Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in SCREEN CULTURES AND CURATORIAL STUDIES?

Housed in the state-of-the-art Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, and the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, the Master's program in Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies is unique, linking adjacent disciplines, making it one of its kind.

The study of Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies, and film & media production are inter-linked, providing students with a range of course options and professional opportunities, including academia, arts management, programming, media production, and curation.

Why QUEEN'S?

The program's three strongly interconnected areas of focus, studies, research creation, and curation, are designed to stimulate creative dialogue in ways that open exciting points of access to multiple disciplinary formations. There is no comparable program in any other film, media, cinema, or communication MA program in all of Ontario.

Visiting scholars, filmmakers, artists, and curators provide opportunities for practice-based learning. Blending academia with creative skills allows our graduates to implement their new found knowledge in the gallery, festival, museum, and beyond.

Exhibition space is available to students at the Art & Media Lab in The Isabel Bader Center and the Union Gallery for curatorial projects; these spaces allow students to have an exclusive platform to bring learning to life.

The program is uniquely offered in partnership with the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, a university and public art museum with physical display space paralleled by an off-site and active online program presence. The slate of courses offered



Museums without Walls conference exhibition in the Art and Media Lab at the Isabel Centre for the Performing Arts. Photo: Bojana Babic

by this partnership provide robust opportunities to participate in and benefit from experiential, applied learning.

Program STRUCTURE

The structure of this program is designed to maximize flexibility allowing students to do traditional academic research, engage in creative / community projects, and develop professional profiles suitable to a wide variety of academic and non-academic career pathways.

PhD Program requirements:

- 4 years of full-time studies
- 3 core courses
- 2 elective courses
- Qualifying exam
- Thesis or Portfolio



Sunny Kerr, Adjunct faculty, and Agnes Etherington Art Centre's Curator of Contemporary Art, leads SCCS student through a tour of the exhibition *Let's Talk About Sex, bb.* Photo: Tim Forbes Visit the Film and Media 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.

RESEARCH Areas

- Animation Theory and Practice Archives
- · Curation and Remediation
- AR / VR / AI
- Critical Curatorial Studies
- · Environmental Media
- Experimental Media
- Feminist, Critical Race, Indigenous, and LGBTQ2+ Screen Cultures
- Historical and Contemporary Film and Media Theory
- Moving Image Research Creation (Narrative, Documentary, Experimental, Animation, and Open Media)
- National Cinemas, Cultural Institutions, and Curatorial Events



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DOCTOR OF SCREEN CULTURES AND CURATORIAL STUDIES (PhD) YEAR I YEAR II YEAR III YEAR IV **ACHIEVE YOUR** • Complete your Qualifying Exam and PhD Key priorities in the fall and winter include Continue to meet regularly with your **ACADEMIC** Proposal defense. Embark on your substantive supervisor, review research progress, and completing your coursework, and attending **GOALS** write your dissertation. Check out the SGSPA research in the summer. the Professional Development Seminar and writing camps, such as Dissertation on the Workshop with visiting artists and academics. • Find your way through the academic process Lake. with the help of School of Graduate Studies Meet early with your supervisor to set and Postdoctoral Affairs (SGSPA) professional Use conference presentations to create, expectations and discuss roles, responsibilities, development or Student Academic Success discuss, and explore ways to disseminate program requirements, resources, research/ research findings. occupational goals, and timelines. Begin discussion of potential thesis defence Set up regular meetings with your supervisor With your supervisor begin your list of required to discuss progress and obstacles to timely readings for your Qualifying Exam. completion. MAXIMIZE RESEARCH Continue to present at conferences. • Think about audiences for your research. • Present your work through professional associations, topic conferences, or at graduate Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis **IMPACT** Complete CORE online module on research ethics partners. (3MT) or GRADflix competition. if doing research regarding sensitive topics. Contact the Queen's Media Centre for guidance Expand your research audience through social · Apply to SSHRC, OGS, and other funding. on speaking to news outlets about your work. media such as Twitter or a blog. List yourself on the Arts and Science University · Attend conferences in your field. Apply for the Graduate Dean's Travel Grant for Research website. Doctoral Field Research. Apply to film festivals when applicable. BUILD Investigate internships from MITACS and · Serve on the department steering committee, Hone skills for non-academic employment by **SKILLS AND** other sources. continuing involvement on committées. faculty, or university committees. Talk to the **EXPERIENCE** Find opportunities for extra training through student caucus for tips on getting involved. • For help with teaching, get support from the

- CTL, SGSPA professional development, Mitacs, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC and Four Directions.

