

Rural Studies: PhD

The Rural Studies Interdisciplinary PhD Program provides opportunities for advanced studies on and with rural communities/areas with a focus on sustainability. For the purposes of the program, sustainability is understood as the development and promotion of the wellbeing of rural communities/areas. The program focuses on the socio-cultural dimensions, the biophysical/ landscape dimensions and their integration in the context of rural communities/areas. Students may focus on any of these dimensions. Our graduates are employed in a variety of settings including: academic positions at institutions of higher education, senior positions within the government and public sector, and within nongovernment organizations in the developed and developing context.

Examples of Recent Rural Studies PhD Research

- Lament for the Land: On the Impacts of Climate Change on Mental and Emotional Health and Well-Being in Rigolet, Nunatsiavut
- Re-Imagining Food Systems in Mexico: A Case Study of the Mexican Network of Local Organic Markets
- Linking Precaution to Adaptive Co-Management to Adapt Rural Water Resources to Climate Change in Ghana
- Career and Community Possible Selves: How do Small-town Youth Envision their Futures
- The Promise of Partnerships: Local Governance and The Practise of Partnerships
- Innovation Systems in Agriculture: Managing Stakeholder Interaction for Learning and Innovation in the 21st Century
- Exploring The Sustainability of Place: A Case Study of Community-Based Nature Tourism
- A Unique Rurality: Exploring the Role of the Horse Farm in the Post-Productivist Rural Landscape
- Gender and Agricultural Innovation in Peasant Production of Native Potatoes in the Central Andes of Peru

Admissions

Applicants must have a master's degree (or the equivalent) from a recognized university in a relevant discipline. Master's graduates in a range of humanities, social-science and applied-science disciplines are eligible and considered for admission. Admission to doctoral programs normally requires a satisfactory baccalaureate and at least high second-class honours ('B' standing) in a recognized master's degree. Applicants are strongly encouraged to be in communication with a potential faculty advisor before applying. The Ph.D. in Rural Studies Graduate Program admits graduate students once a year, in the Fall semester. The deadline for applications is March 1 each year. All applicants are expected to submit a completed background questionnaire.

Additional information on admission can be found at www.uoguelph.ca/applying/



“The Rural Studies program is a unique and exciting interdisciplinary program and community. Everyone brings a unique set of life skills, life experiences, approaches and points of view to the program’s goal of creating sustainable rural communities and landscape systems.”

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