Brock University

Graduate Studies

Plan your next chapter

Admissions 2023

Welcome to Brock.

We acknowledge the land on which Brock University was built is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

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Grad Studies

Continue your education with one of our 50+ program options in the **Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)**. We are proud to have a thriving community of over 2,000 grad students, staff and faculty driving Brock's reputation for research excellence.

Our team is here to support your academic and personal goals while removing barriers and ensuring an equitable, and supportive environment. Our ultimate goal is to help you become an innovative critical thinker and ethical researcher who will contribute to the betterment of society.

Meet your leadership team

+ the FGS sidekicks!

Dr. Suzanne Curtin, Vice-Provost and Dean

Suzanne joined the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) family in 2020 after spending 15 years at the University of Calgary, where she served most recently as Associate Dean (Students) in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. She enjoys travelling, VQA wines and catering to her little turkey, Cooper.

Cooper, Suzanne's sidekick

At five years old, Cooper is a small bundle of joy, loved by the FGS team. He loves watching birds, walking his humans and is an aspiring supermodel.

Dr. Brian Roy, Associate Dean

Brian joined FGS shortly after Suzanne in August 2020. He began his career at Brock twenty years ago as an Assistant Professor in Kinesiology and has had a wide array of research, teaching and administrative positions. Brian enjoys the outdoors, skiing and has even competed in the World Dragon Boat Championships!

Wren, Certified Therapy Dog

You may not believe that sweet Wren is only two years old due to her outstanding obedience. She enjoys being an Instagram Influencer and sneaking bites of the FGS teams' lunch (chicken is her fav!). You may find her in the halls of BrockU fulfilling her duties as a Certified Therapy Dog!

Faculty overview

2,000+
GRADUATE STUDENTS

50+
PROGRAM OPTIONS

1st
IN CANADA FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Two main pathways

Research-based

A research-based degree typically consists of a Major Research Paper (MRP) or Thesis.

- Research intensive
- Work closely with a Faculty member to develop and undertake an independent research project
- Can lead to future academic studies and careers
- Funded (more information on page 22)

Course-based

A course-based degree consists of choosing courses to fulfill the aligning degree's requirements.

- Professional/practical degrees
- Assessed off of course-work and exams
- Often include a practicum
- Not funded

Get involved

Mapping the New Knowledges (MNK) Grad Student Research Conference

MNK is our homegrown conference that has been running for 17 years. The conference provides a supportive environment for students to showcase the outstanding quality of the research happening on the Brock campus.

GRADflix

GRADflix is a new video competition that allows current and recent graduate students to share their research through a creative short video (60 seconds or less). The competition invites master's and doctoral students across disciplines to showcase their current research to non-specialist audiences.

Graduate Students' Association (GSA)

The GSA is an independent voice for graduate students on campus with its mission to enhance the graduate student experience through holistic representation and advocacy.

The GSA runs other social and health-forward events throughout the year, including events like Puppies in Pond (therapy dogs), the GSA Gala, trivia nights and other social events. In addition to events, the GSA provide services to grad students — their most popular being the health and dental plan!

Program list

Program name	Degree type			Co-op option	Entry date			Application deadline
	Master	PhD	Diploma		Fall	Winter	Spring	
Accountacy	●		●	●		●		Considered when received
Applied Disability Studies	●		●		●			December 1 (MA) January 15 (MADS/GD)
Applied Gerontology	●				●			February 15
Applied Health Sciences	●	●			●			February 15
Applied Linguistics	●				●		●	January 15
Biological Sciences	●	●			●	●	●	Considered when received
Biotechnology	●	●			●	●	●	Considered when received
Business Administration	●		●	●	●	●	●	Considered when received
Business Administration (ISP)	●			●			●	March 1
Business Administration and Public Health	●				●			Considered when received
Business Economics	●			●	●			February 28
Chemistry	●	●			●	●	●	Considered when received
Child and Youth Studies	●	●			●			January 15 (MA) January 29 (PhD)
Classics	●				●			January 31
Computer Science	●				●			January 15
Earth Sciences	●				●	●	●	Considered when received
Education	●				●			January 15
Educational Studies (Joint Phd)		●					●	November 15
English	●				●			February 1
Game Studies	●							February 1

