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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Department of English has a strong reputation for its stimulating approach to literature and its high level of support for graduate students.

Our MA and PhD programs address questions about:

- What people understand by the idea of literature in different times and places and why it matters
- Who should have access to literature, either as readers or writers
- The power of literature to forge communities and become a force for change
- How these issues are influenced by broader legal, technological, political and social contexts

Our MA program offers three streams: thesis, research essay or coursework. Our PhD program develops our students' research agendas and nourishes their work within the theoretical, critical and historical study of the production of literature.

Grad students can learn from our faculty researchers who are renowned for their expertise on many diverse areas of literature. For more details, you can explore the Bookshelf and Faculty Research Profiles on our departmental website: carleton.ca/english.

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“Our students are our number one priority.”

CAPITAL ADVANTAGE

Ottawa has a lively and long-established literary tradition and is the home to government departments, foreign embassies, many non-governmental associations, research institutes, numerous arts organizations and Library and Archives Canada. Our students benefit both research-wise and career-wise from the wealth of resources offered by these institutions which are located just down the road. For those students also admitted to our collaborative Master's programs in African Studies or Digital Humanities, Ottawa offers a remarkable number of relevant resources and placement opportunities.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our degrees provide a competitive edge in the job market, whether in business, government or the non-profit sector—in areas as diverse as publishing, human resources, communications, public relations and marketing. You will also have an academic advantage when applying for professional qualifications and training in teaching, journalism, law and library sciences.

Our MA students can also pursue collaborative specializations in African Studies (carleton.ca/africanstudies) or Digital Humanities (Carleton.ca/dighum).



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum admission requirement for the master's program is a four-year BA (or the equivalent) in English, with at least a B+ or better

Applicants to the PhD will normally hold a master's degree in English (or equivalent) with at least an A- average (10 GPA). Depending on their background, applicants may be asked to complete coursework in addition to the PhD program requirements.

Specific program requirements can be found in the Graduate Calendar online at: calendar.carleton.ca/grad.

“Carleton's English Department has provided excellent support, allowing me to excel in my graduate research and studies. The faculty and staff have worked together as a close team to help me succeed.”

— Danica Meredith, Master's student



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Our department fosters a supportive and collegial environment that helps our students succeed.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You need to provide the following documents:

- Two references (MA); three references (PhD)
- A 1-2 page Statement of Intent (should include a clear description of your research interests including the research question you wish to pursue)
- An Academic Writing Sample with original instructor's comments on it
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended
- If applicable, a copy of your English-language test scores

Note: Official documents (transcripts, test scores) will be required if you are accepted into our program.

APPLICATION & DEADLINES

Details about how to apply are available here: graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online.

You can access an online application at this website: graduate.carleton.ca/applynow.

All applicants must submit their completed application by **February 1**, in order to be considered for funding.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For admission into Carleton's graduate programs, you will need to demonstrate that your knowledge and use of English are strong enough for graduate studies at an English-language university. For a listing of our minimum English-language requirements, please visit our website at: graduate.carleton.ca/international.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Generous funding is available in the form of teaching/research assistantships and scholarships based on academic excellence. We encourage students to compete for scholarships from OGS or SSHRC. Applicants who apply after February 1 may be considered for funding, if funding is still available. For additional information on scholarships, visit the admissions website for the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs at: graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance.

“The English PhD program at Carleton has provided me with opportunities that other programs simply cannot match. With the aid of a rigorous, practical curriculum and faculty members who are willing to put their professional resources at my disposal, I have succeeded well beyond my own expectations.”

— David Mastey, PhD candidate



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