Psychology

MA / PhD

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Launched in 2007, this innovative program offers study in the fields of Psychological Science or Clinical Psychology under a core faculty trained at and recruited from top universities in Canada, the United States and around the world. In a department known for its experiential and career-focused learning, and with a curriculum anchored in real-world issues, the graduate program takes advantage of its downtown Toronto location to offer proximity to major sites for practicum training and clinical research, and world-class training opportunities. The department has more than 15,000 square feet of research and student training space designed from the ground up to meet the specialized research needs of the department.

**Streams/Research Areas**

- Clinical Psychology (accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association)
- Psychological Science with four core research areas:
  - Brain, Perception and Cognition
  - Community and Health Psychology
  - Lifespan Development
  - Social Psychology

**Curricular Highlights**

In addition to traditional course work and thesis/dissertation milestones, students complete practicum placements where they apply their knowledge and skills. Some recent research and clinical practicum sites include:

- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- John Howard Society
- New York University
- Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton
- Toronto District School Board
- Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

**Admissions Information**

| MA | Completion of a 4-year bachelor’s degree in psychology  
|    | Minimum GPA or equivalent of 3.67/4.33 (A-) in the last two years of study  
|    | Two academic references  
|    | GRE (General Test required; Subject Test recommended but optional)  
| PhD | Completion of a master’s degree in psychology  
|    | Minimum grade point average (GPA) or equivalent of 3.67/4.33 (A-)  
|    | Two academic references  
|    | GRE (General Test required; Subject Test recommended but optional)  

Applicants may be required to provide certification of English language proficiency. For more information, visit ryerson.ca/graduate/futurestudents/admissions/english-language.html.

**Resources**

- The PRTC and Stress Institute features over 30 dedicated research laboratories and groups; shared observation rooms; flexible interview, research and group therapy rooms; seminar and conference rooms; graduate student space; and offices.
- Specialized research equipment and technology include EEG; psychophysiology, BioPac and BioLynx ambulatory systems; face/emotion capture and eye tracking; head-mounted virtual reality with scenario suite; a sound attenuated chamber; and an assay laboratory.
- The Clinical Psychology Program offers a unique practicum experience through its Psychology Training Clinic located within the St. Michael’s Hospital Family Health Team Clinic at 80 Bond Street. The Clinic is outfitted with state-of-the-art video recording equipment.

**At a Glance**

>$12 million

grants currently held by faculty

>$1.3 million

external scholarships held annually by graduate students
“Ryerson’s Psychology program has given me the opportunity to use new tools and technology in my research on meaningful ways to impact the well-being of older adults. I truly enjoy working in such an innovative and collaborative environment.”

– Laura Krieger, PhD student and recipient of SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (2018-2021)