

2026–2027 Graduate Studies Handbook

Your Journey Starts Here

Toronto, Canada 🌞





York by the Numbers

100+ academic degree and diploma programs

\$1.3M provided towards research support (inc. Academic Excellence Fund) **\$72M** given in funding dollars (inc. Fellowships & TAs)

\$10M created in graduate bursaries

\$14M awarded in Tri-councils + prestigious scholarships

\$66M bestowed in graduate awards

Amazing things happen when diverse communities work together to create positive change. Together, we are making things right for our communities, our planet and our future.

A place where knowledge is made.

Graduate study is a challenge like no other – inviting you to explore the past, interrogate the present, and create the future. Inevitably, these discoveries bring about new self-discovery along the way. In graduate school, your perception becomes more acute, your judgment both sharper and more balanced. You'll have the opportunity to feed your curiosity, your imagination, your creativity and your collaboration as good ideas and promising thoughts blossom into complex, analytical, original solutions. Across the master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral levels of expertise, York graduate students and postdoctoral fellows specialize in discerning crucial issues and problems, deconstructing their component pieces, and creating novel and necessary solutions. The result is a vibrant and creative community of scholarly conversation, and a home for eager minds. Come and join us!

Alice MacLachlan

Vice-Provost & Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies

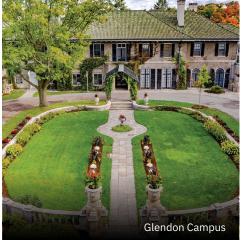


A Space for Everyone

York's campuses foster an environment where innovative thinking thrives and meaningful professional and personal connections are formed. Here, you'll discover a supportive community, a sense of belonging, and spaces—both academic and social—that will become integral to your graduate experience.

Our Campuses







Keele Campus: Walk the scenic paths of our main campus, a thriving community hub enhanced by its location in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), featuring athletic facilities, studios, labs, residences, restaurants and green spaces.

Glendon Campus: Located in the heart of Toronto, Glendon is our founding campus where globally-focused programs, research and hands-on learning opportunities develop the changemakers of tomorrow.

Markham Campus: Academic programs and research at our **newest campus** revolve around the core themes of technology and entrepreneurship and how they are driving innovation.

Tour our campus virtually! go.yorku.ca/virtual-tour



I am interested in the use of non-traditional mediums and unorthodox methods in the visual arts as a display of resilience, act of resistance, and way of learning and empowerment. I plan to use Arts-Based Research with racialized youth in my urban priority neighbourhood to engage with matters of mental health, emotional well-being, and identity."

Shannon Hyatali,

BFA '18, BEd '18, MEd '20, PhD Candidate in Education

A Global Network of Changemakers

Join a prestigious and global university that is widely recognized for its international research excellence and notable alumni who are creating positive change across the world.

Top 30 Alumni Under 30

Meet some of York University's Top 30 Alumni Under 30 – a group of inspiring and diverse alumni changemakers who are making a meaningful difference at home and abroad. go.yorku.ca/grad-top30



Impact Rankings: 40th in the World

York University is strengthening its position as a leader in creating a sustainable and inclusive world. York ranks among the world's top postsecondary institutions in supporting the United Nations' global sustainable development goals in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.



Suzanna Alsayed, **MDEM '20** Founder and CEO. Evolutz Inc. and Hilt International Security Inc.



Elijah Bawuah, MES '21 Senior Public Consultant. City of Toronto: Co-Founder. Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous & Planners of Colour; Spacemaker



MSW '21 Social Worker, Humber River Hospital: Educator, The Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education; Seniors' Advocate

Victoria Canale.