New program

ISP International Student Pathway

Program name	Degree type			Co-op option	Entry date			Application deadline
	Master	PhD	Diploma		Fall	Winter	Spring	
Geography	●				●			February 15
History	●			●	●			February 1
Intelligent Systems and Data Science		●			●			January 15 (Sept. entry) August 1 (Jan. entry)
Interdisciplinary Humanities		●			●			February 1
Management	●				●			Considered when received
Materials Physics (ISP)	●			●			●	Considered when received
Mathematics and Statistics	●				●	●		November 30 (Jan. entry) February 1 (Sept. entry)
Nursing, Concurrent Degrees (BN/MN)	●						●	October 15
Philosophy	●				●			February 1
Physics	●	●			●	●	●	Considered when received
Political Science	●				●			Febuary 1
Professional Accounting (ISP)	●			●			●	March 1
Professional Kinesiology	●				●			February 15
Psychology	●	●			●			December 15
Public Health	●				●			February 1
Social Justice and Equity Studies	●			●	●			January 15
Sociology (Critical)	●			●	●			January 15
Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts	●				●			January 15
Sustainability	●			●	●			February 3
Sustainability Science		●		●	●			January 13

Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Dr. Kyle Rich

Associate Professor,
Recreation and Leisure Studies

Kyle's research looks at the impact of policy, community, and inclusion/exclusion on experiences in sport, recreation, and physical activity programming. This research has examined programs in urban and rural contexts. Kyle is interested in using community-based and participatory research methodologies in order to help organizers understand and address local issues in efforts to improve community health.

Kyle is currently working on a SSHRC-funded research project looking at regional differences in sport policy implementation as well as a SSHRC-funded knowledge translation project with the goal of enhancing impact and interdisciplinarity in Canadian sport research.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences is dedicated to understanding health broadly to help gain, maintain, and restore it. Through progressive teaching and research, our students and faculty examine topics that range from developing forward-thinking health policies benefiting specific groups, to revolutionary health care delivery that treats the individual.

Applied Gerontology (MAG)

The MAG program is designed for health professionals and recent graduates from a range of programs who intend to pursue a professional gerontological health career. The program aims to advance theoretical and applied gerontological practice knowledge and skills. It prepares graduates to positively influence gerontological health practice, program administration, and the health and well-being of the ageing population through innovative policy and practice approaches.

Applied Health Sciences (MA/MSc)

Students in this program participate in a unique educational experience and gain in-depth training, knowledge and research experience. Through their thesis work, students will benefit from the advanced coursework and robust research experience intended to prepare them for the doctoral level. Students will also be prepared to pursue various career possibilities in health, kinesiology, recreation and sport management.

Applied Health Sciences (PhD)

The PhD program is centred on developing knowledge through systematically evaluating evidence related to the health and well-being of individuals and groups. The program's overall goals are to evolve well-trained individuals who think creatively, can evaluate critically (both their work and that of others), and can conduct research and scholarship at the forefront of their chosen field.

Nursing, Bachelor and Master's Concurrent Degrees (BN/MN) NEW

The concurrent BN/MN program enables students in various fields to receive a combined baccalaureate and master's degrees within a unique, intensive five-term curriculum. The only program of its kind in Canada, the program works to educate students in five areas: professional responsibility and accountability, knowledge-based practice, ethical practice, service to the public, and self-regulation. Graduates are eligible to write the NCLEX-RN registration exam.

Professional Kinesiology (MPK)

The MPK program is designed to train students as leading practitioners in physical activity and rehabilitation. Students will understand the latest evidence-based research to improve function, health and performance. It encompasses innovative lecture and lab-based coursework, professional development courses, and a unique opportunity for three practicums with diverse populations in different settings.

