Psychology Graduate Program

Graduate Faculty Supervisors Reviewing Applications for Fall 2027 Admission
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Name	Reviewing Fall 2027 files from Applicants to:	Research Interests
Martin M. Antony, PhD, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Anxiety and related disorders (e.g., panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, social anxiety, phobias); dissemination and implementation of evidence-based psychological treatments; cognitive behavioural therapy; perfectionism.
Tara Burke, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Social psychological processes associated with legal decision making, alibi evidence, jury dynamics, impact of pretrial publicity, police and juror beliefs about suspects and witnesses, prejudice in the courtroom.
Colleen Carney, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology	Insomnia; mood disorders; rumination; optimizing postgraduate training outcomes; the relation between cognition and mood; cognitive behaviour therapy for insomnia; gender and sleep.
Stephanie Cassin, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Obesity; bariatric (weight loss) surgery; food addiction, eating disorders; binge eating; body image; cognitive behavioural therapy; motivational interviewing.
Becky Choma, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Socio-political ideology and intergroup relations, including psychological and affective predictors of liberal-conservative and authoritarian ideologies; political intolerance; support for democracy; collective action; and prejudice (e.g. sexism, Islamophobia).
Alyssa Counsell, PhD	Psychological Science	Educational psychology, teaching and learning in higher education, student wellbeing and mental health, statistical literacy, statistics anxiety, statistics attitudes, psychological measurement, open science.
David M. Day, PhD, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Development and course of antisocial and delinquent behaviour; crossover youth; program evaluation; children's mental health, particularly externalizing disorders.
Sarah Dermody, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology	Alcohol and nicotine use and addiction risk factors and treatment; sexual and gender minority substance use and intervention; research designs include alcohol and nicotine self-administration studies (laboratory-

		based), survey-based and ecological momentary assessment, and secondary data analysis research.
Jason Deska, PhD	Psychological Science	How do stereotypes about social categories (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation) and impressions based on individual characteristics (e.g., facial appearance, body shape, disability) create and sustain inequality in health, law, and more?
Michelle Dionne, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Psychosocial variables that impact eating, body image and women's participation in sport and exercise.
Iloradanon Efimoff, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada; critical historical education; education as a tool to reduce prejudice; prejudice reduction; Indigenization; reconciliation in Canada; Indigenous identity
Caroline Erentzen, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Psychology and law; sexual violence; male victims; stranger sexual harassment; intersectionality; wrongful convictions; false accusations
Alexandra J. Fiocco, PhD	Psychological Science	The StAR Lab examines biopsychosocial factors associated with cognitive health and wellbeing in later adulthood, and intervention strategies to mitigate the effects of chronic stress in wellbeing.
Todd Girard, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Clinical neuroscience, cognitive psychopathology, and cognitive pharmacology, particularly particularly regarding memory, psychosis, fMRI, and related areas.
Alasdair Goodwill, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Forensic, criminal and investigative psychology, behavioural investigative advising, offender profiling, geographical profiling, threat assessment, lone-actor terrorism, and sexual violence.
Maria Gurevich, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Constructions of gender, sexuality and identity; critical psychology; feminist epistemologies and methodologies; qualitative research.
Tae Hart, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Clinical health psychology; quality of life in colorectal cancer, hereditary cancer and colorectal diseases.
Trevor Hart, PhD, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Clinical trials to prevent HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and to promote mental and sexual health, HIV/STI risk factors, male sexual functioning, sexual health, substance use, psychology of gay and bisexual men and other sexual minority individuals, community-based research, health psychology.
Raha Hassan, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Children's social and emotional development; temperamental shyness; self-regulation and overcontrol; emotion socialization; peer relationships

