

Economics PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

GRAD MAP FOR PhD STUDENTS



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.

"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)

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



GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS

queensu.ca/grad-postdoc



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
- 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.

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.



DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMICS

Danielle Blackstock, Graduate Assistant
econgrda@queensu.ca
econ.queensu.ca/graduate/phd

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.

