

Psychology PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Psychology?

Graduate studies in Psychology provides training in establishing a scientific understanding of human behaviour and its causes across the lifespan.

This training focuses on developing expertise in the discipline's theoretical and empirical literature, conducting research aimed at making new scientific discoveries, and disseminating knowledge about psychology to students and the broader community.

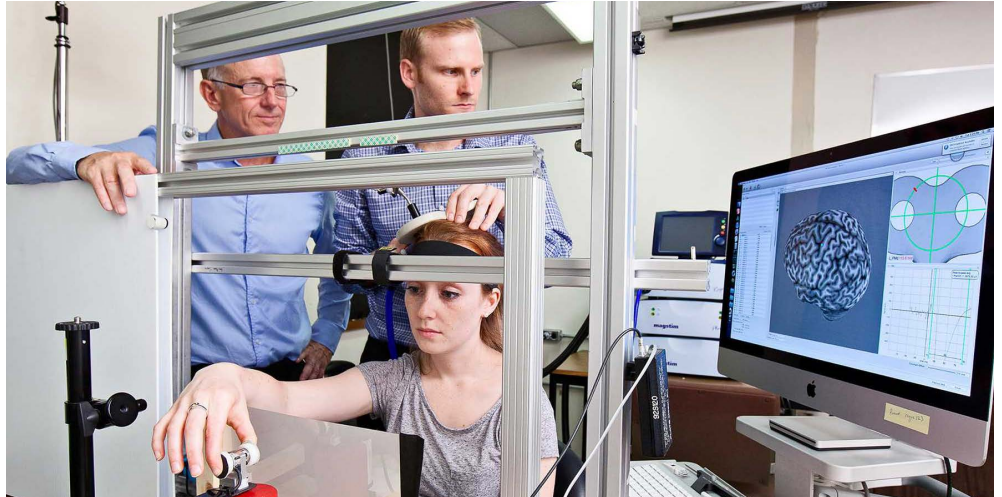
The skills and expertise that graduate students develop during the course of their graduate degrees are in demand in the public and private sector, including a wide range of industries, management, government, universities and schools, corrections, hospitals, and private practice.

Those with graduate degrees in Psychology will be well situated to take advantage of these and many more opportunities to apply this crucial expertise.

Why Queen's?

The graduate program in Psychology at Queen's is internationally renowned for its excellent faculty and students, its innovative training and the value of its research, scholarship and skill development.

We offer programs in core areas of Psychology, with a strong emphasis on high-quality critical scholarship, fundamental research and discovery, and application in clinical, community, and private sectors. Students work with an



"The graduate program at Queen's provided me with a strong foundation of knowledge as well as teaching, supervision, research, and clinical skills needed to launch my career as an academic clinical psychologist. I am grateful for the mentorship I received, the inspiring faculty, and the collaborations and community built over these years!" – Robyn Jackowich, Psychology PhD graduate, Governor General's Academic Gold Medalist

interdisciplinary group of world-class researchers who provide training with state-of-the-art techniques to make discoveries and communicate those discoveries to the relevant stakeholders. Our goal is to prepare students for successful careers in a variety of settings, including clinical and health care settings, industry and the private sector, academic institutions, private consulting firms, and many others.

Program Structure

PhD (4 years): course work and thesis/dissertation.

**There is an additional 1 year internship for clinical students.

Research Areas

- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental Psychology
- Social/Personality Psychology

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

Visit the [Psychology Department website](https://www.queensu.ca/psychology) to read faculty profiles, learn more about faculty members' research laboratories and interests, and discover whether they are open to supervising students in the year you are applying. If you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, reach out to tell them about your interest in graduate work, area of research interest, and related experience.

