Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Professional experience, a B.Ed. degree or its equivalent, and a minimum of a B-
  average in a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent, or
- Two years professional or industrial experience, and a minimum of a B-
  average in a Bachelor's Honours degree or its equivalent, or
- A B.Ed. degree, and a minimum of a mid-B average in a Bachelor's degree or its
  equivalent
- One paper copy of a resume/curriculum vitae
- A proposed focus of study

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 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, (IBT): Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30);
  Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30), for a total of 88/120 (applicants must have the minimum score in
  each test as well as the minimum overall score); or (2) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module
  overall band score), or (3) PTE Academics: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application due: January 15th
- Notification of acceptance: Late February

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

What about FUNDING?

The Faculty of Education considers funding for all eligible full-time graduate students as long
as they indicate their interest in financial assistance on their online application for admission. Funding packages are awarded to M.Ed. students based on academic merit; they may consist of scholarships, fellowships, external or internal awards, or employment as research assistants, teaching assistants, or graduate teaching fellows. The Faculty also offers funding for presenting at international conferences. Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC/NSERC and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards.

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Why GRADUATE STUDIES in EDUCATION?

Graduate students and their work are an integral part of our research, teaching, and service community as we work together to explore ways of understanding natural, cultural, imaginative, social and technological phenomena within education. Through a Master's degree in Education at Queen's University, our students develop leadership skills, including critical reflection, research and writing, that prepare them for a variety of careers.

Why QUEEN'S?

One of the many advantages of the Faculty of Education at Queen's is our community spirit. Teacher candidates, graduate students, faculty, and staff work collaboratively in a supportive and inclusive environment that frequently brings us together through our shared passion for education, community events and activities.

GRAD MAP FOR M.Ed. STUDENTS
**Interim/Early Stage**

- Complete your coursework, select a supervisor and form your committee.
- If completing M.Ed. thesis pattern, register for thesis, write your research proposal, and schedule your mandatory colloquium to occur on one of two predetermined dates.
- If completing M.Ed project pattern, register for project.
- Complete the ethical review process if applicable.
- Collect and analyze data.

**Wrapping Up**

- Write and revise your Master’s project or thesis.
- If completing M.Ed. thesis pattern, schedule and hold thesis defence.

**What Will I Learn?**

A graduate degree in Education 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 Education can take your career in many directions. Graduates of the Queen’s M.Ed. program undertake or return to successful careers in a wide variety of professional settings, including:

- Positions of increased responsibility in school boards, teaching at primary or secondary school level, or teaching at college
- Further graduate studies
- Provincial and territorial departments of education
- Educational organizations
- Libraries
- Private sector and not-for-profit youth initiatives

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and to network, can help you achieve a smooth transition to employment after graduation.