

Aging and Health

PhD Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Aging and Health?

Graduate studies in Aging and Health are offered through an innovative program that provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of aging, with a focus on health and healthy living. Students will develop multi-disciplinary knowledge of individual aging processes, the effect of aging on social systems, and the policies needed to support healthy aging. The program is meant to enhance students' ability to contribute to the development, delivery and implementation of evidence-based care, services, and policies for older adults across a range of settings.



"I loved the Aging and Health program at Queens University! The flexibility of being able to stay in my home province of PEI was wonderful. The professors and other students were so supportive and I made lifelong friends. I also enjoyed the in-person sessions twice a year." - Mary Beth MacLean, PhD

networking and experiential opportunities with the flexibility of distance learning.

Queen's University programs in Aging and Health position graduates for success in a variety of settings that serve the growing population of older adults including government, universities and colleges,

for-profit and non-profit organizations, business and industry, and various healthcare settings.

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

Visit the [Aging and Health 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.

Program Structure

PhD (4 years, full time): Course work consisting of 4 courses (normally including 2 core courses), comprehensive exam, thesis and defense.

Core Courses

- AGHE 901 Knowledge Translation and Uptake
- AGHE 903 Critical Analysis of Theories of Aging



Why Queen's?

The program is full-time and is completed mostly from a distance, through a blended format of on-line and in-person learning. Intensive on-site sessions introduce students to core courses and e-learning technology, as well as provide an opportunity for in-person interaction with faculty and fellow class members. Elective courses are completed at a distance, online. The blended format of on-site intensives and online components couples



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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 use this map?

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

- Completion of a Master's degree in a related field with a minimum B+ standing. Contact the program director and potential supervisors to discuss how your studies and experiences to date may be related to the Aging and Health program studies.
- The entire transcript is reviewed but particular attention is given to your last 20 courses and how well you have progressed throughout your academic career. Preference is given to students with higher academic standing.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Two references.
- Two Official Transcripts.
- Current CV.
- 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.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application deadline:** February 15.
- Decisions will be made following that date.

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

What about Fees?

Visit the Office of the University Registrar webpage for more information on program fees. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.



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