

PhD in Urban Health: Information Session for Potential Students

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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Program overview
- Admission criteria and process
- How to prepare a successful application
- How to identify a potential Supervisor
- Q & A



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PhD in Urban Health

- Only doctoral degree focusing on Urban Health in Canada
- Offers innovative learning opportunities that empower graduates to :
 - ➔ Work collaboratively with diverse populations in urban centres
 - ➔ Solve complex problems that cross a range of disciplines
 - ➔ Understand health concerns of urban communities
 - ➔ Generate solutions for complex urban health problems



Learning Objectives

PhD in Urban Health graduates will be able to:

- ➡ Plan, design and implement innovative, advanced research studies related to complex urban health issues
- ➡ Verbally present, discuss and defend evidence, sustainable strategies, and policy solutions
- ➡ Collaborate and engage in diverse and equity seeking teams and communities
- ➡ Communicate effectively with various stakeholders in Urban health from research to community

Program Foci

Health and
Well-being



Safety and
Security

Migration,
Immigration &
Settlement

We support equity, diversity and inclusion

The Graduate Programs at the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing (DCSN), Toronto Metropolitan University, supports a holistic approach to admissions.



This includes the recognition that an individual's race, social location, structural vulnerabilities, economic context, sexual orientation, gender and experiences with inequity can present arduous life circumstances that impose barriers in educational access and social mobility.

