

# Chemistry PhD Map

## Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

GRAD MAP FOR PhD STUDENTS 

### Why GRADUATE STUDIES in CHEMISTRY?

A degree from Queen's Department of Chemistry is highly regarded and an important consideration in today's competitive science and technology job market. Our \$56 million state of the art building is home to the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility and its eight high-field instruments, an on-site Mass Spec facility with four mass spectrometers, an X-ray diffractometer, a CFI-funded facility for materials characterization, and more unique equipment in faculty labs.

### Why QUEEN'S?

Queen's University and the Department of Chemistry enjoy international reputations. With 26 award-winning faculty, and over 130 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and research associates performing cutting-edge research in a multitude of areas, you will find this an exciting place to do research. Research is performed in the areas of analytical, inorganic, organic, physical, polymer, and theoretical chemistry. Research in these areas ranges from the most fundamental to very applied.



*"My years at Queen's have left me with nothing but good memories. It was a great experience, a great city and a great education. It was a solid foundation to launch a career."*

*- Will N. Rogers, PhD*

### Program STRUCTURE

PhD (4 years): course work, research thesis, comprehensive oral exam, and research seminar.

### RESEARCH Areas

- Analytical/Environmental
- Biological
- Chemistry Education
- Inorganic/Organometallic
- Materials/Polymer
- Organic
- Physical
- Theoretical/Computational

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying.



Visit the Chemistry Department website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members' research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact them and tell them about your interest in graduate work and related experience. This is also an opportunity for you to find out if the faculty member is accepting new graduate students to supervise.



GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

[queensu.ca/grad-postdoc](https://queensu.ca/grad-postdoc)

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY



## How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. To make your own custom map, use the My Grad Map tool: [careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps](https://careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps).

# Graduate Studies FAQs

## How do I make the most of my time at Queen's?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone's journey is different - the ideas on the maps are just suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Professional Development Plan (PDP) process to set customized goals to help you get career ready when you graduate.

## 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 SGSPA website 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.



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# Application FAQs

## What do I need to know to APPLY?

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- MSc in Chemistry of equivalent, or direct entry from BSc for exceptional candidates with extensive research experience.
- **Grade requirements:** minimum upper second class standing (B+ average).

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Two official transcripts for all post-secondary studies.
- Two letters of recommendation (academic)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Correspond with potential supervisors.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The following minimum scores are required: (1) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30). 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 and a 7.0 for each test band), or (3) PTE Academics: 65, or (4) CAEL CE -70 (minimum overall score).

### KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application Due:** While the department accepts applications throughout the year, those students wishing to be considered for awards should apply by March 1st.
- Available Intakes: September, January, and May
- **Notification of acceptance:** Students are accepted on an ongoing basis as their completed applications reviewed

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

## What about FUNDING?

As of the 2025-26 academic year, doctoral students are guaranteed minimum funding of \$21,000 per year for years 1-4. The funding package may be comprised of graduate awards, graduate research fellowships, and research and/or teaching assistantships. Many students are awarded scholarships and awards, which allow them to exceed this level of income (Last year's minimum was \$27,600 with an average stipend of \$30,167).

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, NSERC, and other sources. For the 2025-26 academic year, Queen's will automatically issue a one time \$5,000 award to Doctoral students who have won federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' information on awards and scholarships.

