**Application FAQs**

**What do I need to know to APPLY?**

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**
- A minimum 81+ average in the last two years of an Honours (4-year) Bachelor's program.
- Students with humanities-based backgrounds or from traditionally unrelated fields may also be considered for admission if they can demonstrate professional equivalency through prior experience in Arts administration.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**
- Statement of Interest: Applicants can submit a statement of interest of up to 2000 characters.
- Two reference letters, either academic or professional.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

The School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (internet-based): 80; IELTS: 7.0 (overall band score), or (PTE) Academic: 65.

**KEY DATES & DEADLINES**
- Applications will be processed as they are received.
- Final application due: January 15
- Notification of acceptance: As they are received and processed.
- Classes start: May 14

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

**What about FUNDING?**

There is no guaranteed funding for students. However, students may apply for Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant positions. Most students will also undertake a paid professional internship in the winter term.

**Why QUEEN'S?**

Queen’s offers its students a perfect balance of engagement with rigorous academic programs and access to first class practitioners and arts facilities. Both the diploma and ARTSL MA programs are cross-disciplinary – taught by a combination of instructors from the Dan School of Drama and Music, the Master of Industrial Relations program, and the Smith School of Business. In addition, the campus boasts world class facilities including a major Performing Arts Centre, Art Gallery, and Library – all with senior staff whose management experience add to the practical teaching environment. At Queen’s, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen’s more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres.
**ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS**
- Develop relationships with a mixture of emerging and established practitioners who are part of a collaborative environment.
- Engage in the academic and professional training process with help from departmental supervisors, the Program’s Grad Coordinators and the students.

**MAXIMIZE YOUR PROFESSIONAL ARTS TRAINING**
- With the help of the program’s five core courses, enhance your current skills and pursue new ones within the Arts management field.
- Learn through interactive projects led by senior management professionals and get learning support from the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

**BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Work on collective projects with peers who bring an international perspective to your field of interest.
- Take advantage of professional development workshops and simulated on-the-job budget negotiations offered as an element of the learning environment at a major arts facility.

**ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**
- Interact with students and outside professionals from a full range of Arts disciplines – expanding your knowledge base and connections.
- Enjoy the opportunity to collaborate with practitioners and students from other communities and organizations throughout the world.
- Advocate for the Arts and for the value systems at their foundation.

**EXPAND YOUR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Let your enhanced skill set lead you to new opportunities within or beyond your current workplace.
- Check out professional development workshops from the Queen’s Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Check out a workshop from Career Services.

**MA STUDY PHASE**
- Complete your coursework (either on campus or at a distance).
- Finalize your plans for your practicum.

**MA PRACTICUM**
- Complete your Master’s program with a professional placement while looking forward to exploring future applications for your new training and connections.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
A graduate degree in Arts Leadership or Arts Management can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: Meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Perseverance
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

**WHERE CAN I GO?**
A Master’s degree in Diploma in Arts Management and/or Master’s degree in Arts Leadership can shape your career in many directions. Many of our MA students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation in careers in:
- Arts Administration
- Production Management
- Not-For-Profit Advocacy
- Cultural Sector Marketing
- Arts Facility Management
- Community Outreach and Education
- Development and Advancement
- HR Management for the Arts
- Business Management
- Director for Performing Arts Organization
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps.html for the online version with links!