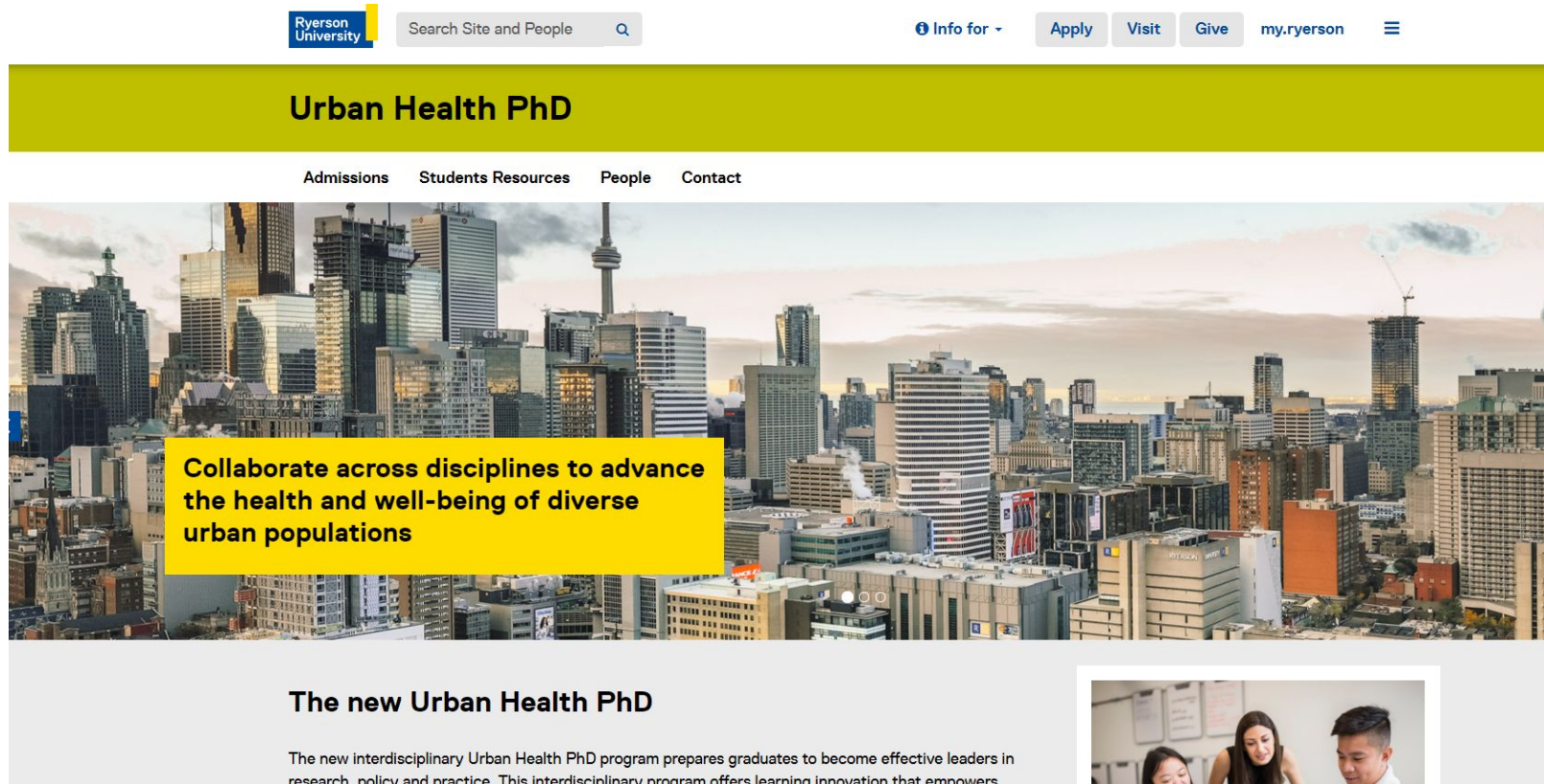
Program Overview - In Person Courses

- ➔ **UH9010** Theories and Concepts in Urban Health
- ➔ **UH9011** Research in Urban Health Settings: Methodological issues, strengths, and opportunities
- ➔ **UH9012** Pathways to Becoming a Successful Scientist – Seminar Course (2 terms)*
- ➔ **UH9013** Data Analysis in Urban Health Research (2 terms)*
- ➔ **Elective** – aligned with dissertation

*classes held every other week

Program Overview - Website

<https://www.torontomu.ca/urban-health-phd/>



The screenshot shows the website for the Urban Health PhD program at Ryerson University. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ryerson University logo, a search bar labeled "Search Site and People", and links for "Info for", "Apply", "Visit", "Give", and "my.ryerson". Below this is a green banner with the text "Urban Health PhD". Underneath the banner is a navigation menu with links for "Admissions", "Students Resources", "People", and "Contact". The main content area features a large image of the Toronto skyline with a yellow text box that reads: "Collaborate across disciplines to advance the health and well-being of diverse urban populations". Below this image is a section titled "The new Urban Health PhD" with a paragraph describing the program: "The new interdisciplinary Urban Health PhD program prepares graduates to become effective leaders in research, policy and practice. This interdisciplinary program offers learning innovation that empowers". To the right of this text is a small image of three people looking at a screen.

Ryerson University

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Urban Health PhD

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Admission Criteria

- Completion of a Master's degree in a health or related discipline
- Cumulative GPA of at least B+ (Master's degree)
- Two letters of recommendation from academic referees
- Statement of interest

Emphasis on:

- exposure to research (e.g. completed a Masters level thesis involving research, work as a Research Assistant, publication record, innovative methods for dissemination etc.)
- experience with committees, community organizations, continuing education, professional experience, awards and honours
- background and experience with equity, diversity, and inclusion

Letters of Recommendation

Your referees should be able to speak to **who you are** and **your abilities**.

This can include:

- Your work in the community; community engagement; contributions as part of a team;
- Intellectual capabilities, work ethic, resilience and ability to overcome challenges, integrity, adaptability/ flexibility
- Capacity to engage in research at a doctoral level, written communication skills,
- Leadership potential, critical thinking,
- Equity deserving groups - How you might have overcome obstacles to achieve success in your academic and professional life

Statement of Interest

Your statement of interest will tell us about your **academic background**, your **professional activities**, your **PhD research interests** and **proposed research**.

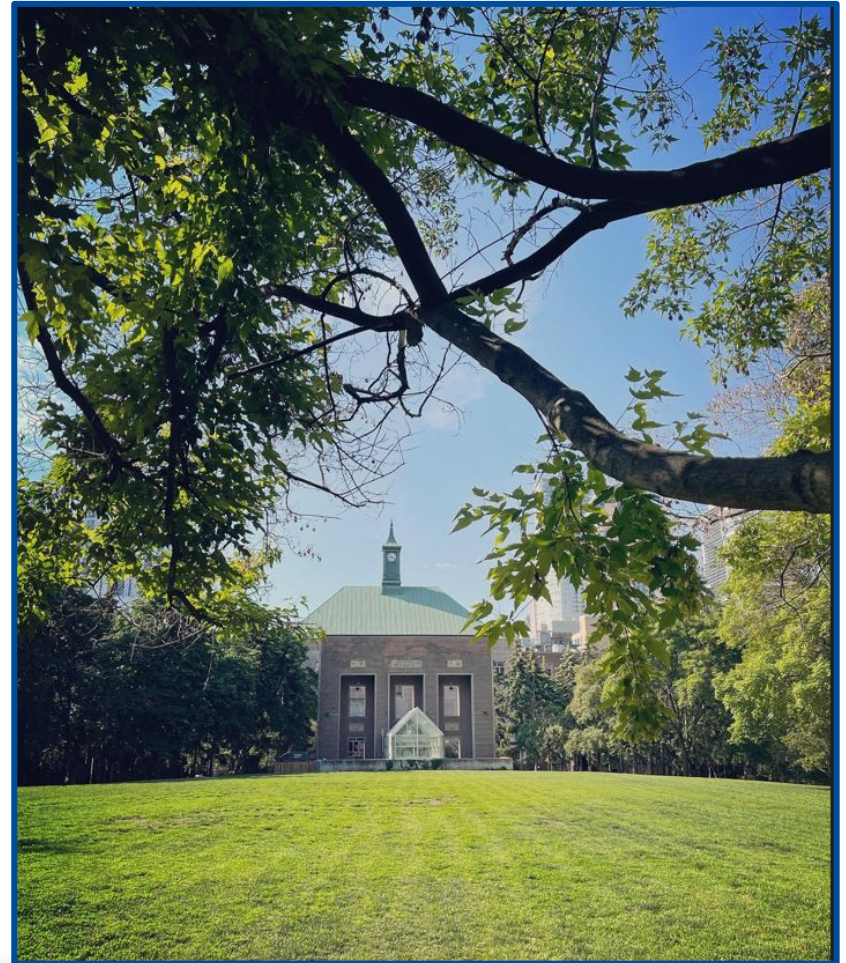
You will need to:

