

Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, Landscape, and Design

Overview

The post-professional Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, Landscape, and Design is a unique, highly rigorous and interdisciplinary program that trains students in multiple specialties and related disciplines to pursue research of the highest academic standard. It includes advanced exploration of the various methodologies of each discipline ranging from theoretical to applied research and produces graduates that can advance the field of conventional academic scholarship while also creating new models of research-based practice that can be implemented in real world settings.

In addition to the core faculty, affiliated faculty with expertise in addressing design problems from multiple disciplinary perspectives in other faculties, schools, and departments across the University of Toronto will be directly involved in the life of the program.

Through a novel curriculum — one that is unlike other Ph.D. programs in architecture schools in Canada or internationally — the Ph.D. program at Daniels requires students in all disciplines to pursue study independently and to share that research with an interdisciplinary cohort at every stage in the curriculum. At the beginning of the curriculum, coursework — including a colloquium and a methods course in the first year, and a practicum and dissertation preparation course in the second — encourages students to work across disciplines in order to familiarize themselves with the broad fields of knowledge necessary to address contemporary scholarly, political, economic, and policy problems. Graduates will be grounded in a research informed practice that will transcend current disciplinary boundaries and position them to engage and lead the emerging, broader discussion, outside and between the specific design disciplines.

Students in the Ph.D. program will have opportunities to work with a wide range of institutions within and beyond the University of Toronto: the Jackman Humanities Institute, the Global Cities Institute, the Munk School of Global Affairs, the Art Museum at the University of Toronto, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, and the rich array of universities in and near Toronto.

The Ph.D. is intended for students with aspirations in academic research and teaching, research in government and industry, and research within design firms.

Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, Landscape, and Design Degree Requirements

