

Art History

A rewarding career in the arts industries, heritage management, or museum sector begins with an art history degree. An art history degree also prepares you for a wide array of other career possibilities which require strong intercultural skills, visual literacy, and research strengths. Students in art history explore and understand key topics in global arts and material culture, and critically examine the role of museums and galleries in our contemporary world. Our students have first-hand engagements with art outside the classroom—such as through internships, field trips, or our Venice Biennale Summer School—and gain valuable learning experiences that prepare them to be innovative thinkers and leaders in the arts and cultural sector. The department is home to an array of distinguished scholars and curators in the fields of global arts, architecture, and museum studies, and offers students the opportunity to be creative, rigorous, and socially engaged.

TOP 5 Reasons to Study ART HISTORY

- 1 Develop a strong visual literacy with the images and material objects that surround us.
- 2 Take field trips to important art exhibitions in the region.
- 3 Study in our international programs, including the Venice Summer School.
- 4 Engage in first-hand classroom study at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre.
- 5 Learn from faculty members with international reputations, who have a variety of experiences and perspectives to share.

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

17% of alumni work in **CURATION & CONSERVATION**

40% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

Example Alumni Jobs

Dayna Obbema (MA '22), Associate Museum Sustainability Consultant, Rute Collaborative.

Emma Landis (BAH '13), Founder and Principal of art consultancy firm, Richan Art.

Eleanore Mackie (MA '20), Registrar of Loans and Art Transit, National Gallery of Canada.

Jessica Insley (BAH '13), Collections Curator, Mount Stuart Trust, Scotland.

Jeff Taylor (BAH), Senior Client Partner, Meta (Facebook)

Tash Perrin (BAH), Deputy Chairwoman, Christie's Auction House, New York.

add an optional **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

Law

Business

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

Alumni Story

"My art history graduate education at Queen's provided me with excellent training as an art historian. I had the opportunity to study and work directly with historic drawings in the Queen's Archives, and learn how to research and catalogue them while producing a finding aid for a newly acquired collection."

-Christine O'Malley Queen's BA and MA

2026-27 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Art History MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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QUIP

QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES

May, September,
or January

POSITIONS

are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

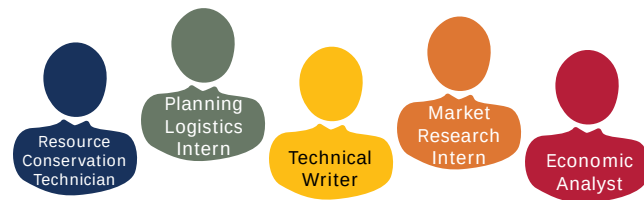
ELIGIBILITY

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in the job search and during the internship.

Sample Past Internships



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the [Program Website](#).

Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada.

It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.