- Identify a potential supervisor
- Tell us why you want to pursue a PhD in Urban Health at TMU
- Examine your research experience and
- Propose your doctoral research interests and dissertation topic
- If willing, discuss your experience with equity, diversity and inclusion



Admission Process - Fall 2023 Start

- Application deadline:
January 20, 2023
- Application review completed by an interdisciplinary admissions committee
- We may interview short-listed applicants
- Applicants notified of results
- Confirm offer of admission



Student Funding

Domestic Applicants

- Various sources of TMU funding, including a Faculty of Community Services Dean's Award that covers tuition
- Can work as a Graduate Assistant (10 hours per week)
- Supervisor funding/stipend
- Internal/external doctoral award competitions



International Applicants

- Home country funding; scholarships from organizations

How to prepare a successful application?

- Follow guide carefully
- Proofread

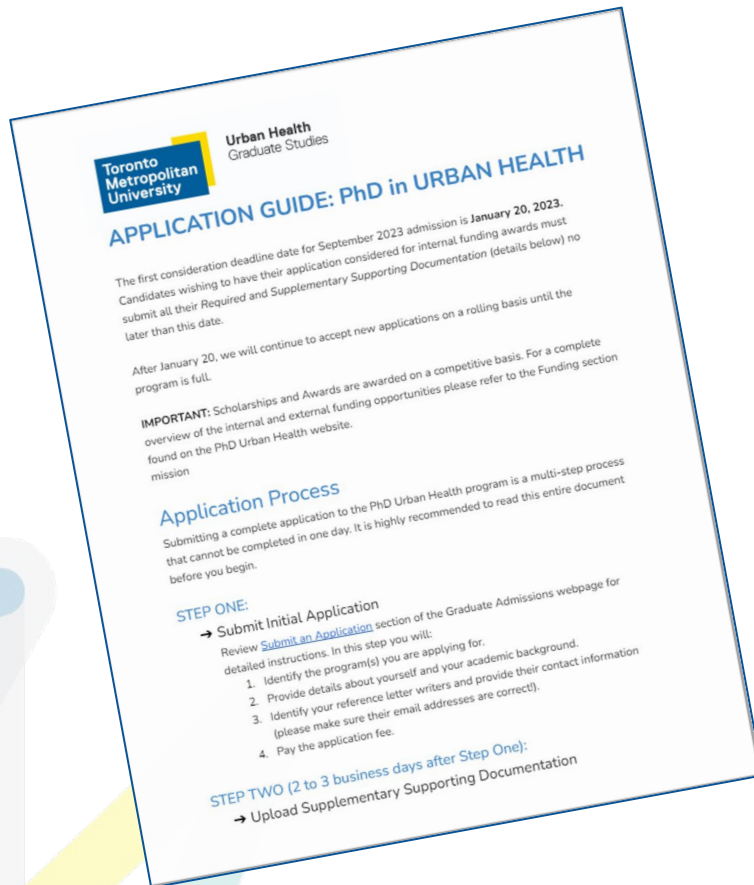
Aptitude - Leadership - Research

Statement of Interest

Letters of Recommendation

CV

Transcripts



How to identify a potential supervisor?

WHERE: Program website, network, prior studies

WHEN: Prior to application, if possible

WHY: Determine alignment of your research interests, reflect 1 of 3 research domains, compatibility, do you click?



HOW: Meet in advance, Determine fit
Prepare for meeting (questions to ask, send CV)
Be selective, don't waste their time

Refer to program website and YSGS for additional readings!

Experience as a PhD student

What is it like to be a PhD student in Urban Health?

Hear from a current student!



YOU GOT
THIS

Questions & Answers