Public Health (MPH)

The MPH program is tailored to meet the needs of public health professionals, health practitioners and recent post-graduate students to enhance their theoretical and applied knowledge through online courses and a practicum. The curriculum is built on the cornerstone of identifying the interdisciplinary elements required to design, implement, and effectively manage public health systems.

Business Administration and Public Health, Concurrent Degrees (MBA/MPH)

This hybrid (face-to-face and online) program is an interdisciplinary initiative between the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences and Goodman School of Business. With a focus on public health management, students are exposed to relevant and complementary health and business concepts. The program also includes an internship, providing experiential learning in the health sector.

Roy and Lois Cairns Health & Bioscience Research Complex

The Cairns Complex is home to leading Brock researchers in Applied Health Sciences, biotechnology, green chemistry, and plant pathology. It houses the Centre for Bone and Muscle Health, which brings together researchers from various disciplines to better understand muscle tissue's functionality and adaptability and how it contributes to health and disease.

Faculty of Education

Dr. Kari-Lynn Winters

Professor, Educational Studies

Kari-Lynn is an award-winning children's author, playwright, educator, and academic scholar. Her research interests include drama/dance in education, children's literature, and multimodal forms of learning. For more than a decade, Dr. Winters has actively advocated for the arts and literacy in her research and practice, including scholarly projects about StoryWalks®, Playbuilding (e.g., Decolonizing Canada, Equitable Education During and After a Global Pandemic), Positive Body Image, and STEAM. She is collecting data for three projects involving multimodal and critical literacies, play/inquiry, and the Arts in classrooms. All these research projects are situated in the Niagara region.

In the Faculty of Education, we see learning as a force of positive change that builds civil, progressive societies. Our programs are built on principles that respect differences, advance social justice, and expand global and community awareness. We give teachers the tools they need to succeed at the head of the class by putting learning at the centre of everything we do.

Education (MEd)

The Master of Education (MEd) program is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical perspectives that have influenced education, as well as give them a foundational understanding of research. Students have the option to choose up to two of six optional concentrations if they would like the opportunity to study a specific topic in depth. Please note this program does not lead to the Ontario Certified Teachers designation, which is required to teach in public schools in Ontario.

Educational Studies (Joint PhD Program)

The PhD in Educational Studies is offered jointly by Brock University, Lakehead University and the University of Windsor. This program prepares graduates to contribute to the development of knowledge and expertise in teaching/learning across all levels of the education continuum, promote scholarly enquiry and participate in the development of methodological advances in the study of education. Opportunities for study in the areas of Cognition and Learning, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and Social/Cultural/Political Contexts of Education.

Dr. Tiffany Gallagher

Professor, Educational Studies, Director, Brock Learning Lab

Tiffany is recognized for her research of students with literacy learning challenges and supporting the self-efficacy and professional learning of educators through literacy, inclusion, and technology coaching. Longitudinal, multi-varied participant perspectives are the cornerstone of Tiffany's research projects. Tiffany recently concluded a 6-year SSHRC IG funded project documenting the role of exemplary coaches which has culminated in a website (**brocku.ca/supporting-coaches**) that will inform targeted audiences in education such as teachers, coaches, consultants, administrators, and policy makers.

She is also the Director of the Brock Learning Lab. Brock's Learning Lab provides K-12 learners individualized, one-on-one assessment and support in the areas of literacy and numeracy through interactive activities and technology. It has a long-standing reputation of working with members of the Niagara community for almost 30 years and is committed to supporting and fostering a love of learning.

Goodman School of Business

Studying business at Brock goes beyond balance sheets and bottom lines. Here, we help develop tomorrow's business leaders who are ready to think critically, adapt to changing business landscapes and look beyond geographic boundaries.

