

Biomedical Informatics

GDip, MBI

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why a Graduate

Diploma in Biomedical Informatics?

Transforming how health care is approached and delivered through big data is the goal of our two new professional programs: a Graduate Diploma and Professional Master's in Biomedical Informatics. Students can take the 4 month graduate diploma, with the option to continue on to complete a one-year masters. Skills gained in these programs will provide hands-on training in data science that will form the foundation for successful careers in health care and biomedical research. Knowledge and experience in data analytics is in high demand among health care professionals and researchers. Whether you are interested in pursuing careers in genetics, pharmaceuticals, medicine, or biomedical research, understanding how to manipulate and use large datasets is essential for translating data into knowledge in health care.

Key Features:

- Unique interdisciplinary graduate program offered by the School of Computing and Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences.
- Provides the foundation to careers in health care and biomedical research.
- Hands-on training in data science methods: database design and management, artificial intelligence, statistical analysis, data mining, and image analysis.



"Never in the history of mankind have we had access to so much medical data – electronic health records, medical imaging, 'omic' data – the challenge now is turning this data deluge into meaningful insights. This is where data scientists step in. The demand for biomedical informatics specialists far exceeds supply. We are witnessing the largest transformation of healthcare ever – bioinformatics specialists will be the rock stars of tomorrow." - Don Aldrige, Past Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Computing & Senior Advisor of Advanced Computing and Data Analytics

Queen's offers its students a perfect balance of engagement with rigorous academic programs and access to first class practitioners and learning facilities. Both the Graduate Diploma and Professional Master's programs are cross-disciplinary - taught by a combination of instructors from the School of Computing and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Program Structure

Graduate Diploma (Mid May - Mid August; 3 Months):

- BMIF-801* – Programming Skills and Tools for Processing of Biomedical Data
- BMIF-802* – Biomedical Data Analysis

- BMIF-803* – Biomedical Data Mining and Applications
- BMIF 804* – Medical Imaging Informatics

Master's Program (MBI)
(May - April; 12 Months):

- The 4 courses from the Graduate Diploma
- Master's Project - equivalent in weight to two courses. A biomedical informatics project is undertaken under the supervision of a School member. The students are required to submit a research report.
- Two additional courses from a list of elective courses.



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?

Queen's offers graduate students from every discipline a close-knit intellectual community where they can learn, discover, and build lasting connections. With more than 130 graduate programs across 50+ departments and research centres, students benefit from world-class scholars, prize-winning professional development, generous funding packages, and life in the historic waterfront city of Kingston. The campus sits at the heart of Kingston, just a 10-minute walk from downtown's shops, restaurants, and waterfront, and is deeply integrated with the local community. For more on Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to Apply?

- A minimum of a BSc (Honours) degree in biology, life sciences, biochemistry, medical sciences, biostatistics, engineering, or related disciplines is required.
- Interest in designing and implementing quantitative and computational methods to solve challenging problems in biology and medicine is essential.
- A desire to develop skills for careers in medicine, research and development, or industry is necessary.
- A minimum average of B+ in the third and fourth years of the undergraduate program (all courses considered) is required.

Additional Requirements: Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions, two academic letters of recommendation, and CV

If English is not a first language, nor was the language of instruction in undergraduate studies, prospective students must meet English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening as part of the application process, and before final acceptance is granted, as per School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' regulations.

DEADLINES

- For international students deadline is **December 15**
- For Domestic students, deadline is **February 1**
- Admissions are offered on a rolling basis

What about Funding?

This is a professional program and no funding is available. However, the accepted students in Masters program may be eligible for an entrance scholarship. For more information on awards and scholarship, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.

