

Human Development Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long is the MA program?

A: The MA program typically takes 2 years to complete.

Q: How long is the PhD program?

A: The PhD program typically takes between 3-6 years to complete.

Q: Where can I find out more information on potential supervisors?

A: Please refer to the faculty page for supervisor information (<https://mcgill.ca/edu-ecp/programs/humandev/faculty>). You can also access this [pdf](#) (the pdf Victoria Talwar prepared) information sheet for a brief summary of each faculty member's research areas.

Q: What funding options are available to me? (link to websites)

A: For Canadian Residents, see SSHRC (<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>), CIHR (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>), and NSERC (http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp).

For Quebec Residents, see FQRSC (<http://www.frqsc.gouv.qc.ca/en>) and the abovementioned organizations;

Additional opportunities for graduate funding within the Faculty of Education can be found here (<http://www.mcgill.ca/education/students/graduate/awards>).

Q: What kind of work opportunities can I have during my degree?

A: As a graduate student, you can apply to work as a research or teaching assistant. If you are eligible, you can also apply to the Work/Study program at McGill.

Q: What is the level of priority assigned to research and publishing?

A: This is a research-intensive program; therefore, there are multiple opportunities to participate in research activities. For instance, the thesis (MA) and dissertation (PhD) can follow a manuscript-based format, thus allowing for the possibility of submitting more articles for publication (https://mcgill.ca/edu-ecp/files/edu-ecp/april_28_2015_atlternative_phd_model.pdf). Collaboration is also emphasised within the program both with fellow students and faculty in order to maximise your development of research skills and publication opportunities. In addition to research, leadership activities are encouraged in order to develop a well-rounded CV.

Q: What can I do with this degree?

A: With the PhD, you can work in academia, research, policy implementation, and/or as a leader in the field with schools, boards of education, NGOs, government agencies.

Q: Is this program accredited by a psychology association?

A: No, as mentioned above, this degree provides the opportunity to work in academic or research positions. However, it does not lead to a career as a psychologist.