Our students make histories.

Our location in the nation’s capital offers students unique opportunities for the study of history at the graduate level. Carleton offers several different programs:

- MA in History, with a 1-year research essay or 2-year thesis option
- MA in Public History
- PhD in History
- PhD in History with a concentration in Public History

We offer MA specializations in African Studies, Data Science, Digital Humanities, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. We also offer a PhD specialization in Political Economy. Please visit calendar.carleton.ca/grad for more information on these programs. All history department graduate students are eligible to apply to the Diploma in Curatorial Studies (Type 2).

Our students take their research from the archive to public spaces through their writing, exhibitions, film and digital media. In class projects, colloquia, partnerships and networking events, they communicate a variety of historical methodologies and knowledges.

The strengths of our MA and PhD programs are in Canadian history, public history, gender/women’s history, European history, U.S. history and the history of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. PhD candidates may be accepted in other areas depending on the availability of supervision.

Our award-winning faculty offer hands-on, individual supervision in a wide variety of fields. The department’s research interests include transnational thematic areas such as environmental history, state formation, migration and diaspora, the history of food and drink, public memory, digital history, the history of the book and the history of the body. Our students have the unique opportunity to become researchers affiliated with the Carleton Centre for Public History. The annual Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium provides a public forum for the presentation of academic research.

Degrees Offered

MA, PhD

Career Options

Our students find networking, employment and internship opportunities with archives and museums, agencies such as Parks Canada, Canadian Heritage, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the National Capital Commission and many non-profit organizations, such as the Canadian Medical Association.

Fall Application Deadline

January 15, in order to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements

MA: An honours bachelor’s degree, or the equivalent, with at least a B+ average.

PhD: An MA degree with at least an A- average.

“Carleton’s History Department afforded me tremendous support and opportunities to further develop my skills in historical inquiry and analysis, as well as in other practical fields. When I completed my dissertation and graduated, I was well positioned and equipped to pursue a career as a museum curator.”

— William Knight (PhD/14), Curator, Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation

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