

Education PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

GRAD MAP FOR PhD STUDENTS 

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in EDUCATION?

Join our inclusive research community of education experts. Our PhD program works on a mentorship model where new scholars work closely with established experts and collaborative research groups. Coursework is completed under the supervision of leading experts across the education spectrum. Our PhD graduates contribute innovative work transforming theory, policy, and practice. We offer competitive funding packages and opportunities for our PhD students to be teaching or research fellows, as well as research or teaching assistants.

Why QUEEN'S?

Queen's University has an active and vibrant graduate student community. Our Faculty of Education brings together diverse perspectives on education, fostering multidisciplinary expertise within an active collaborative research community. Our research leads to new knowledge and understandings about teaching and learning, and progressive changes in educational policies and practices.

As a researcher at Queen's, you will engage in outreach initiatives that serve and enhance communities of practice through local, national, and international partnerships.

Program STRUCTURE

PhD (4 years): Course work (5), comprehensive examinations (2), thesis, and defense.

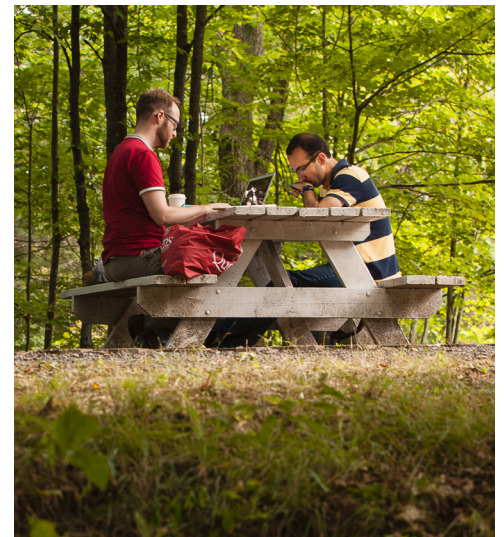


We develop progressive, ethical, and thoughtful leaders in education through teaching, research, and professional collaboration.

RESEARCH Areas

- Assessment and Evaluation
- Curriculum Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- History and Philosophy of Education
- Language and Literacy
- Leadership and Policy Studies
- Math, Science and Technology in Education
- Social Justice and Inclusion
- Special Education

Introduce yourself and share your ideas with one of our faculty members. We require you identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying. Our faculty members in Education are approachable, accessible, and collaborative. Our faculty members can be invaluable in supporting your application for admission.



Visit the [Faculty of Education website](#) to read faculty profiles to learn more about faculty members' research areas.



**GRADUATE STUDIES AND
POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS**

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Education can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- Awareness:** an understanding of sound **ethical** practices, **social responsibility**, responsible research, and **cultural sensitivity**
- Knowledge and research 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 researcher
- Professionalism** in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership:** initiative and vision, leading people, and discussion.

Career Possibilities

A PhD in Education 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.

- Educational Organizations
- Leaders in health sciences and government
- Post-doctoral fellows
- Provincial and Territorial Departments of Education
- Researchers at research agencies and school boards
- Teachers
- University faculty/researchers

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and to network, can help you achieve a smooth transition to employment 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.

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. With over 130 graduate programs throughout more than 50 departments and research centres, you will find friends, peers and support among our graduate students. 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 main 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

- Master's degree in Education or a related discipline with first-class standing from a recognized university.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Professional experience in education or a related field is an asset.
- Two-page research proposal.
- Current curriculum vitae.
- 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:** January 15
- **Notification of acceptance:** Late February

Before you start your application, please review the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs application process.

What about FUNDING?

All eligible full-time graduate students who request funding (financial support) as part of their initial application can expect to receive a funding offer to help them with the costs associated with their graduate studies in the Faculty of Education.

Currently, doctoral students are guaranteed minimum funding of \$21,000 per year for years 1-4. Recipients of external awards will not receive \$21,000 on top of them; however, their packages are likely to be higher than those who do not win external funds. Normally, if students apply for and successfully obtain a Teaching and/or Research Assistantship the average funding for eligible PhD students is approximately \$25,000 - \$28,000 per year.

Funding packages are awarded to students based on academic merit and they may consist of any or a combination of the following: scholarships, fellowships, external awards the student may bring with them, internal awards, research assistantships, teaching assistantships, or graduate teaching fellowships. The Faculty also offers funding for presenting at conferences.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC/NSERC, and other sources. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' information on awards and scholarships and the Faculty of Education's funding information.

