



Developmental Science

Developmental Science PhD program in Psychological and Brain Sciences at UMass Amherst

Cutting-edge research in developmental science needs to be grounded in a profound understanding of both “what” develops and “how” development occurs. Our multidisciplinary Developmental Science training program at UMass Amherst focuses on integrative and translational research that uses a diverse range of methodologies spanning behavioral, clinical, neuroscience, advanced statistical, and applied techniques.

We have collaborative relationships with the Neuroscience and Behavior Program, the Center for Research on Families, the Rudd Adoption Research Program, and have recently expanded our Healthy Development Initiative in Springfield, MA. Our program also leads the broader, cross-department and college Developmental Science Initiative.

We are strongly committed to the support and promotion of diversity in our programs and community. We are part of an outstanding multi-institution Five College Consortium, in a culturally rich region of New England that is surrounded by natural beauty as well as being close to major urban areas.

To learn more about potential faculty mentors for graduate studies use these faculty links. Prospective students also are invited to explore our research labs and centers, learn more about our training program, and inquire about our network of excellent training resources on campus.



For More Information Visit These Links:

Research and Faculty:

umass.edu/pbs/research/developmental-science

Graduate Program:

umass.edu/pbs/graduate/developmental-science

The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences:

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Centers and Institutes:

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Contact Us

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact a faculty member in their specific area of interest. General information about the program can be found at umass.edu/pbs/research/developmental-science, or by contacting Professor Kirby Deater-Deckard, Developmental Science Program Head, at kdeaterdeck@umass.edu.