MPPAL'22 Federal public servant; community builder, connector and people-oriented leader across the public sector in Ontario

Khadeja Elsibai,



Shalini Iver. MSc '22 Neuroscientist; Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity Advocate; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Educator



Osman Naqvi, **MSTM'17** Advisor, Invest in Canada; former Advisor to Cabinet Ministers: Founder, YOUth Heroes



Sara Pishdadian, MA '18, PhD '23 Clinician and health equity advocate; Psychologist at CAMH in the Geriatrics and Schizophrenia Divisions



Sam Rockbrune, MA'19 Executive Director, Kawartha World Issues Centre; Steering Team Member / Former Interim Director, TRACKS Youth



Raghavender Sahdev, MSc '18 Founder & CEO, NuPort Robotics; Forbes 30 under 30 in North America



MEd '20 Teacher, Africentric French & Mathematics Education; Co-Founder, Roots to Routes Academy; Equity & Inclusion

Korina Thomas-Reynolds,

Research That Shapes Tomorrow

York's leading teaching and research are driven by our commitment to social justice, sustainability, and the public good. Through innovative, forward-thinking research, we seek to deepen understanding and deliver lasting impact — shaping a better, more equitable future for all.

60 Years of Knowledge Creation

The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) continues to be a tremendously exciting place to study and work. We are proud to support those who will have an integral part in Canada's future. Graduate Studies is where the next generation of impactful careers and cutting-edge ideas are born.

- More than 6,000 grad students and postdoc fellows
- More than 100 academic degrees and diplomas
- The largest body of active researchers on campus

go.yorku.ca/60-years



York University ranks 5th place in comprehensive universities in Canada (Maclean's Ranking 2025)

Creating a Better Future Through Research

31 Organized **Research Units**

studying intersectionality, bee ecology, refugee studies and more



Addressing **Homelessness**

through the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH)



Knowledge Now

showcasing our graduate scholars undertaking groundbreaking and sociallyengaged research



Tackling the **Complexity of Urbanism**

through the City Institute at



Experience-Led Learning

"I examined the power dynamics between international development programs and local people, and whether the incorporation of the rituals of traditional healers could promote community health and well-being. I presented my research in an invited seminar along with traditional healers at UFS."

Yumiko Kiuchi, MA '19, Development Studies



Supporting Your Success Beyond the Professoriate is an eLearning

platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow you to explore career options and ways to apply skills acquired through your education. go.yorku.ca/grad-btp

Graduate Professional & Postdoctoral Skills (GPPS) helps you discover and prepare for your career by linking you to workshops, seminars and courses led by university and industry experts. go.yorku.ca/grad-gpps

Individualized Development Plan (IDP)

is designed to help you identify your professional skills and goals, as well as better understand the competencies needed to achieve them.

go.yorku.ca/grad-idp

Teaching Commons supports the teaching work of graduate students at all levels by exploring and sharing teaching and learning innovation at York. go.yorku.ca/grad-teaching-commons

York University Libraries are the intellectual hub for innovative and diverse scholarship. Access a variety of in-person and online research and learning resources, support for teaching and instruction, and diverse study spaces for quiet or collaborative work, including a Graduate Student Reading Room.

go.yorku.ca/grad-libraries

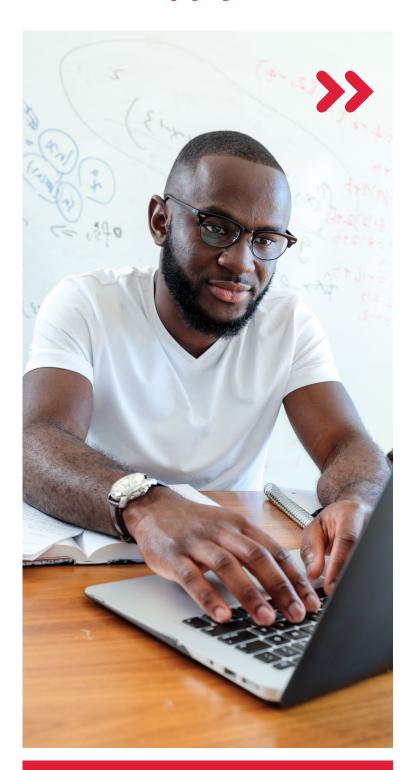


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go.yorku.ca/grad-yorkspace

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How to Apply



Tips to optimize your application: go.yorku.ca/grad-app-guide

Applications are reviewed by individual graduate programs; decisions are made as soon as possible.

