

Fast-Track to PHD

CSIT Guidelines

- The Fast-track option is to support students who are in a Master's program, have shown strong research potential, and intend to do a PhD.
- Fast-Track option allows students to enter the PhD program without finishing the Master's requirements including the thesis.
- The Fast-track applicants will be evaluated based
 - Academic background: This includes GPA both at finished programs and any un-finished Master's
 - Master's courses are used as requirements for admission so in general do not count towards PhD requirements. But up to 1 credit of them can be used as Advanced Standing if approved by the School.
 - Research Potential: In absence of a Master's thesis, applicants need to demonstrate sufficient research potential. This is similar to those with a no-thesis Master's degree. Examples of evidence includes but is not limited to:
 - Peer-reviewed research publications
 - Research presentations at conferences and workshops
 - Research-based course projects with written deliverables
- Typical minimum requirements are:
 - GPA of B+
 - At least one peer-reviewed publication or strong written reports or presentations on a research project (submit manuscript for consideration in your fast-track application)
 - Reference letters similar to other PhD applicants but should include a strong recommendation from current Master's supervisor
- The Fast-track applications are reviewed by the Graduate Committee and if necessary approved by voting.

FGPA Fast-tracking Guidelines are available under Forms & Policies of their website:

<https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/wp-content/uploads/Fast-Tracking-Guidelines-FINAL-June-15-2016.pdf>