We showcase the passion, perseverance and professionalism of the Goodman Community while providing hands-on experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Bloomberg Lab

The Goodman School of Business is pleased to offer students access to Bloomberg financial software tools that allow for analytics and equity trading as well as data and news services and are considered the best-known interactive financial information network in the world. This resource is invaluable for students studying finance or accounting. The exclusive Goodman graduate student-only terminal is located in the Goodman School of Business Atrium computer lab and is accessible 24/7.

Accountancy (Diploma or MAcc)

These programs are designed for graduates of Goodman's BAcc program. This program will start you on the path to the Common Final Exam (CFE) and your CPA designation.

Diploma: Although you will not be ready to write the CFE upon completing this program for the diploma option, you will only have Capstone 1 and 2 left before proceeding to that exam and your designation.

The MAcc option prepares you to become a strategic and well-rounded professional in accounting and provides you with advanced coursework. In addition, our program covers the content for Capstone 1 and 2 to prepare you for successful completion of the Common Final Exam (CFE).

Business Administration (Diploma, MBA or MBA ISP)

The Goodman MBA is nationally recognized for its comprehensive curriculum, real-world approach and exceptional student support – all designed to help you succeed in your academic program and enhance your leadership skills.

The MBA ISP route is an innovative program designed to meet your needs as an international student, combining an intensive Business English program with our comprehensive MBA core curriculum and flexible specializations.

The Graduate diploma route is designed to develop and integrate the broad-based, functional knowledge needed for career development. Successful students have the opportunity to transfer into the MBA program.

Management (MSc)

The MSc in Management focuses on specialized research that drives our students to be creative and innovative and contribute new knowledge to the field. This research-based program explicitly highlights the role of specialized areas in managerial and organizational contexts.

Professional Accounting ISP (MPAcc)

This program is an innovative answer to your demands as an international student, combining an intensive Business English program with Canadian accounting knowledge. It addresses the demands of the business world that need accountants who can think critically, communicate effectively and respond to challenges around the globe.

Dr. Antonia Mantonakis

Professor, Marketing and Consumer Psychology

Antonia is a consumer psychologist that studies how consumers make decisions. Her research uses experiments – either in her “wine lab”, at a winery, or with online platforms.

One of her recent lab studies looked at the impact of an award versus a review on consumer purchase. The study found that lower knowledge consumers were influenced by the presence of an award (e.g., a medal displayed on bottle), whereas for higher knowledge consumers it could go either way depending on their knowledge of the award source (e.g., Decanter vs. Finger Lakes).

Faculty of Humanities

Explore cultural, intellectual, and artistic ideas from ancient times and worlds to the present, and in the process, watch as your critical thinking, problem-solving and communications skills flourish. Learn what makes us human and how to become better humans.

Dr. Nigel Lezama

Associate Professor, Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures

Nigel specializes in 19th-century French literature and culture. His work on dandies and demi-mondaines in French literature led him to think critically about fashion and luxury as a way for people and communities to challenge the status quo and add value to their lives. To the question, "what is luxury?", he answers that luxury comes from an idiosyncratic investment that isn't always related to expense and rarity or status concerns. Luxury is personal and it is subversive. You can read more in his book, co-edited with Dr. Jessica Clark (HIST), entitled *Canadian Critical Luxury Studies: Decentring Luxury* (2022).

Classics (MA)

The Brock Classics MA program is distinct because of its young, dynamic, engaged faculty. The program emphasizes a holistic approach to the Greek and Roman worlds, encourages the study of languages, literature and history, and assigns prominence to historical context and material culture, especially promoting active archaeological research and travel to the Mediterranean.

English (MA)

The English program challenges students to prepare them for the broadest possible range of career options. Students engage in a critical examination of the power of texts to reflect and shape both communities of origin and communities of reception. They also examine how literary and non-literary texts are produced and used in the often-conflicting discourses that constitute the culture of community.

Game Studies (MA) NEW

This interdisciplinary and interfaculty program is designed to provide students with a well-rounded, high-quality venue for studying and developing games in all their forms. A special focus is on how game studies and design principles can be used in non-gaming fields like education, public policy and healthcare, allowing students to pursue a wide range of options upon graduation.

