/graduate

Program Objectives

- Conducting independent and original research in pursuit of knowledge and excellence in social work;
- Acquiring and expanding knowledge about the range of critical literature in social work and related fields of social research;
- Recognizing the importance of the role of social work in resisting oppression both locally and globally; and
- Shaping public policy and practice based on relevant social research.

Admission Requirements

- › Applicants must have a minimum B+ average from the master's degree (MSW or a related discipline), and have completed at least one social work degree (BSW or MSW). 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.

York Graduate Funding

Current Academic Year

YEARLY FUNDING PACKAGE	
Domestic	International
\$26,920	\$39,144

Funding available for up to 5 years.

Deadlines

Domestic	International
Dec 1	Dec 1

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