Our course-based MFARE includes course work alone or with a major research paper (approx. 4 semesters), while our thesis-based MSc includes course work and preparation and defense of a research-based thesis (approx. 6 semesters).

The PhD program requires course work, the successful completion of a qualifying exam and the completion and defense of a research-based thesis.

Optimal Learning Environment

Graduate students in the department are treated as colleagues. We recognize that you are placing your trust in us to deliver a superior learning experience – a learning experience that will largely determine the path of your career and your ability to make a difference in the world. We want your path to be filled with challenging and rewarding opportunities. The department is extremely collegial and faculty welcome student interaction in and out of the classroom. Students receive significant one-on-one attention and many students publish with their faculty.

Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

Many of our graduate students are employed as Graduate Research or Teaching Assistants and many compete successfully for University scholarships.

- MFARE (course-based) students may receive funding, but it is not guaranteed.
- MSc (thesis-based) students funded upwards of $22,000 per year.
- PhD students funded upwards of $30,000 per year.

Sampling of Faculty Research

Faculty undertake research on a wide array of timely and relevant issues, including:

- Consumer perceptions regarding food safety and new food products;
- Biofuels and the foods versus fuel debate;
- Impacts of regional and global trade agreements;
- Effects of legal institutions on resource use and the environment.

How our Graduates are Improving Society

Our students apply their rigorous training and research experience in a number of rewarding ways. Many of our graduates have taken positions at the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Food, and Rural Affairs, Health Canada, and Forestry Canada. Others have joined private firms or opened highly successful consulting businesses. Many have pursued their PhD at Guelph or other top-tier departments and now are highly successful professors.

What our graduates say:

“The graduate program at the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics exposed me to a wide range of issues and perspectives in the agricultural and environmental sector. The professors and staff in the department also provided me with constant support throughout my graduate training, which has allowed me to build a specialized and relevant skill set and begin a rewarding career.”

Karthik Nadella, MSc graduate, 2013
Incoming PhD student, 2015
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