

The [English Graduate Program at Tufts University](#) is now accepting applications for our Fall 2023 class, with a deadline of 15 January 2023. We welcome applicants from non-traditional academic backgrounds and are committed to recruiting and supporting diverse graduate cohorts.

The Tufts English Graduate Program combines flexibility and rigor, offering an education in the range and richness of American, British, and Global Anglophone Literatures in a collaborative scholarly community. Current faculty interests include Black Cultural Studies; Environmental Humanities; Feminism, Gender, and Queer Theory; Affect Theory; Marxist and Postcolonial Studies; Literary and Critical Theory; Literature and Science Studies; and New Materialisms and Material Culture Studies. Faculty profiles and a list of recent seminars—including “Resisting Empire,” “Literature as a Way of Life: Modernist Case Studies In Literary Practice,” “Race & Gender in the Romantic Imperium,” “The Novel and Its Minds,” and “Queer Theory and Afropessimism”—can be found on our website [here](#).

Students are funded for 5 years including tuition and stipend (students entering with an MA in English receive one year of course credit and 4 years of funding) and are then eligible to apply for additional fellowship support. Our graduate students teach in the First-Year Writing Program as instructors of record and have other opportunities for designing and teaching their own courses at Tufts.

Our students are active and engaged professionals. Each year, they organize an interdisciplinary humanities conference featuring a prominent keynote speaker, roundtable discussion, and panels of papers presented by early career scholars. The Graduate Program also hosts a Graduate Colloquium Series, for which distinguished scholars are invited to discuss their recent work in an informal setting. Recent colloquium guests include Yogita Goyal (UCLA), Tavia Nyong’o (Yale University) and Min Hyung Song (Boston College). In addition, the Center for the Humanities at Tufts sponsors talks, reading groups, and events as well as fellowship support for advanced dissertation writers. The many lectures, seminars, and cultural activities held at other institutions in the Boston area redouble this stimulating environment for graduate study!

During the program, students attend a series of proseminars focused on pragmatic and diverse ways to engage in the field from writing scholarly articles to discussing classroom management best practices. We are proud that our professional training encourages and supports students to think expansively about the varied careers possible for those with a PhD in English. Recent graduates have had success securing employment as tenure-track faculty as well as in other academic positions, such as secondary school teachers, program directors, and administrators.

I would be delighted to speak with any interested students via phone or zoom to share more about our program and why I think our Department—combining a close-knit community with countless connections to the wider Boston area—is such a terrific place to pursue a PhD. I can be reached at Nathan.Wolff@tufts.edu.

Many thanks and best wishes,

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