

Notes for applicants to the PhD program in War Studies at RMC

Successful applicants to the PhD program in War Studies generally have:

- A master's degree in a field closely related to War Studies (most often history or political science),
- Strong references from academic referees who have worked with the applicant, and
- A detailed research proposal that explains specifically how the applicant's proposed research will contribute to scholarship on a particular topic.

Additional graduate work in war studies or related fields is probably the best path for an applicant who is lacking any of these attributes.

Unsuccessful applicants may be interested in the MA in War Studies at RMC, but other institutions offer similar programs that would also help to develop the background necessary to conduct original research at the PhD level.

You should be aware that the committee accepts only a small percentage of the applications it receives each year, and it is forced to reject many capable applicants.

You will also find on this site a template for considering your PhD options before submitting an application.