

PHD IN HEALTH FACULTY OF HEALTH



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD in Health Program will prepare the next generation of researchers, academics, and leaders to answer questions critical to improving health and social well-being locally, nationally, and internationally. The program is designed to recognize and respond to the World Health Organization's (WHO) definition of health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” As part of the program, students will complete a focused, research intensive program of study contextualized within the broader health perspective.



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Why study PhD in Health at Dalhousie?

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

The three main foci of research in the PhD Health program are

- 1) Health Services/Policy and Transformation
- 2) Mobility & Physical Activity/ Independence
- 3) Vulnerable or Marginalized Populations.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- University Faculty in Health programs such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech language pathology, audiology, nursing both in Canada and internationally as well as in child development, gerontology, sociology and psychology.
- Clinical researchers, program managers and policy analysts in hospitals, government agencies and voluntary health research organizations.
- Researchers in the private sector such as pharmaceutical companies, hearing aid manufacturers, health information technology and health benefits management companies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In addition, students will only be accepted into the PhD program after completion of a Master's degree from an accredited institution. Eligible students who have completed a research Master's will be enrolled in the two year residency program. Students who have completed a non-thesis Master's program may be eligible for the three year residency program. The minimum GPA requirement is 3.7.

A supervisor must be in place prior to acceptance into the program. Students are required to submit the following items to accompany their application:

- Two original copies of all official transcripts from each university attended.
- At least two academic letters of reference
- A current CV
- A statement of research interest
- Proof of English language competency if applicable.

FUNDING

At Dalhousie, you can find many opportunities to fund your graduate education. Students are generally supported financially by a combination of scholarships, supervisor research funds and teaching assistantships. The yearly minimum funding expectation is \$12,000 plus tuition and fees for the duration the student's program. Please note that PhD in Health students pay program fees as opposed to per course fees.

Applicants to the PhD in Health program are eligible and strongly encouraged to apply for funding opportunities even before receiving acceptance into the program.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Typical time to complete is 4-6 years

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be made early, preferably by January 15th of the year before the proposed start of the program in order to qualify for internal funding.

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