



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

PhD Study Plan

This form is **required** for candidates applying to the Ph.D. program in Social Work and must be completed in addition to the online application for admission to the School of Graduate Studies. This form and the sample of written work **must** be submitted to gradapply@mun.ca by the application deadline. A form submitted after this date will not be considered.

Name: _____ MUN student #: _____
E-mail Address: _____ Date: _____

Study Plan

A study plan is a required component of the application package. It should be a concise document outlining your educational objectives and expectations for doctoral study. While study plans may evolve over time, applicants are expected to present their current thinking across several areas. The prompts below are intended to guide the preparation of this document.

Please limit it to 6–10 pages.

1. Describe the academic, theoretical, methodological, and/or professional preparation that has equipped you for doctoral study. Identify specific areas for further scholarly development. (approx. 250–400 words)

2. Discuss the substantive issues, debates, or problem areas you intend to explore during doctoral study. Explain their scholarly or professional significance within the field. (*approx. 450–650 words*)

3. Outline your preliminary ideas for dissertation research, including potential conceptual frameworks, methodological approaches, and research questions, recognizing that these plans may evolve. (approx. 600–900 words)

4. Explain how you anticipate using coursework, supervision, and research experiences within the program to advance your scholarly objectives. (*approx. 250–400 words*)

5. Identify the program resources, research environments, or areas of faculty expertise that are most relevant to your proposed development. (approx. 200–350 words)

Sample of Written Work

Please submit one sample of recent academic written work for which you are the primary author. The submission should demonstrate analytical rigour, clarity of argument, and engagement with relevant scholarship.

Suitable examples include a chapter from your master's thesis, a graduate-level research paper, or a scholarly publication. Professional or policy reports may be submitted only if they reflect equivalent academic depth and independent authorship.

- I have attached the required supporting documents

Additional Information Form: (ID#87)

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