

RENEWABLE RESOURCES: NEOTROPICAL ENVIRONMENT (PH.D.)

Offered by: Natural Resource Sciences (Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy in Renewable Resources; Neotropical Environment is a research-based program offered in association with several University departments, the McGill School of Environment, and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI-Panama). The program involves research on environmental issues relevant to the Neotropics and Latin American countries, and it favours interdisciplinary approaches to research and learning, and tropical environmental issues and the skills relevant to working in the tropics.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses

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Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 640	Tropical Biology and Conservation.	3
ENVR 610	Foundations of Environmental Policy.	3
NRSC 701	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination.	0
NRSC 751	PhD Research Proposal.	0
NRSC 752	Teaching Experience.	0
NRSC 753	PhD Research Progress Report.	0
NRSC 754	PhD Final Research Report.	0

Note: Participation in the MSE-Panama Symposium presentation in Montreal is required.

Elective Courses

3 credits, at the 500 level or higher, on environmental issues to be chosen in consultation with and approved by the student's supervisor AND the Neotropical Environment Options Director.