

Current Graduate Student Interview Checklist

Once you have met with a potential supervisor and you both are interested in working with each other, you should also talk to two or three students that the faculty is currently supervising. Their experiences can help you to determine if you will work well with this potential supervisor. We also recommend that you contact recent graduates who can relate information about the whole experience, including the final steps involved in graduation. You can request the names and contact information of Program alumni from the Program Office.

Check that you have all the information you need to proceed with confidence by completing the following checklist:

Research Experiences

- How has your research experience been so far?
- What has your experience been in balancing research, course work and teaching assistantship(s)?
- Are you on track to complete your degree on time? If you are in the writing stage, how long is it taking to receive feedback in writing your thesis?
- Are you part of a laboratory with other graduate students? Do you have a support system to help each other in your research?

Supervisor/Student Relations

- How has your experience been working with this supervisor? What is their supervising style?
- Why did you first decide to work with this supervisor? Have these expectations been met so far?
- Would you recommend this person as a supervisor?

Funding and cost of living

- What sources of funding are you currently using? Is this meeting your cost of living?
- How did you find your current housing? What is the cost of living like?
- What is it like living in Peterborough?