We are happy to announce that the Alberta Government and the University of Alberta have approved a **PhD in Performance Studies,** to be housed within the Dept. of Drama.

The program foregrounds research on a range of activities that places performance on a continuum of cultural discourse and cultural expression. We will encourage PhD candidates to embrace an activist method of research, which refuses and supersedes the “deeply entrenched division of labor, apartheid of knowledges, that plays out inside the academy as the difference between thinking and doing, interpreting and making, conceptualizing and creating” (Dwight Conquerhood).

The Dept. of Drama at the University of Alberta ([www.drama.ualberta.ca](http://www.drama.ualberta.ca) ) has a BA and BA (Honors) in Drama, and BFA programs in Acting, Design, Technical Theatre and Stage Management. It offers graduate studies within its MA (thesis & course-based), and MFA (Directing, Design, Theatre Practice).

The new PhD is a small-intake, 4 year program, and requires 1 year of course-work, followed by practice-based research, field exams and a doctoral thesis. During the course of their program, students will also have opportunities in teaching and collaborative research.

**Application deadline for September 2012 start is March 30.**

Interested students are encouraged to contact the Department of Drama.

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