

Earth & Energy Resources Leadership MEERL

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Earth & Energy Resource Leadership?

MEERL will distinguish you from your colleagues and give you the boost to get to the next stage of your career. This program is built for professionals in the natural resource industry who want to take on a leadership role or are currently in one. MEERL combines challenges related to the mineral and energy sectors into one program, allowing you to learn from parallel industries and fellow students. As a part-time program, you can immediately apply what you are learning to your career. You can also personalize your degree by selecting electives and completing projects on topics that are of interest or related to your job.

Why Queen's?

As an online student, you'll have support for your success, experience Queen's quality education, and thrive in an interactive learning environment. This interdisciplinary degree will capitalize on Queen's traditional strengths by drawing teaching staff from across the Queen's University Campus (Arts and Science, Engineering and Applied Science, Smith School of Business, Law, and School of Policy Studies) and industry experts (consultants and business owners).

Program at a Glance

Designed for the mining and oil and gas industries, taking an interdisciplinary approach.

Delivery: Part-time, 20 months, primarily



"MEERL was an incredible experience, with the perspectives and knowledge gained through the program being invaluable to my career. Each course brought a new facet to the overall resource conversation and the professors and staff were very dedicated to see students maximize their experience. My aim is to keep the interdisciplinary mindset instilled through MEERL top of mind in both work and volunteer roles" Nancy Manchak - Senior Engineer, ATCO

online, approximately 2 weeks of in-person sessions in Ontario and Alberta, Canada.

Content: 10 courses (7 core, 3 electives), field trips, leadership workshops, case studies, networking events, and guest lectures from industry professionals.

The Online Advantage

Online learning offers a flexible approach to complete a degree while balancing your busy work and personal life.

- Courses are designed to fit your lifestyle with course materials being available 24/7 through our online platform.
- Course content is paired with live webinars, discussion boards, and individual conversations with professors to create an interactive learning environment.
- Assessments include individual and team projects, live negotiation activities, town hall debates,

presentations, quizzes, and exams; all of which can be completed from your home.

More about the In-Person Sessions

There are currently two residential sessions. During these sessions you will get to know your classmates and professors, take core courses, go on field trips, and attend networking events.

- The first session is held at the start of the program (August) over 5 days at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.
- The second session is mid-way through the program (May to July) over 8 days in Calgary, Alberta.
- There is an optional 8-day field trip course before the second in-person session where students visit sites in Western Canada.



Graduate Studies FAQs

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.



Our Vision

Our vision for MEERL is an ambitious one – we see MEERL graduates at the forefront of the transformation of the natural resource sector, driving positive change in their organizations and communities. To achieve this vision MEERL must provide emerging leaders in the natural resource industries with the skills and aptitudes needed to tackle the most challenging technical, economic, political, ethical, social, and environmental questions regarding the future of the earth and its resources.

Application FAQs

Core Courses

- **EERL 801** Resource Life Cycle Overview
- **EERL 802** Strategic Leadership in the Resource Sector
- **EERL 803** Economic Essentials for Mining and Energy – Part I
- **EERL 804** Economic Essentials for Mining and Energy – Part II
- **EERL 805** Operating Effectively: Law, Policy, Regulation and Ethics
- **EERL 806** Engaging Effectively
- **EERL 807** Reframing Resources, Design for Earth

What do I need to know to Apply?

The program is for early to mid-career professionals from a wide range of positions and studies. Students come from diverse backgrounds, bringing a variety of unique perspectives to the table.

- **REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must hold a 4 year Bachelor's degree from a recognized university or equivalent, with a minimum B standing in the last 2 years of program.
- **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**
 - 2 letters of reference.
 - Official transcripts from all universities attended.
 - Current resume.
 - Statement of interest.
 - 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:** Refer to the MEERL website for application deadlines. Program entry date is September of each year. Application review begins February 1st and admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis until all places in the program are filled.
- **TUITION AND FEES:** Refer to the MEERL's tuition and fees page for information.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate Studies application process. Candidates must apply through the Queen's School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs website. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.