GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
MIGRATION AND
DIASPORA STUDIES

The Migration and Diaspora Initiative at Carleton is a national and international leader promoting interdisciplinary dialogue and links between scholars and practitioners.

This innovative interdisciplinary graduate program in Migration and Diaspora Studies allows students to address such interconnected issues as refugee movements, migration, mobility and diasporas that inform the modern world. The program supports historically-informed and forward-looking approaches to the analysis of cultural and social identities, diversity and integration, exile and memory, forced migration and refugee communities.

The two-year Master of Arts (MA) program offers three pathways: coursework-only, research essay and thesis.

There are also two graduate diplomas (GDips). The Type 2 GDip allows Carleton students enrolled in another graduate degree program (MA or PhD) to gain credentials that supplement their home degree. The Type 3 direct-entry GDip allows non-Carleton students to gain additional graduate-level credentials in this field for professional or academic purposes. Students who perform well in the Diploma have the option to apply to the MA Program and count their GDip credits towards the MA degree.

A co-op option is available to full-time students in the MA program while full- and part-time students can pursue practicums. Both options allow students to combine their academic studies with real-world work experience and will aid students in the transition from their studies to the job market.

DEGREES OFFERED
MA, Graduate Diplomas

CAREER OPTIONS
Located in the heart of Canada’s National Capital Region, Ottawa offers unparalleled access to resources and opportunities for co-ops and other experiential opportunities. Students in this graduate program will develop skills and credentials to position them for law school or PhD programs in a variety of disciplines, as well as jobs in public service, cultural institutions and creative industries, migration and humanitarian INGOs, migration and settlement-related agencies, and in public museums and heritage sites. In the private sector, likely employers include non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, or community organizations, that deal with issues such as immigrant settlement, refugees and advocacy for migrants.

FALL APPLICATION DEADLINES
MA: February 1 (for space and funding); (Final) Aug. 31
GDip: August 31

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
MA: A bachelor’s honours degree (or equivalent) in a humanities or social science discipline or interdisciplinary program with at least a B+ average. Previous coursework or experience in Migration and Diaspora Studies is an asset

Type 2 GDip: Students must be enrolled in a Carleton master’s or doctoral program. They must submit a letter of support from their supervisor/faculty member in their home program with a 1-2 page statement of interest that outlines why they are interested in this GDip.

Type 3 GDip: Students must have completed a 4-year undergraduate university degree. They must submit a 1-2 page statement of interest, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and their university transcripts. Relevant work or volunteer experience will be considered.

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