1. Review Admission Requirements

Make sure you know the requirements and deadlines for your program of choice.

go.yorku.ca/grad-programs

2. Apply Online

Your application package consists of two parts:

- your application form;
- your supporting documents.

Please be ready to submit your supporting documents within 14 days of the application deadline. go.yorku.ca/grad-apply

3. Upload Required Documentation

Required documentation may include, but is not limited to:

- transcripts;
- a statement of interest;
- a resume or CV;
- a sample of written work;
- a supplementary information form.

4. Submit Language Test Scores

If your first language is not English (or French, for programs taught in French) you may need to provide an English language proficiency test score. go.yorku.ca/grad-language

>> What You Need

Applying to a Master's program:

You must hold an Honours undergraduate degree (four years of study) or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution.

Applying to a PhD program:

You must hold a Master's degree or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution.
Recommended grade point averages (GPAs) vary by program.

To view international equivalencies visit: go.yorku.ca/grad-equiv

APPLY NOW!

Investing in Your Future

Competitive Funding

go.yorku.ca/grad-funding

York offers competitive funding to all qualified graduate students and is committed to promoting excellence in research and teaching.

Funding sources include:

- Fellowships
- Teaching Assistantships with Undergraduate Programs
- Scholarships and Awards

NOTE: All graduate applicants to non-professional programs are automatically considered for a graduate funding package during application review. Successful applicants receive funding package details in their letter of admission.

Fees and Expenses

Estimated Educational Costs	Domestic	International
Yearly compulsory fees & tuition: Based on full-time, non-professional graduate programs	MA \$5,205.42 PhD \$5,205.42	MA \$19,716.36 PhD \$18,891.36
Textbooks, equipment & supplies (lab supplies not included): May be higher in some disciplines	MA \$2,570.00 PhD \$3,416.00	MA \$2,570.00 PhD \$3,416.00
Health Plan	\$410.00	\$1,166.00
Total*	MA \$8,185.42 PhD \$9,031.42**	MA \$23,452.36 PhD \$23,063.36**

- * The above figures are listed in Canadian dollars and subject to change. They serve only as a guide to help you plan for your graduate program. go.yorku.ca/grad-fees-faq
- ** PhD total does not include YUGSA Health cost.

Applicants are welcome to apply for other funding supports: bursaries, research opportunities, internal awards (donor-funded), external scholarships, and provincial, Tri-Council and other federal scholarships.

Stay on Track >>

JULY

Prepare your **statement of interest** early.

AUGUST

Reach out to your references.

SEPTEMBER

Register for **Experience Grad York**, York's Graduate Open House.

OCTOBER

Submit your **application** early!

NOVEMBER

Look for updates on creative **York graduate research** and relevant **York graduate events**.

JANUARY ONWARDS

Check **MyFile** for updates on your application status.

Pursue Your Passion. Find Your Program.

York's Faculty of Graduate Studies offers more than 100 full- and part-time professional and academic degree programs to deepen your expertise and lead you to a fulfilling career.

Application requirements and deadlines vary by program. Visit **go.yorku.ca/grad-programs** for more information. Degree programs marked with * are available in a parttime study format. Diploma programs marked with a † are available as stand-alone programs. All other diplomas must be taken concurrently with a graduate degree program.

School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design

Creativity is your commodity. As you develop your passion with AMPD, benefit from superb training, rich industry connections, world-class facilities and access to an engaged, collaborative arts community.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Aut History O	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
Art History & Visual Culture	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Cinoma 9	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
Cinema & Media Studies	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Digital Media	MA* •	Major research paper
	MSc*	Major research paper & Course work
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.		

MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.



Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Film: Production and Screenwriting	MFA* •	Thesis
Music	MA* •	Major research paper
Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies	MA	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only (includes colloquium and internship)
	PhD	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Visual Arts	MFA •	Thesis exhibition & Support paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination exhibition & Dissertation exhibition
MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.		

[Collaborative Specialization] Vision Research [Diplomas] Curatorial Studies in Visual Culture

MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.

