

## What are we known for?

- **Strong emphasis on both research and application.**

Our Human Development program emphasizes specialized knowledge of different human development trajectories as well as the development of strong research competence and the application of research in varied educational settings.

- **A mentorship model to foster individual students' knowledge and skills.**

Our Human Development program uses a mentorship model; students are initially sponsored into the program by a faculty member who shares their area of interest and agrees to serve as thesis supervisor. Faculty work together with students on collaborative research and support career development.



# Human Development Program



### For further information

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## What is McGill's Human Development program?

The Human Development program provides intense research training with a strong theoretical underpinning. Our program follows a mentorship model that encourages students' active participation in research and prepares them for academia and leadership roles in the field.

## Degrees in Human Development

### **M.A. in Educational Psychology:**

The aim of the M.A. is to produce graduates who:

- (a) are broadly trained in educational psychology,
- (b) have sufficient research competence to critically evaluate research in educational psychology, and to design, conduct and report empirical research, and
- (c) have experience in applying research methods and findings to the solution of practical problems in varied educational settings.

### **Ph.D. in Educational Psychology**

The Ph.D. emphasizes the development of research skills and supports both basic and applied research pertaining to all domains of educational psychology. The Human Development stream allows a focus on development across the life span and thus includes all developmental trajectories. The dissertation forms a major part of the evaluation at the Ph.D. level.

## Where can Human Development skills be used?

The Human Development program at McGill University prepares students to work primarily in school, institutional, and university settings. Our goal is to develop competent and inquiring professionals who have the skills to improve the educational and psychological well-being of individuals, to use research to critically inform practice, and to be able to conceptualize and conduct applied and theoretical research related to different trajectories of human development and varied educational settings. This model provides a basis for students to develop their leadership skills in Human Development.



## How do I apply?

Detailed information about the application process can be found in the McGill Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Calendar available online at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/courses>

Information about the Human Development stream in Educational Psychology is also accessible on the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology's website at: <http://www.mcgill.ca/edu-ecp/programs>

## McGill's Human Development program is unique in...

- **Exploring developmental trajectories for understanding individuals' diverse needs.**  
Content courses offer in-depth views on child and adolescent development including cognitive, language, social issues, personality development and gender issues. These perspectives are then employed to better understand issues related to disabilities and individuals' diverse needs in educational and community settings.
- **Interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research faculty team.**  
The core Human Development program faculty members are internationally known for their work with a variety of typical and atypical populations including children and youth with learning disabilities, externalizing disorders, depression, autism spectrum disorder, fragile X, Down syndrome and other developmental disorders.