		and social competence; social and emotional adjustment of first-generation immigrant children.
Behrang Keshavarz, PhD (Adjunct Faculty)	Psychological Science	Human factors in virtual environments, with particular emphasis on side-effects (cybersickness), neurocognitive and behavioral aspects of self-motion perception (vection), and driving safety in younger and older adults. Dr. Keshavarz is a Senior Scientist at the KITE Research Institute and Toronto Rehab-UHN. Website: http://mive.ca, www.kite-uhn.com
Andrew (Hyounsoo) Kim, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Addictive disorders, including behavioral addictions (e.g., gambling, gaming), comorbidity of addictions and mental health (i.e., concurrent disorders), evidence-based treatment and predictors of concurrent disorders, transdiagnostic mechanisms (e.g., emotion dysregulation, impulsivity, coping skills) of addictions; sports betting (impact of advertisements , liberalization and in-play sports betting; recovery processes of addictions including addiction substitution.
Naomi Koerner, PhD, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	My current interests are in: anxiety disorders; chronic worrying; intolerance of uncertainty; deficient safety processing and interoceptive functioning; psychological safety.
Ronda Lo, PhD	Psychological Science	Cultural psychology, culture and cognition, gene-culture interactions, culturally minoritized experiences, intercultural relations, perceptions and experiences of cultural diversity, media-based solutions for improving intercultural relations.
Lili Ma, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Children, social-cognitive development, social perception, social learning, credulity, prosocial behavior.
Karen Milligan, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Children, emotion regulation, executive function, maternal substance use, school-based mental health, treatment research.
Candice M. Monson, PhD, CPsych	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Trauma recovery; PTSD; intimate relationships; cognitive-behavioural therapy; couple therapy; clinical trials.
Margaret Moulson, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Developmental cognitive neuroscience; infant perception and cognition; face perception; early experiences and development. Research methods: behaviour, eye-tracking, EEG.

Tisha Ornstein, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Neuropsychological impairment in pediatric and adulthood psychopathologies, including ADHD, OCD, and traumatic brain injury (TBI), with a focus on frontal striatal pathways, clinical phenomena, and activities of daily living; TBI related to cognitive deficits, pain disorders, mood and anxiety; emphasis on brain-behaviour relationships.
Brandon Paul, PhD	Psychological Science	Auditory cognitive neuroscience, hearing science, cognitive decline and hearing loss, hearing loss and interpersonal communication, auditory attention and memory, speech perception, audiovisual perception, EEG, eye-tracking. Website: cognitivehearinglab.ca
Ryan Persram, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Additive and interactive effects of social relationships on psychosocial adjustment among community populations of youth; how the role contextual factors (e.g., family functioning, SES, culture) shape relationships and well-being; advanced research methods, statistical modelling of longitudinal, nested, and dyadic data. Lab Website: https://psychlabs.torontomu.ca/aspirelab/
M. Natasha Rajah, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Cognitive neuroscience of episodic memory, aging and dementia prevention; the effect of sex, gender, and social determinants of health on memory & brain health across the adult lifespan, with a focus on midlife; menopause and women's brain health; methods: behaviour, multi-modal MRI, multiomics, multivariate statistics, computational neuroscience. Dr. Rajah is a Professor & Researcher at the Douglas Research Centre, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at McGill University. Lab website: http://rajahlab.com/
Frank A. Russo, PhD	Psychological Science	Auditory cognitive neuroscience, music cognition, emotional communication, sensory-motor interactions, EEG, fNIRS, Brain Stimulation.
Moriah Sokolowski, PhD	Psychological Science	Developmental cognitive neuroscience; learning and memory across the lifespan; numerical and mathematical cognition; math anxiety; academic achievement; cognitive and neural predictors of selecting and succeeding in science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines; gender-gaps in STEM; bridging the gap between neuroscience and education.
Julia Spaniol, PhD	Psychological Science	Cognitive neuroscience of aging, with an emphasis on motivation-cognition interactions; curiosity, information seeking, and memory; human-AI interaction across the lifespan

Karl Szpunar, PhD	Psychological Science	The cognitive neuroscience of memory and future thinking; attention, learning, and memory in educational settings; mind wandering; mental simulation of the future; collective cognition and collective action; public health; group dynamics in cognition.
Fiona Thomas, PhD, CPsych	Clinical Psychology	Cross-cultural mental health, including the adaptation, delivery, and evaluation of mental health interventions for traditionally underserved communities; community-based mental health; implementation science; PTSD; intergenerational trauma; perinatal mental health; immigrant and refugee mental health; global mental health, particularly research with displaced communities (e.g., refugees, internally displaced persons).
Kristin Vickers, PhD	*Not reviewing files or accepting students for Fall 2027*	Panic disorder and other anxiety conditions; stress reactivity and stress management; the relationship between anxiety disorders and eating disorders.
Stephen Want, DPhil	Psychological Science	Basic and applied questions regarding social comparisons; social interactions in video games; confirmation bias in internet searches; demand characteristics and reproducibility in psychological research.
Lixia Yang, PhD	Clinical Psychology & Psychological Science	Aging-associated changes in cognition (e.g., attention, executive functions, memory); Training-induced cognitive plasticity and psychosocial benefits in older adults; Cultural differences in cognitive processing of socioemoitonal information; The impacts of stress, resilience, and social engagement on cognitive and psychosocial well-being in vulnerable populations such as immigrants and older adults.

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