Faculty of Education

Join a leading faculty in Canada that is reinventing education for a diverse, complex world. Become a powerful catalyst for change by contributing to and strengthening the communities where you live and work.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Education: Language, Culture & Teaching	MEd*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
	ing PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Leadership & Community Engagement	MLCE*	Community-based placement & Project

[Diplomas] Early Childhood Education† | Education in Urban Environments† | Environmental/Sustainability Education[†] | Language & Literacy Education[†] |Mathematics Education[†] | Postsecondary Education: Community, Culture & Policy†

Faculty of Environmental & **Urban Change**

Become a changemaker for a just and sustainable future. Join EUC in a call-to-action to respond to today's most pressing challenges facing people and the planet. Discover career paths that will create a better world.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Environmental Studies	MES •	Personal plan of study & Research Paper OR Project OR Portfolio OR Thesis
	PhD	Personal program plan & Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Geography	MA	Major research paper OR Thesis
	MSc	Major research paper OR Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
JD/MES joint program also available for this subject.		

Through small class sizes within a close-knit community, you

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Conference Interpreting	MCI	Entrance examination & Transition examination
Études françaises	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Études francophones	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Public & International Affairs	MPIA •	Major research paper OR Course work only
Translation Studies	MA*	Thesis OR Major research paper OR Course work only
MPIA Dual Degree program with Strasbourg also available for this subject.		

[Diplomas] Business & the Environment | Environmental/Sustainability Education | [Diplomas] General Interpreting



Glendon Campus

will develop your global perspective, leadership capabilities and professional skills toolbox. Glendon's programs are enhanced with immersive language learning options that prepare you for an indemand career.

Faculty of Health

Become part of a growing, connected network that leads constructive change in health and healthcare across Canada and the globe — keeping more people healthier, longer. Students engage in experiental opportunities to build their learning in a range of settings beyond the classroom.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
O W and District Way	MA*	Major research paper
Critical Disability Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Global Health	PhD*	Independent learning plan & Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation OR Portfolio
	MA*	Major research paper
Health	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Thesis
Kinesiology &	MFSc	Non-thesis peer-reviewed professional paper & Practica
Health Science	MSc	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MScN*	Thesis OR Course work only
Nursing	Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) MScN*	Research proposal
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Practica & Thesis
Psychology	PhD	Practica & Dissertation & Qualifying examination(s)

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[Diplomas] Health Psychology | Neuroscience | Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner | Quantitative Methods

Lassonde School of Engineering

The Lassonde School of Engineering empowers students like you to put ideas into action that will push the world forward. We are shaping the next generation of creators who will tackle the world's biggest challenges and find creative solutions to global problems.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
	MASc*	Thesis
Civil Engineering	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Research proposal & Dissertation
Earth & Space Science	MSc*	Thesis & Oral examination OR Course work & Research exercise
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral examination
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	MSc (Computer Science)	Thesis OR Project
	MASc (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Thesis
	PhD (Computer Science)	Qualifying examination(s) & Industrial internship OR Teaching practicum & Dissertation
Mechanical	MASc*	Thesis
Engineering	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

[Collaborative Specialization] Vision Research



Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Respond to a call for cross-cultural communication and interpersonal skills by joining a faculty that's ranked in the top 10 in Canada across several disciplines. With highly flexible and interdisciplinary degree options, study what you love and learn what you need.

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Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Anthropology – Social	MA	Major research paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Communication	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Project
& Culture	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
Development Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis (Fieldwork is required for either option)
Disaster & Emergency	MDEM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Management	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Course work only
Economics	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Major research paper & Dissertation
Constitute	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
English	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Financial Accountability	MFAc*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Candan Faminist 0	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
History	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Human Resources	MHRM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Management	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA*	Major research paper
Humanities	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Information Systems & Technology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Interdisciplinary Studies	MA*	Thesis
Linguistics & Applied	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Linguistics	PhD	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation proposal & Dissertation

