

Gender Studies PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Gender Studies?

Gender Studies opens doors for students to address growing concerns for inequity, equity, and justice across national and global society. Gender Studies is a space where our theories and our practices pay attention to the differences and connections between diverse peoples worldwide.

As an interdisciplinary field, Gender Studies helps students take up social science, humanities, arts, and natural science methods and connect them to produce innovative new knowledge. Graduates of the PhD in Gender Studies at Queen's work in such fields as education, health, law, public policy, social research, social work, media, art, and community organizing. Gender Studies prepares students for both academic and nonacademic careers.

Why Queen's?

The four-year Gender Studies PhD program sustains our program focus on critical race, gender, and sexuality studies while offering advanced training in applications of Gender Studies research within work for social change.

Gender Studies at Queen's distinctively foregrounds critical race conceptual frameworks at all levels of our undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Students examine gender, our key category of analysis, in terms of its interdependence with race, class, nation, sexuality, disability, age, religion, colonialism, and globalization. Students conduct research in Canada and internationally and articulate



their scholarship with local and global action for social justice. Students produce scholarship that is directly applicable to work for social change and to a wide variety of academic and nonacademic careers.

Program Structure

The PhD in Gender Studies is a four-year program. Full-time PhD students complete three (3.0 credit) required courses, one (3.0 credit) elective course, one (0.0 credit) Proseminar course, and the (3.0 credit) PhD Practicum. Students advance to candidacy for the PhD after completing all coursework, syllabus, and practicum requirements and having successfully defended their dissertation proposal.

Research Areas

- Activism and Alliance Building
- Anti-Colonial Thought
- Anti-Racist Feminisms
- Black Geographies
- Colonialisms
- Creative Emancipatory Work
- Critical History
- Diaspora

- Ethnography
- Gender and Poverty
- Globalization, Work and Social Justice
- Health Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Memory and Trauma
- Popular Culture
- Queer Studies
- Trans Studies
- Transnationalism and Diaspora

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying.

Visit the [Gender Studies Department website](#) to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members' research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact them and tell them about your interest in graduate work, area of research interest, and related experience.

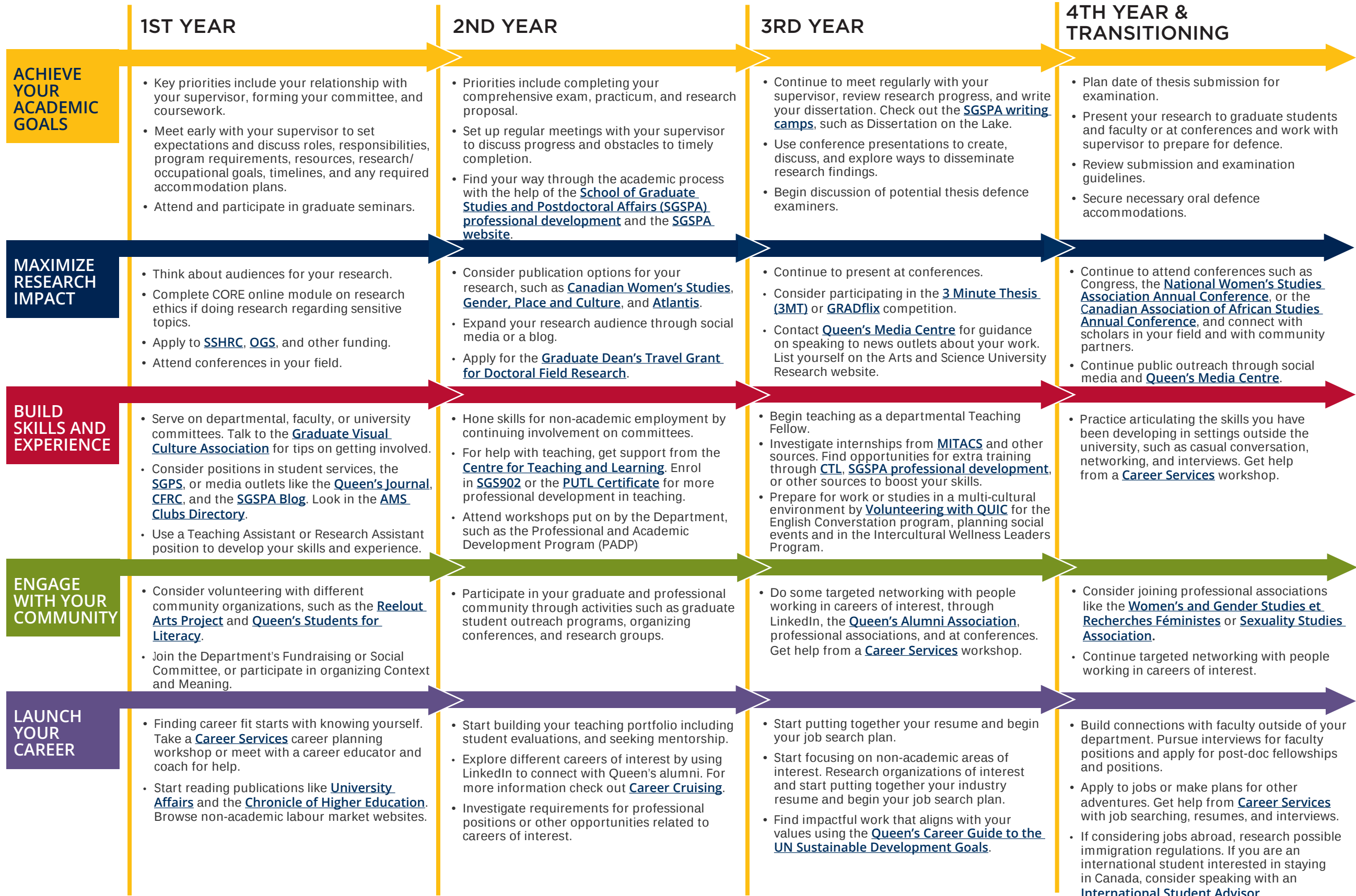


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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)



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.



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Gender Studies 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 Gender Studies 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.

- Advocacy
- Advertising
- Arts administration
- Community/social services
- Education
- Ethics
- Healthcare
- Human resources
- Immigration Services
- International Development
- Journalism/media
- Labour/Industrial Relations
- Law
- Mediation and Labour Relations
- Public Policy
- Research
- Social Work
- Student Affairs

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?

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?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- An MA degree from a recognized university in gender studies or cognate fields (women's studies, feminist studies, sexuality studies) or in another field with evidence of a prior focus on gender.
- A minimum of B+ in the last two years of university study.
- Consideration will be given to practitioners of gender studies in the public or private sectors who hold a BAH/BA and who demonstrate exceptional and relevant professional experience and achievement in an appropriate field.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- Potential faculty supervisor
- Statement of research interests
- Current CV
- Writing sample (8-10 pages)
- 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.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application due:** December 1st for early consideration; Final application deadline is February 1st.
- **Notification of acceptance:** Offers of admission will be made following the early consideration deadline and final application deadline.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about Funding?

Doctoral students are currently guaranteed minimum funding of \$20,000 per year for years 1-4. Funding packages may be delivered in one or more of the following ways: internal awards and fellowships, external funding (if available), teaching fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships.

Apply for external funding from the Ontario Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC, and other sources. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.