Plan date of thesis submission for examination.

- Present your research to graduate students and faculty or at conferences and work with supervisor to prepare for defence.
- · Review submission and examination guidelines.
- · Submit dissertation for supervisionary review.
- · Discuss career pathways, references letters, and publication options with your supervisor.
- Continue to attend conferences and connect with scholars in your field and with community
- Continue public outreach through social media and the Queen's Media Centre.
- Consider being interviewed on the SGSPA radio show Grad chat to talk about your research.
- Consider putting an article in The Conversation.

Begin teaching as a departmental Teaching

 Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.

Continue targeted networking with people

working in careers of interest. Join groups on

LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Knowledge and technical skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences.
- Learn how to create innovative, interdisciplinary, and informed media.
- Study more about historiography; researchcreation; archives and exhibition; on-line curation; digital media practice; images, activism, and the real; animation theory and practice.
- **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.

Career Possibilities • Join professional associations like the Film

A PhD in Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies will give you a solid foundation to take your career in many directions, such as:

- Academia and teaching
- Film production
- Galleries
- Media
- Museums
- Non-profit agencies
- Publishing houses
- Socail policy agencies
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

ENGAGE

WITH YOUR

COMMUNITY

Consider volunteering with community organizations, film festivals, museums, and arts centres around the country.

· Consider positions in student services, the SGPS,

and the SGSPA Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs

· Use a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant

position to develop your skills and experience.

Directory.

or media outlets like the Queen's Journal, CFRC,

- Participate in the workshops offered by the Film and Media Department as well the Agnes Etherington Arts Centre to learn more.
- Participate in your graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, or by organizing conferences.

· Start building your teaching portfolio.

more information.

Explore different careers of interest by using

Queens Connects on LinkedIn to connect with

Queen's alumni. Check out Career Cruising for

Consider exhibiting your work at the Agnes

Etherington Arts Centre, Images Festival, or

attending the events at the Isabel Bader Centre

Centre for Teaching and Learning.

for the Performing Arts.

- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen's Connects on LinkedIn, the Queen's Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
 - Start putting together your resume and begin
 - Attend industry fairs and job talks. Research academic careers of interest. Craft your CV
 - in staying in Canada, consider speaking with an International Student Advisor.
 - your job search plan.
 - and job application materials.
 - If you are an international student interested

Investigate requirements for professional positions or other opportunities related to careers of interest.

Build connections with faculty outside of your program. Pursue interviews for faculty positions and apply for post-doc fellowships and positions.

· Apply to jobs or make plans for other adventures.

Studies Association of Canada.

interest in Film and Media.

- Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, and interviews.
- If considering jobs abroad, research possible immigration regulations.

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

- Finding a career that fits starts with knowing yourself. Get help by taking a Career Services workshop or meeting with a career educator and coach.
- Start reading publications like University Affairs and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Browse non-academic labour market websites.

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.

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 closeknit 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.

Graduate Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- MA or MFA degree from a recognized university in film or media studies or cognate fields (e.g. communications, cultural studies, film and media production, visual art, art history, popular culture).
- Minimum grade of A- in MA or MFA.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrated proficiency in a language other than English (if needed).
- 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 deadlines are posted on our How to Apply page, at this web address: https://www.queensu.ca/filmandmedia/graduate/how-apply

What about FUNDING?

The minimum funding guarantee for Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies PhD students is \$24,000 per year, throughout years 1-4. The funding package may be comprised of Queen's graduate awards, teaching assistantships, and named internal fellowships.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a one time \$10,000 award to incoming PhD 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.



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