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Philosophy	MA*	Comprehensive examination(s) OR Thesis
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA/JD	Course work & Major research paper
Political Science	MA*	Major research paper OR Designated research essay OR Thesis
	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
Public Policy, Administration & Law	MPPAL*	Major research paper OR Topics
Caianas & Tashualagu	MA*	Major research paper
Science & Technology Studies	PhD	Competencies examination (oral and written) & Dissertation proposal & Dissertation
0 . 10 5 !!!!	MA*	Major research paper & Oral examination
Social & Political Thought	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral & written) & Dissertation
	MSW (Advanced Standing)*	Practice-based research paper & Practica
Social Work	MSW (two-year)	Practice-based research paper & Two practica
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Major research paper
Socio-Legal Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Sociology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
Sociology	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

[Collaborative Specialization] Vision Research

[Diplomas] Advanced Hebrew & Jewish Studies | Asian Studies | Comparative Literature | Creative Writing | Democratic Administration | German & European Studies | International & Security Studies | Jewish Studies[†] | Justice System Administration | Latin American & Caribbean Studies | Professional Accounting[†] | Refugee & Migration Studies | Value Theory & Applied Ethics | World Literature

Markham Campus

As a Markham Campus student, you will benefit from flexible learning format, small class sizes, and the opportunity to round out classroom learning with experiential education.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Biotechnology Management	MBM	Course work & Internship
Management Practice	MSc*	Major research paper OR Applied research project
Public Policy, Administration & Law	MPPAL* •	Municipal Government Field

MPPAL graduate field course available at Markham Campus. Full program components provided under LA&PS (page 12).

[**Diplomas**] Biotechnology[†] | Management



Osgoode Hall Law School & **Professional Development**

Osgoode Hall Law School offers an innovative and experiential legal education delivered by the country's top legal minds.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Laur	LLM-MRP*	Thesis & Major research paper
Law	PhD*	Dissertation proposal

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Administrative Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Canadian Common Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Constitutional Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Construction Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Criminal Law and Procedure	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Dispute Resolution	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Energy and Infrastructure Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Financial Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
General Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Health Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Intellectual Property Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
International Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Labour Relations and Employment Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Securities Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Tax Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper

[Diplomas] Foundations of Canadian Law[†] | Law for Law Enforcement Professionals†

Schulich School of Business

Global, innovative and diverse, Schulich is rated among the world's leading business schools. With direct program access from day one, you will immerse yourself in a cutting-edge business education and discover creative business solutions that aren't defined by boundaries. Schulich develops responsible leaders who balance business and the public good.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Accounting	MAcc	Course work only
Administration	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Business Administration	MBA*	Course work only
	EMBA	Course work only
	IMBA	Course work only
	Joint MBA/JD	Thesis
	MBA/JD	Course work only
	MBA/MFA	Course work only
	MBA/MA	Course work only
Business Administration in Technology Leadership	MBAt	Course work & Internship
Business Analytics	MBAN	Course work only
Combined Program	MBA/MFA/MA	Course work & varying requirements
Finance	MF	Course work only
Health Industry Administration	MHIA*	Course work only
Management	MMgt	Course work only
Management in Artificial Intelligence	MMAI	Course work only
Marketing	MMKG*	Course work only
Real Estate & Infrastructure	MREI	Course work only
Supply Chain Management	MSCM*	Course work only

[Diplomas] Accounting Analytics† | Advanced Accounting | Advanced Management | Intermediate Accounting[†] | Post-MBA in Advanced Management | Arts, Media and Entertainment Management | Culture, Communication and Leadership in Canadian Business | Financial Engineering[†] | Global Metals & Minerals Management[†] | Health **Industry Management**

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Faculty of Science

Develop a scientific mindset that's valued by employers in all sectors and join a collaborative community who share your curiosity and passion. Our researchers work together to enhance our academic excellence, diversity, and our capacity to build a better future for everyone.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Biology	MSc	Research progress evaluations & Thesis & Oral examination
	PhD*	Research progress evaluations & Preliminary examination & Dissertation & Oral examination
Chemistry	MSc*	Thesis (full time) OR Course work only (part time)
	PhD	Dissertation & Dissertation oral examination
Mathematics & Statistics	MA*	Thesis OR Survey paper OR Course work only
	MSc (Applied & Industrial)*	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Physics & Astronomy	MSc*	Project OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral exam

[Collaborative Specialization] Vision Research [Diplomas] Financial Engineering | Mathematics Education†



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