Economics PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Jump Start Your Research Career in Economics

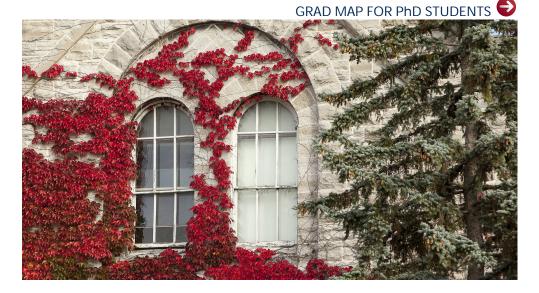
A PhD from Queen's Economics Department gives you an outstanding foundation for a research-oriented career in academia, government or international institutions. Our department has a distinguished history, ranks among the top in research departments in Canada, and is highly regarded internationally.

We prepare you for starting a successful career in economics research following the path of our many distinguished graduates.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES IN ECONOMICS?

The department provides a medium sized program which allows students to study in an open atmosphere with direct access to internationally renowned faculty. Students have access to excellent data and





computing facilities as well as a dynamic research environment with 3 weekly seminar series and an extensive visiting scholar program.

Visit the Economics Department website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members' research areas. Typically, Economics PhD students find a supervisor after joining the PhD program and in the course of taking their first and second year courses, during which most students percolate towards a specific area of research interest.

Program STRUCTURE

Graduate Methods Review in Mathematics and Computing.

First Year:

- Course sequences in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Econometrics
- · Comprehensive Exams

Second Year:

- · Specialized Field Courses
- · Qualifying Research Paper

Third Year and Onwards:

- Small Group PhD Workshops
- Thesis Research

"Professors are as approachable as they are knowledgeable. They will always leave their doors open for you to discuss research ideas, and provide professional feedback on research projects."

- Ke Xu, University of Victoria, (PhD 2017)





GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)



YEAR IV YEAR I YEAR II YEAR III & TRANSITIONING **ACHIEVE YOUR** Key priorities include completing core courses Complete five research topics courses. Continue to meet regularly with your · Plan date of thesis submission for ACADEMIC and comprehensive exam requirements. Finalize a supervisor, work on second-year supervisor, review research progress, and examination. **GOALS** write your dissertation. Check out the SGSPA By the end of first year, students should be at Present your research to graduate students By the end of their second year, students should writing camps like Dissertation Boot Camp. the forefront in terms of the main theoretical and faculty or at conferences and work with have a deeper understanding of key issues and and empirical methodology in all areas of Use conference presentations to create, supervisor to prepare for defence. debates relating to their chosen areas of study. discuss, and explore ways to disseminate economic analysis. Find your way through the academic Review submission and examination research findings. · Look to Student Academic Success Services for process with the help of SGSPA professional guidelines. Begin discussion of potential thesis defence a variety of supports. development and the SGSPA website. Secure necessary oral defence Seek experiential/professional development opportunities. accommodations. MAXIMIZE RESEARCH · Think about audiences for your research. Present your work at graduate conferences, Continue to attend conferences and connect · Present your work at the departmental through professional associations, or topic with scholars in your field and with community student workshop (ECON 999). **IMPACT** Apply to SSHRC, OGS, and other funding. conferences. partners, such as the Canadian Economics · Expand your research audience through social Attend conferences in your field. Association (CEA) annual meetings or the Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis media such as Twitter or a blog. Canadian Economic Theory Conference. · Apply for the Graduate Dean's Travel Grant for (3MT) or GRADflix competition. · List yourself on the Arts and Science University Doctoral Field Research. Continue public outreach through social media Contact the Queen's Media Centre for guidance Research website. and the Queen's Media Centre. on speaking to news outlets about your work Practice articulating the skills you have been **SKILLS AND** Serve on departmental, faculty, or university Hone skills for non-academic employment by Begin teaching as a departmental Teaching committees. Talk to the Economics Graduate continuing involvement on committees. developing in settings outside the university, **EXPERIENCE** Student Executive for tips on getting involved. such as casual conversation, networking, and Find opportunities for extra training through Attend workshops put on by the Department, CTL, SGSPA professional development, MITACS, interviews. Get help from a Career Services such as the Professional and Academic Consider positions in student services, the or other sources to boost your skills. workshop. SGPS, or media outlets like the Queen's Development Program (PADP). Journal, CFRC, or the SGSPA Blog. Look in the Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural For help with teaching, get support from AMS Clubs Directory. environment by taking the Intercultural the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Enrol Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC · Use a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant in SGS902 or the PUTL Certificate for more and Four Directions. position to develop your skills and experience. professional development in teaching. **ENGAGE** Consider joining professional associations like Attend departmental workshops regularly and • Do some targeted networking with people Participate in your graduate and professional WITH YOUR the Canadian Economics Association. meet with visiting speakers. working in careers of interest, through community through activities such as graduate **COMMUNITY** LinkedIn, the Queen's Alumni Association, student outreach programs, organizing Continue targeted networking with people Consider volunteering with different local professional associations, and at conferences. conferences, and research groups. working in careers of interest. Join groups on community organizations, such as Martha's Get help from a Career Services workshop. LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of Table, or Loving Spoonful. interest in Economics. **LAUNCH YOUR** Finding a career fit starts with knowing Participate in hiring committees and attend Start building your teaching portfolio including Build connections with faculty outside of your **CAREER** yourself. Take a Career Services workshop or job talks. Research academic careers of student evaluations, and seeking mentorship. department. Pursue interviews for faculty meet with a career educator and coach for interest. Craft your CV and job application positions and apply for post-doc fellowships Explore different careers of interest by using materials. and positions. LinkedIn to connect with Queen's alumni. For

more information check out Career Cruising.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs

interest

or other opportunities related to careers of

• Start focusing on non-academic areas of

and start putting together your industry

resume and begin your job search plan.

· Find impactful work that aligns with your

UN Sustainable Development Goals.

interest. Research organizations of interest

values using the Queen's Career Guide to the

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Economics 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

Career Possibilities

A PhD in Economics can take your career in many directions. In Canada, less than 40% of all PhDs will work in post-secondary education – the majority will work in industry, government, or non-profits.

- Academia
- Banks

Apply to jobs or make plans for other

immigration regulations. If you are an

in Canada, consider speaking with an

International Student Advisor.

If considering jobs abroad, research possible

international student interested in staying

adventures.

- International organizations
- Private research firms
- Private consulting firms
- Public sector

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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.

Start reading publications like University

Browse non-academic labour market

websites.

Affairs and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

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 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

- Honours Bachelor's degree and Master's degree with a major in Economics.
- A minimum average of 80% in MA classes is typically required to be competitive.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- List of courses and marks in economics, math, or statistics.
- Two official transcripts.
- 2 academic reference letters.
- A Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score may be required for international applicants.
- 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: February 15
- Notification of acceptance: Mid March and onwards

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

What about FUNDING?

Funding packages consist of scholarships and TA' ships. The department guarantees funding for at least 4 years and depending on sufficient progress towards the degree, funding package are also offered for later years.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' information on awards and scholarships.