History (MA)

This program provides students with training in the various fields of history, more generally emphasizing themes rather than regions or timeframes. Some themes include imperialism, gender history, revolutions, labour systems, migration/ethnicity/identity, and the history of computing. The program develops students' critical analysis of both primary and secondary sources, providing the opportunity to explore historiography and methodology.

Interdisciplinary Humanities (PhD)

This doctoral program provides students with a focused context in which to engage with topics integral to the contested notions of knowledge, values and creativity as reflected in the specific fields of critique and social transformation, culture and aesthetics, technology and digital humanities and way of knowing. The program aims to prepare students for future careers in research and teaching or professions requiring abilities in critical discernment and robust application of creative insight.

Philosophy (MA)

The Brock Philosophy MA program is the only program in Canada where students may study Eastern philosophy and contemporary continental thought. The program focuses on the following areas: recent and contemporary continental and Asian thought and comparative philosophy. Students will also become more familiar with post-structural continental thinkers.

Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts (MA)

The SCLA program is an interdisciplinary and interfaculty program that not only focuses on the study of literature from different nations but also examines how literature enters dialogue with the fine and performing arts. Students interrogate contemporary approaches to texts of various types of the possibilities and problems that arise in comparative studies, including issues related to the translation and adaptation of works.

Brock University Design Studio (BUDS)

BUDS provides students with course-based opportunities to complete a portion of their studies within a real-world, collaborative, project-based production studio context that incorporates a service-learning orientation. The space includes a production studio which features a collaborative space and workstations equipped for design and production work.

Faculty of Mathematics and Science

The Faculty of Mathematics and Science at Brock encourages collaboration between its different programs. You can see the groundbreaking results in our interdisciplinary courses and centres for biotechnology and neuroscience.

Dr. Ian Patterson

Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences

Ian has been with Brock's Biological Sciences department since 2021 and has recently been awarded the Banting Research Foundation Discovery Award. His research investigates harmless, insect-specific viruses to try to block infection of arboviruses in mosquitoes. His research has been awarded other funding grants as there is an increased threat of disease caused by viruses transmitted by insects in Canada and globally. He is proud of their current grad student team and is looking to add another. He believes building capacity within their new research group is essential and becoming more competitive for future funding calls.

Biological Sciences (MSc and PhD)

Our MSc and PhD students work with faculty who are recognized on a provincial, national and international level. Students in the biological sciences graduate programs are part of a dynamic, research-intensive environment and are surrounded by excellent facilities and state-of-the-art laboratory equipment for all fields of biological research.

Biotechnology (MSc and PhD)

The Biotechnology MSc and PhD programs encompass the broad chemical and gene biotechnology fields. Graduates of these programs work in the areas of pharmaceuticals and related human health activities, food science and nutritional biochemistry, environment, and energy, as well as in biotechnological-related issues in finance and policy.

Chemistry (MSc and PhD options)

Chemistry at Brock offers graduate students the opportunity to work with large instrumentations, including NMR spectroscopy, mass spectroscopy, ETR spectroscopy, gas chromatography and the HPCI.

Computer Science (MSc)

The Computer Science research-based program consists of one year of coursework, followed by preparing a thesis or project to obtain advanced knowledge in computer science and experience in scientific research. Research can include computational logic and algebra, data mining, artificial intelligence, parallelism and combinatorics.

Earth Science (MSc)

Graduate students in Earth Sciences join a research-intensive environment and work with internationally recognized faculty who contribute to a wide variety of geoscientific fields. Students learn to respond to the needs of world governments, industries and social structures facing global change.

Intelligent Systems and Data Science (PhD) NEW

The PhD in Intelligent Systems and Data Science (ISDS) targets the need for highly qualified scientists to tackle challenges in artificial intelligence and machine learning, integrated smart systems, modern software systems, statistical/mathematical modelling & analytics, and big data infrastructure.

