

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Programs of Study

An internationally oriented and interdisciplinary program taught by globally recognized faculty, the graduate programs in Global Development Studies provide advanced research training for students seeking to pursue careers in government, academia, development agencies, journalism, media, teaching, business, and law. With small classes and close supervision, we empower students to pursue research projects on important topics that they are passionate about. At the same time, we facilitate students to build the core professional, analytical and communication skills sought by employers in Canada and internationally. From the grassroots to the global, our students attain the skills and knowledge needed to make an impact!

Departmental Facilities

Study Space

DEVS students have a dedicated study area in Mackintosh-Corry Hall. Carrels are available for all graduate students and are allocated on a first come, first-served basis. Lockable file drawers are available to store your belongings. Separate office spaces are available for TA office hours.

Financial Assistance

All students will be considered for funding from a combination of Queen's Graduate Awards (QGA), teaching assistantships (TA-ships), contributions from research grants and contracts, internal scholarships and awards, and external scholarships and awards. Award stipends are typically paid in three equal instalments throughout the year with teaching assistant and research assistant salaries paid monthly.

TA-ships require up to a maximum of 130 hours per term (e.g. 10 hours a week) of tutorial leadership, preparation, marking, and other duties.

TA-ships are regarded as both a source of funding/income and as an important element in the student's professional development.

Where research grants permit, or when students earn a scholarship from outside the department, an effort is made to offer top-up funding.

International Opportunities

DEVS faculty are recognised as academic leaders in their fields and coordinate major international research projects in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and in Indigenous communities in Canada. By bringing their active research commitments into the classroom, they provide an enriching space for our

graduate cohorts while providing substantive networks and opportunities for students to undertake their own globally-orientated research.

Additionally, DEVS has two dedicated exchange agreements to facilitate graduate exchange:

1. Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand; and
2. Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg, South Africa.

We offer opportunities to study in either of these locations as part of an MA or PhD degree.

For those interested in the Caribbean and Latin America, DEVS offers an undergraduate course in the winter term on Cuban culture and society, with a correlate summer-term component at the University of Havana involving two weeks in Havana. Graduate students may enrol in this course as a Directed Reading (DEVS 890) course.

Students may also take advantage of research and internship possibilities in the United Kingdom through the International Study Centre. The Centre is located in Bader College, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, and offers access to the vast holdings of the University of Sussex Library, very modestly priced accommodation and transportation into nearby London, and excellent networks among the UK international development scene.