

The **Centre for Medieval Studies** hosts one of the most renowned interdisciplinary medieval studies programs in the world. Students can enroll in a **Master of Arts** (MA) program, a **Doctor of Philosophy** (PhD) program, and one of several **Collaborative Programs**. The Centre also runs a **Summer Latin Program**, expressly conceived to support the preparation of prospective candidates and external students.

Since its foundation in 1964, the Centre for Medieval Studies has been internationally renowned for:

- the first-rate education offered by the **Latin Program**,
- the incomparable breadth of advanced training in **languages** relevant to the study of medieval times and cultures beyond Western Europe,
- the comprehensive **course offerings**, which includes Art History, History, Languages and Literatures, Manuscript Studies and Textual Cultures, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theology (major or minor) and Musicology (minor only), and the unique training in “reading” materials remaining from the medieval past, thanks to courses in Paleography, Codicology, Textual Criticism and Digital Humanities,
- the opportunity to collaborate on worldly prominent research projects, such as the **Dictionary of Old English** and the **Records of Early English Drama**, several faculty-led research endeavours, six **publication series** published primarily by the **Pontifical Institute of Mediæval Studies** and **University of Toronto Press**,
- the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive professional experience as a Course Instructor, Teaching Assistant, or Tutor in a variety of different programs and departments, and receive dedicated training in the Professional Development Course (MST1003),
- the unparalleled library resources thanks to the network of **U of T Libraries**, which includes the famous **Library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediæval Studies**,
- the vibrant community constituted by over 60 **graduate students**, an equal number of **distinguished faculty**, visiting professors, and post-doctoral fellows, as well as an established network of international collaborations,
- the wider community of alumni both in academic and non-academic careers, as well as the strong PhD placement record in higher education, 80.95% of the 125 PhD students who graduated from CMS between 2000 and 2015 (source: **10K PhDs Project**),
- the renewed commitment to foster **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility** in graduate education and academia,
- the array of services offered by the **School of Graduate Studies** and its centres such as the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication, the Centre for Graduate Mentorship and Supervision and the Centre for Graduate Professional Development,
- and the possibility of studying and working in one of the top-25 universities in the world, the first among Canadian public universities (**THE2024**), and in the very heart of **Toronto** in one of the world’s most dynamic and diverse cities.

The Centre for Medieval Studies offers suitable candidates a flexible curriculum tailored to their interests and background. Individual attention, small classes, and a dynamic academic environment will prepare students for a promising future in academic research, teaching, and other fields of endeavour beyond the academy. Throughout the program, graduate students receive training in the latest methodologies for studying the Middle Ages, professional development courses, and mentorship.



The PhD in Medieval Studies is a **five-year dissertation-oriented program** consisting of three major phases (Coursework and Linguistic training, Special Field, Writing of the Dissertation) designed to enable all students to achieve both a high degree of specialization and a broad understanding of Medieval studies. The MA in Medieval Studies is a **one-year program** conceived for students who want to explore the field in all its breadth while also strengthening their expertise in Latin. It is especially well-suited for students who are considering further study in Medieval Studies doctoral programs or cognate programs, but also for those who want to pursue professional opportunities and careers beyond the university which require a strong background in the humanities and unique linguistic skills.

All PhD students admitted in Medieval Studies receive a **base funding package** for a period of up to five years that includes tuition fees and health insurance (UHIP) for international students. This funding package includes, in varying combinations and amounts, any **external scholarships** (Commonwealth Scholarship, Fulbright, OGS, SSHRC, etc.), University of Toronto Fellowship funds, Teaching Assistantships, Research Assistantships, and any other contractual academic work at the University of Toronto and its federated colleges (including course instructorships and sessional appointments). Financial resources, on top of the base funding package, are usually available upon application in the form of Teaching Assistantships, Research Assistantships and Awards. Awards are available also for MA students, and applicants should contact the Centre as soon as possible to get more information. Finally, the Centre for Medieval Studies offers substantial additional **funding for travel and research** by subsidizing grants and fellowships for graduate students.

For further information and before applying, please refer to the **requirements** on our website. For questions related to the admissions and academic questions on the MA program, please contact Professor James Ginther (**CMS Associate Director**); for academic questions on the PhD program, please contact Professor Kara Gaston (**CMS PhD Coordinator**); for administrative questions, please contact Terry Louisy (**CMS Graduate Administrator**).