CHYS PhD PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The Multidisciplinary/Transdisciplinary Difference

Application Due Date is January 29 in each year

The review of applications by the CHYS PhD program admission committee will commence following the application deadline and will continue until the program is full. Please contact the Graduate Program Director with inquiries regarding program capacity status.

Individuals interested in applying to the Child and Youth Studies PhD Program should consult this guide in order to ensure their application is complete.

Applications are completed through Brock’s On-Line Application process. The link to begin the application process is:

https://brocku.ca/nextstep/

However, please review the following for tips specific to the CHYS PhD Program.

Applicants must submit the following information to apply to the CHYS PhD Program:

- Application Fee
  - The fee is $105.00 Canadian and is payable to the Ontario Universities Application Centre. This fee must be paid as part of the on-line application process.

- Admission Requirements (all of the following information must be submitted as part of the on-line application process – this information is not submitted directly to the CHYS program)
  - The CHYS PhD program generally requires applicants to hold a MA degree in Social Sciences. Applicants are required to hold a minimum of 80% (A-) in their graduate program. The CHYS program requires that applicants submit all official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
  - Successful completion of CHYS 5F01 (Quantitative and Qualitative of methods), CHYS 5P00 (Psychological Foundations) and CHYS 5P10 (Sociocultural Foundations), or their equivalent, is required. Applicants that lack these courses may potentially take them in their first year of study. If you feel you have not taken these courses but are sufficiently prepared through other course work, please include copies of the course outline for any courses you feel are equivalent to the CHYS courses mentioned above.
  - Two letters of reference. These references should be completed by professors who are familiar with your graduate work. Ideally, one reference should come from your graduate thesis
advisor. In some cases, one of the references may come from a work or volunteer-based supervisor.

- A personal statement outlining the applicant’s interest in studying in the CHYS PhD program. The statement should describe your proposed research study as addressing your previous academic studies (and how your academic training prepares you if you do not have the prerequisite course, see above), your research experience, as well as any work conducted with children and youth. It should be no more than two double-spaced pages (or one single-spaced page) and provide some indication of your research experience (i.e., thesis research, research assistant work) and your intermediate and long-term goals for pursuing a Doctorate degree in Child and Youth Studies. Applicants should have a commitment by the professor they wish to work with prior to submitting their application. Please note that the commitment by a professor does not indicate admission to the program.

The Graduate Admissions Committee will review all applications and recommend admission for a limited number of suitable candidates while the department as a whole will evaluate the candidacy of all accelerated applicants.

Part-time study is not available.

- A sample of one’s written work (preferably a first-authored published article). The work should be a good indication of the applicant’s research interests and potential, and should be no more than 12 pages. Your role in any submission with more than one author should be clearly outlined.

- A current CV (Curriculum Vitae)

- International applicants should refer to the International Students Information outlined on the Faculty of Graduate Studies page: https://brocku.ca/nextstep/international-students/

Applications are reviewed February and successful applicants are typically notified by late March or early April.

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