Materials Physics ISP (MSc)

Catered to international students with an intensive English preparation program, it provides hands-on graduate training in advanced experimental, theoretical, and computational techniques of modern materials science. The program aims to prepare highly knowledgeable and skilled graduates, who will be trained as materials physicists and can work as independent workers or in collaboration with others.

Mathematics and Statistics (MSc)

The Master of Science program aims to provide students with an intensive advanced education in areas of Mathematics and Statistics in preparation for doctoral studies or the job market. In research output, the Department is currently in the top three in its category among Ontario universities as ranked by Canadian University Publications.

Physics (MSc and PhD)

In our Physics programs, students gain extensive experience in research, critical thinking, essential communication, and technical skills. This will prepare students for successful careers in industry, academia and other organizations. Hands-on use of our sophisticated equipment provides excellent training and gives our graduates a significant advantage in the job market.

Inniskillin Hall

Inniskillin Hall (named after Inniskillin Winery) houses Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), which is dedicated to the advancement of the Canadian grape and wine industry, as well as other cool climate grape and wine regions of the world.

Faculty of Social Sciences

In order to change the world, you need to understand it. Programs across Brock's Faculty of Social Sciences examine key aspects of human behaviour and interaction through different lenses to develop a full picture. We train you to think critically about the biggest issues facing our society today, from the psychological effects of isolation to the sociological effects of mass protests, from discrimination and equity to sustainability and environmental impact, why words matter, why actions matter, and everything in between.

Dr. Shauna Pomerantz

Professor, Child and Youth Studies

Shauna's research sits at the crossroads of critical sociology and youth cultural studies, with a focus on girlhoods, social media, and gender and education. She has published on various aspects of girls' culture, and is author of *Girls, Style, and School Identities: Dressing the Part*, and co-author of *Girl Power: Girls Reinventing Girlhood* and *Smart Girls: Success, School, and the Myth of Post-Feminism*. Her most recent research on TikTok, co-authored with her teen daughter, includes: "Watching TikTok, feeling feminism: Intergenerational flows of feminist knowledge" and "A TikTok assemblage: Girlhood, radical media engagement, and parent-child generativity."

Applied Disability Studies (MA, MADS or Diploma)

There are three degree routes you can take to pursue Applied Disability Studies. The MA route is a traditional research-based program. It is geared toward students who are interested in research careers and pursuing a doctoral degree. MADS is the only Ontario University to offer this type of degree route. It is geared to current and future professionals. The diploma option is geared towards Master's degree holders in Applied Behaviour Analysis, Psychology or Education and would like to take a Behaviour Analyst Certification Board Verified Course Sequence to become a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA)®.

Applied Linguistics (General MA or TESL MA)

Teaching English as a second or subsequent language is a complex process, with a knowledge base combining such diverse areas as applied linguistics, language-teaching methodology, curriculum design and testing. Our Master of Arts program is designed to integrate these important elements in an educational experience promoting a high level of expertise and professionalism.

General: research-based only pathway (Thesis and coursework)
TESL: 2 research- based options OR course-based pathway

Business Economics (MBE)

A joint interdisciplinary program offered by the Department of Economics and the Goodman School of Business designed to equip students with both theoretical and practical knowledge in economics and business. The program combines academic learning with practical experience through two optional work terms.

Child and Youth Studies (MA or PhD)

A unique multi-disciplinary approach to the study of children and youth where students are encouraged to think and study across traditional disciplinary boundaries. Child and Youth Studies is part of a growing international movement for multi and transdisciplinary perspectives. Students gain a theoretical foundation with the application of social science research methods through the completion of a research-based thesis.

Geography (MA)

Geography at Brock offers an advanced education in geographical approaches to understanding social and human/environmental relations, with emphasis on how contemporary processes affect spatial relations across a range of scales from the local to the global. Students are trained to develop rigorous understandings of geographical processes through the examination of various theoretical perspectives, research methodologies, and applied topics.

