

Sociology PhD MAP*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)



- ### WHAT WILL I LEARN?
- Advanced Knowledge and technical skills including:**
- Qualitative/Quantitative research techniques to analyze social issues.
 - Critical thinking to evaluate social problems and interactions by challenging common assumptions.
 - Research design: to select and effectively deploy appropriate research designs for examining and interpreting a variety of social phenomena
 - Program Evaluation to collect, evaluate and analyse information concerning the effectiveness of a wide range of projects and policies.
 - Organizing critical debate and discussion to define, interpret and explain multifaceted current issues.
 - Policy Analysis to consider the impact and unintended consequences of policies, and consider the role of social differentiation in creating conflict, social movements and social protest around policies.
 - User research to understand individual and group understandings, behaviors, needs, and motivations through observation techniques, task analysis, and other feedback methodologies.
- Essential transferable skills including:**
- Communication of complex information and arguments about social issues in appropriate formats.
 - Teamwork/Leadership: working creatively by cooperating with others in a manner which recognizes diverse views, values and cultural positions.
 - Information management: prioritizing, organizing and synthesizing large amounts of information
 - Time management: manage competing demands
 - Project management: developing ideas, gathering information, analyzing and appraising findings, drawing and acting on conclusions
 - Creativity and innovation to address complex challenges
 - Perseverance to work through challenges
 - Understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
 - Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
 - Professionalism in all aspects of work

WHERE CAN I GO?

The majority of our PhD graduates who sought a position in academia has been able to secure tenure track appointments. Others have pursued research careers in:

- Adjunct Faculty
- Provincial Government
- Mental Health Commissions
- Think Tanks

PhD graduates in Sociology, from Queen's are securing rewarding, full-time tenure track positions where they are able to draw upon all of their education, skills, and abilities to contribute to international scholarship and higher education. 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 the Department of Sociology website to see where the degree can take you.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online [My Grad Map tool](#).

Graduate Studies FAQs

How do I use this map?

Whether you are considering or have embarked on graduate studies at Queen's, use this map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. The map helps you explore possibilities, set goals and track your individual accomplishments. Everyone's journey is different – the guide offers options for finding your way at Queen's and setting the foundation for your future. To make your own customized map, use the online [My Grad Map](#) tool.

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the [SGS HABITAT](#) for available resources.

What is the community like?

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. With the world's best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen's offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen's is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's [Discover Kingston](#) page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- BA Honours undergraduate degree and Master's degree in Sociology or equivalent with a minimum A- standing.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Writing Sample
- Statement of Interest

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Our application window opens annually in September. The application review process begins on **January 1** and continues through the Spring. Applications must be submitted by January 1 to be considered for internal awards. We start to send out offers of acceptance in early February/March. Applications received after January 1 are accepted, and successful applicants may be offered funding, on a case-by-case basis, so please reach out for more information or begin your application.

Before you start your application, please review the [Graduate studies application process](#).

What about FUNDING?

PhD students are guaranteed a minimum of \$21,000 which includes a Teaching Assistantship and a Queen's Graduate Award. Funding is guaranteed for 4 years.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, NSERC and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a \$10,000 award to incoming PhD students who have won federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies' information on [awards and scholarships](#).



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