



University
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School of Social Work

PhD

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Our Program

The School of Social Work at the University of Windsor is a dynamic and progressive leader in social work education. The School's faculty engage in original, cutting-edge research aimed at advancing scholarly knowledge in a number of critically important social areas including: health, community capacity building, mental health, gerontology, poverty reduction and child welfare. The school's location on an international border is geographically unique, creating research and leadership opportunities within a broad North American context. Students interested in a research based doctoral program will find a supportive

learning-centred faculty dedicated to research and teaching excellence that challenges students to maximize their potential and become situated at the forefront of professional social work. We are committed to partnerships and the advancement of knowledge for the betterment of society.

The PhD program in Social Work prepares social work degree holders from an accredited program for leadership roles in academia, research, practice, social policy, and administration.

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Opportunities Our Program Offers

The PhD program facilitates:

- Broad epistemological paradigms that promote critical thinking and inquiry
- Development of diverse and rigorous research methods to address current practice and policy issues
- Mastery of a substantive area of social work and effective knowledge translation
- Opportunities for research collaboration with faculty scholars and community partners
- Small seminar approach to teaching and learning
- Supportive and collegial university environment and mentorship
- Scholarships, graduate assistantships and sessional teaching opportunities
- Engagement within an internationally and culturally diverse region and community

Financial Support and Scholarships

For complete, up-to-date fee information, visit the Finance Department website uwindsor.ca/finance

For information on scholarships and awards available to doctoral students please visit uwindsor.ca/graduate

Application Deadline

The application deadline for September admission in the Doctoral Program is in January (please refer to the Social Work PhD program website for the precise date). This applies to Canadian and international students. All completed applications received by the application deadline will be reviewed by a committee, and applications accepted for admission will be notified in the spring.

Please Note: The number of students admitted each year varies depending on the number of spaces available in that year.

Our Faculty

Contacts	Research Interests	Tel. 519-253-3000
Dr. Riham Al-Saadi Assistant Professor	Acculturation, adjustment, and settlement, Immigrant and refugee populations, critical race theory and intersectionality, application of principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), Arab immigrants and refugees' acculturation, Immigrant emerging adults and youth identity development, immigrants and refugees' social and emotional competence	Ext. 6752 riham.al-saadi@uwindsor.ca
Dr. Wayne Ambrose-Miller Auxiliary Academic Staff	Primary healthcare, mental health, interdisciplinary collaboration, men in caregiving roles	Ext. 6745 wayne.miller@uwindsor.ca
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Dr. Kevin Gorey Professor	Social epidemiology, population health inequities and injustices, and research synthesis	Ext. 3085 gorey@uwindsor.ca uwindsor.ca/people/gorey
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Dr. Adrian Guta Associate Professor	Social and structural determinants of health; HIV prevention, treatment, and care; substance use and harm reduction; ethics; community-based and participatory research approaches; and governmentality studies	Ext. 6761 aguta@uwindsor.ca

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Dr. Kristina Nikolova Assistant Professor	Policy, gender equality, Intimate partner violence, child maltreatment prevention/intervention of family violence and quantitative research & statistical analyses	Ext. 6762 nikolova@uwindsor.ca
Dr. Wansoo Park Associate Professor	Health communication, health promotion, mental health, adolescents, gerontology, cultural competence, acculturation, program evaluation	Ext. 3069 wansoo@uwindsor.ca
Dr. Patrick Selmi Associate Professor	History and philosophy of social work and social welfare, housing policy; community organizing and development, poverty and inequality, social theory, cross-national comparisons of social welfare policy and social work practice	Ext. 3080 selmi@uwindsor.ca
Dr. Cynthia Stirbys Assistant Professor	Mental health (lateral violence/bullying), social determinants of health, participatory action research, qualitative research, grounded theory, transpersonal counseling, gender studies, indian residential schools: trauma and resilience	Ext. 3083 cstirbys@uwindsor.ca

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Dr. Robin Wright Director, Professor	Prevention and intervention research with children and youth in multicultural and Aboriginal schools and communities, development of interventions focused on risk, resiliency and positive youth development, program evaluation of community-based organizations, large-scale community surveys	Ext. 3060 rwright@uwindsor.ca
Dr. Sung Hyun Yun Associate Professor	Intimate partner violence, batterer intervention program, alcohol/substance abuse and risk-reduction program, cross-cultural studies, scale development	Ext. 3076 yshhsy@uwindsor.ca



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