GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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.

Library and Research
The Queen's library system has invested heavily in its development studies holdings, allowing Queen's students and faculty access to a comprehensive range of online journals covering all facets of the discipline alongside building a substantial holding of books and monographs in the field. For further enrichment students are invited to explore non-degree electives such as FRST 105 Reading French and School of Graduate Studies (SGS) courses and seminars.

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 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 has two dedicated exchange agreements to facilitate graduate exchange with:

1. the international development studies programmes at 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 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.

DEVS faculty, meanwhile, often have major collaborative research projects underway with partners in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and in Native communities in Canada. Successful applicants may be able to link up with these global partners to facilitate fieldwork or other fruitful academic engagement.