Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Honours Bachelor’s degree in Arts or Science, Applied Science, degree of Doctor of Medicine, or equivalent.
- Grade requirements: B+ (77-79.9%) in the second, third and fourth years of an Honours Bachelor’s degree.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- Statement of Interest.
- Current CV.
- 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, (i) TOEFL: 80; Writing (20/30), Speaking (22/30), Reading (22/30), Listening (20/30), for a total of 80/120 (applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score), or (iii) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score), or (iv) PTE Academic: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application due: Before February 1st. Applications received after the deadline will be accepted based on supervisor availability.

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

What about FUNDING?

Master’s students in Neuroscience are offered a minimum funding of $21,000 per year. As part of the minimum funding package, you may serve as a Teaching Assistant, but it is not guaranteed. Applicants to the Centre for Neuroscience program with external funding awards will have a greater opportunity of being accepted to the program. Apply for external funding from OGS, CHRI/NSERC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a $5,000 top-up to Master’s winners of federal government tri-council awards and scholarships. Research support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen’s more than 130 graduate programs in 50+ departments & research centres.

Located in Kingston, we are a hub of multidisciplinary education and research, from cellular/molecular to clinical studies. The Centre for Neuroscience Studies (CNS) at Queen’s University is a leader in multidisciplinary graduate programs, welcoming applications from students with a variety of different academic backgrounds. Our programs span the full spectrum of neuroscience, ranging from the use of cell-based/molecular and genetic approaches to those that emphasize neuronal systems, whole organism and clinical approaches to understanding natural, cultural, imaginative, social and technological phenomena. The multidisciplinary graduate program in Neuroscience is educating the next generation of leaders who will build on the progress in reducing the impact of neurological disorders. Top students from across North America and beyond come to the Centre to learn in a collaborative environment where they can learn from the best minds in the field. The Neuroscience graduate program is firmly rooted in research because our objective is to produce highly-trained graduates who will continue our efforts to prevent and treat neurological diseases. The program offers students spanning the full spectrum of neuroscience research, from cellular/molecular to clinical studies.

Why QUEEN’S?

At the forefront of discovery and innovation is the Centre for Neuroscience Studies (CNS) at Queen’s University. A hub of multidisciplinary research and teaching, CNS is dedicated to improving the understanding of the brain, how it works and how new therapies and diagnostics can play an important role in the prevention and treatment of diseases like Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, Stroke, Obesity, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Schizophrenia, Behavioral Disorders, and Depression.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in NEUROSCIENCE?

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“Right from the day I started at the Centre for Neuroscience Studies, it felt like family. The camaraderie and support you get is amazing.”

– Alicia Peltsch, PhD

Program STRUCTURE

MSc (2 years, full-time). Course work, research project, thesis, and defense.

Research AREAS
- Cellular/Molecular Neuroscience
- Systems Neuroscience
- Cognitive/Behavioral Neuroscience
- Clinical Neuroscience

Visit the Neuroscience website to learn more about faculty members and their research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact him/her and tell them about your interest in graduate work and related experience.
If you are considering a PhD, explore programs of interest and reach out to departments or programs. Participate in the expanding horizons professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair and the SGS Habitat.

Complete your coursework; begin to research and write your thesis. Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking courses such as CIHR, NSERC, OGS, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, CBOI, the Department of Defence and the American Cancer Society.

Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to the career counselor. Check out books like So What Are You Going to do With That? for advice on various career options. Consider speaking with an alum. Ask an Alum!

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