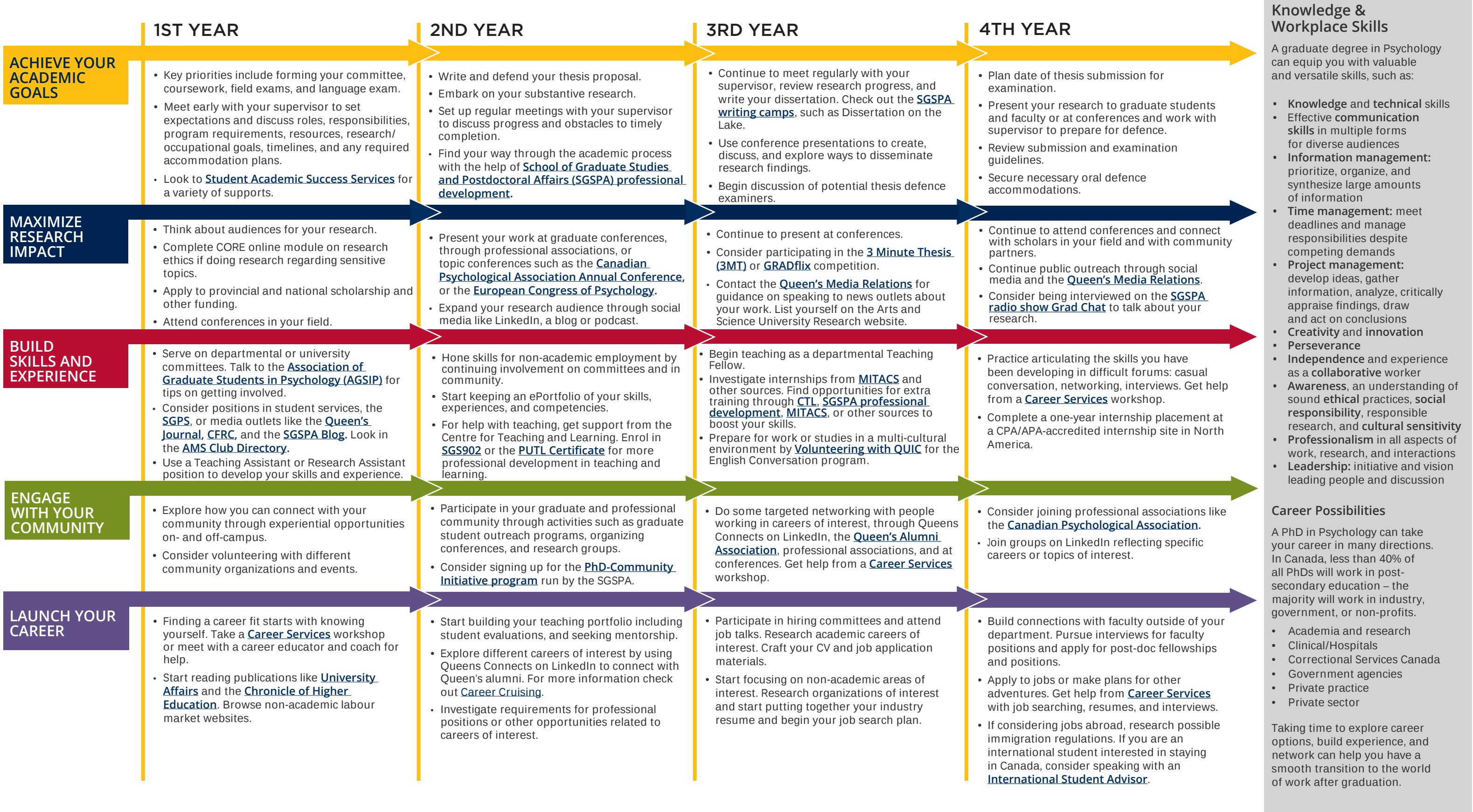


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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

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.



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

- Master's degree in Psychology from a recognized university.
- Grade requirements: minimum B+ average.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Interest
- Resume
- Transcripts
- Two academic references
- 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 1.

Before you start your application, please review the Psychology application process.

What about Funding?

The current minimum funding guarantee for Psychology PhD students is \$25,000 per year, throughout years 1-4. Basic funding packages include a combination of fellowships, scholarships, and teaching assistantships.

Students are encouraged to apply for fellowship funding awards from the federal Tri-Councils research bodies and other sources. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website, or see Funding and Financial Support on the [Psychology Department website](#).

