

How to Apply to Grad School in Anthropology (at York)

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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Why apply to Anthropology at York University?

Faculty expertise in an impressive range of topics & geographical areas

MA is a 5-term program, designed to keep students on track

PhD is 4 years (course work, comprehensive exams, fieldwork & dissertation writing)

All students receive a competitive funding package. Our program has an excellent track record for assisting students in winning SSHRC & OGS, as well as other internal & external awards

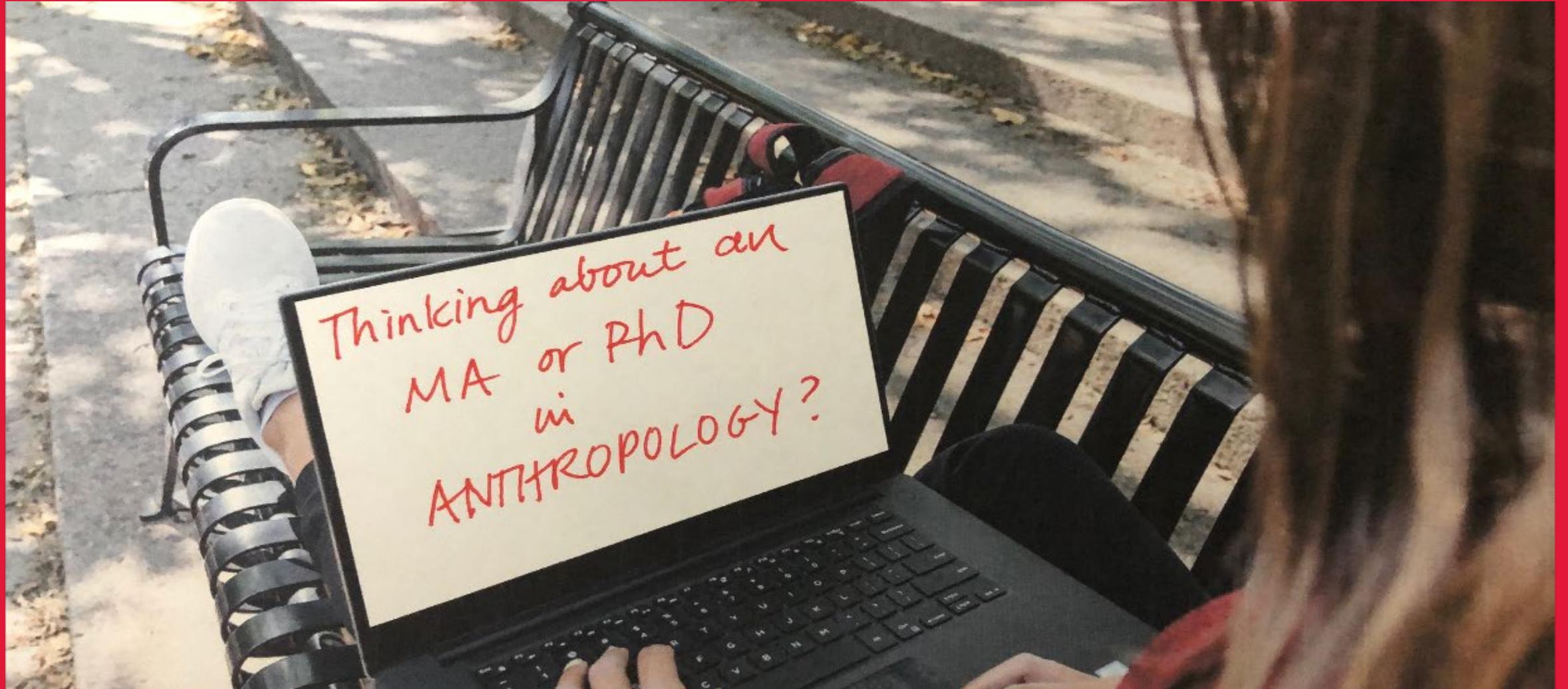
York Anthropology has an excellent reputation in Canada & abroad

Rich and varied grad student life

Your degree can be a stepping-stone to employment or continued graduate education



Before you Apply



Do your research



Identify your own interests within the discipline of anthropology



Research MA or PhD programs on-line



Identify thematic areas and individual faculty members in your area of interest at different schools



Take note of application requirements, fees, and deadlines



Create a list of deadlines and requirements

Application package



TRANSCRIPTS



RESUME



STATEMENT OF
INTEREST



REFERENCE LETTERS
FROM TWO OR THREE
PROFESSORS



WRITING SAMPLE



Statement of Interest

Clearly written and not too long (maximum 500 words)

Can include some personal background details

Should involve reference to current anthropology

For MA applicants: Need not propose a specific research project but must describe topical and theoretical interests

For PhD Applicants: Must indicate familiarity with scholarly literature and refer broadly to potential research projects in your areas of interest

Show that your interests align with the program

Reference letters

Should be from professors who know you fairly well

Get to know those profs now

Approach them formally with an email or after class; request to meet in person at their convenience

Ask them what they need from you to write the most informed and supportive letter possible

Provide them with a complete package well before the deadline

What the admissions committee looks for

- A combination of
 - Excellent grades
 - Strong statement of interest
 - Strong letters of reference
 - Your research interests align with faculty expertise and course offerings available at York

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Top 5 in Canada

York Anthropology
gets **Top 5** ranking
in Canada and
Top 100 in the
world



How to Apply



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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum B+ average for MA program, A- for PhD program.
Educational background in anthropology or related discipline preferred.



For more information



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