Political Science (MA)

Students interested in government, law and international affairs and those who want to understand the shaping of our political world. The Brock MA in Political Science allows students to concentrate their studies in one of five sub-fields of political science: Canadian politics, comparative politics, international relations, political philosophy or public policy. Students specialize in one of these sub-fields but also receive training in the great works and research methodologies of the larger discipline of political science.

Psychology (MA and PhD)

The MA and PhD programs in Psychology have 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.

Social Justice and Equity Studies (MA)

An innovative, transdisciplinary graduate program that responds to the increasing need for individuals to be trained in the expanding field of social justice and equity scholarship and activism. It is diverse and pluralistic in its theoretical traditions, substantive problematics, methods, and approaches.

Sociology (Critical) (MA)

This program, offering both theoretical and methodological foundations, will prepare students to develop sophisticated and rigorous approaches to critical sociological research and analysis. Through course work and interaction with faculty, students will be exposed to a wide range of critical sociological frameworks and will examine various sociological methodologies.

Sustainability (MS)

Addressing the interactions between social and ecological systems requires new perspectives and academic approaches. Our Sustainability program aims to facilitate society's transition towards sustainability. The transdisciplinary focus of the program breaks down traditional barriers between disciplines, encouraging the cross-pollination of ideas that will generate novel solutions and new opportunities.

Sustainability Science (PhD) NEW

This new PhD program aims to cultivate a sustainable and equitable future by offering a state-of-the-art education that integrates rigorous scientific practice with an understanding of the unique linkages between humans and the environment.

Financial information

We realize the importance of financial support for our graduate students. Therefore, financial assistance opportunities are available to our students in several forms including grants, scholarships, funding packages, etc.

Funding breakdown

WE PAY YOU!

	Masters		PhD	
	Domestic	International	Domestic	International
Fellowship	**$7,500**	**$14,000**	**$13,500**	**$24,000**
Assistantship	2022 grad student rate: **$31.63/hour**			

Fellowship

Students in a full-time, research-based program typically receive an **annual** fellowship for the defined length of their graduate program.

Assistantship

The optional paid assistantship can include a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA) position. A limitation of 10 hours/week applies but can be granted an extension through permission from the dean. Students need to be eligible to work in Canada to receive assistantship positions.

Tuition and ancillary fees

Tuition and ancillary fees differ based on your year of study, degree type and international status. Some popular degree types are provided as examples below.

Tuition item (per term)	Full time	Part time
Domestic – MA, MSc, MBE, MS, MEd (Research-based, Year 1)	**$2,725.41**	**$1,362.70**
International – MA, MSc, MBE, MS, MEd (Research-based, Year 1)	**$7,834.83**	**$3,917.41**
Ancillary Fees – (domestic/international, term and full time/part time based)	**~$120 to $1,730**	

*Fees displayed are for 2022-23 and are subject to change.

Funding tip!

We have a plethora of awards and scholarships available on top of funding. We also have an awards specialist to help you apply for those big money external awards!

Next steps

1. **Select you preferred programs**
   Select which program would best suit your passion and academic goals.

2. **Review admission requirements**
   Admission requirements vary by program. Some research-based programs even require you to have a supervisor arranged before applying. Check out **brocku.ca/gradstudies** for individual program requirements.

3. **Prepare application documents**
   Several documents are required as part of your application including transcripts and degree certificates, referee emails (no letters required), statement of intent, resume/CV and language test scores (if applicable).

4. **Complete the OUAC online application**
   Follow the online application procedure through Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). A non-refundable fee is required.

5. **Upload supporting documents to your BrockU account**
   Within a week of submitting your OUAC application, you will receive an email with your Brock campus ID and instructions on how to log in and submit required documents.

6. **Monitor your BrockU account**
   Monitor your BrockU account (**my.brocku.ca**) for updates, document status and admission decisions. Admission decisions are typically made 6 to 8 weeks after the program's application deadline.

Application bonus for Brock alumni!

If you have a Brock transcript as part of your application, no need to upload it as our team can access it for you!

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