

Public Administration MPA Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Public Administration?

The Public Administration graduate program is a bridge between the academic world and the world of public affairs. Our multi-disciplinary MPA programs are focused on policy analysis, development, and implementation, preparing new and experienced professionals for rewarding careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

Our graduates have gone on to hold positions as ministers and senior officials in municipal, provincial, and federal governments. They also provide leadership in hospitals, community organizations, and national associations across Canada. Others still work for consulting firms in the private sector.



"The MPA provided a unique blend of academic and professional experience and supported the development of fundamentals skills that I use on a daily basis working on health care policy and strategy implementation. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to learn from outstanding professors in a dynamic environment and benefit from great experiences provided throughout the program." – Madelaine Meehan, BAH'14, MPA'16

Through high quality interactive teaching and integrated learning, we enhance leadership in public policy by providing students the inspiration, skills, competencies, and connections to become better contributors to the public good.

The MPA curriculum includes core courses in economics, policy analysis, governance, management, and quantitative methods. Through elective courses, students apply their skills to the analysis and resolution of concrete policy and management problems.

Career Support

Queen's School of Policy Studies offers one of the most comprehensive career support programs anywhere.

Our workshops, one-on-one mentoring, and alumni networking events are all designed to help our students realize their goals and ambitions.

Program Structure

Degrees Offered & Method of Completion:

- **Master of Public Administration (1 year):** 12 courses or 10 courses plus a research project.
- **Combined Master of Public Administration/ Juris Doctorate (3 1/2)**

Visit the [School of Policy Studies website](https://www.queensu.ca/grad-postdoc) to learn more about the program and its opportunities.



Why Queen's?

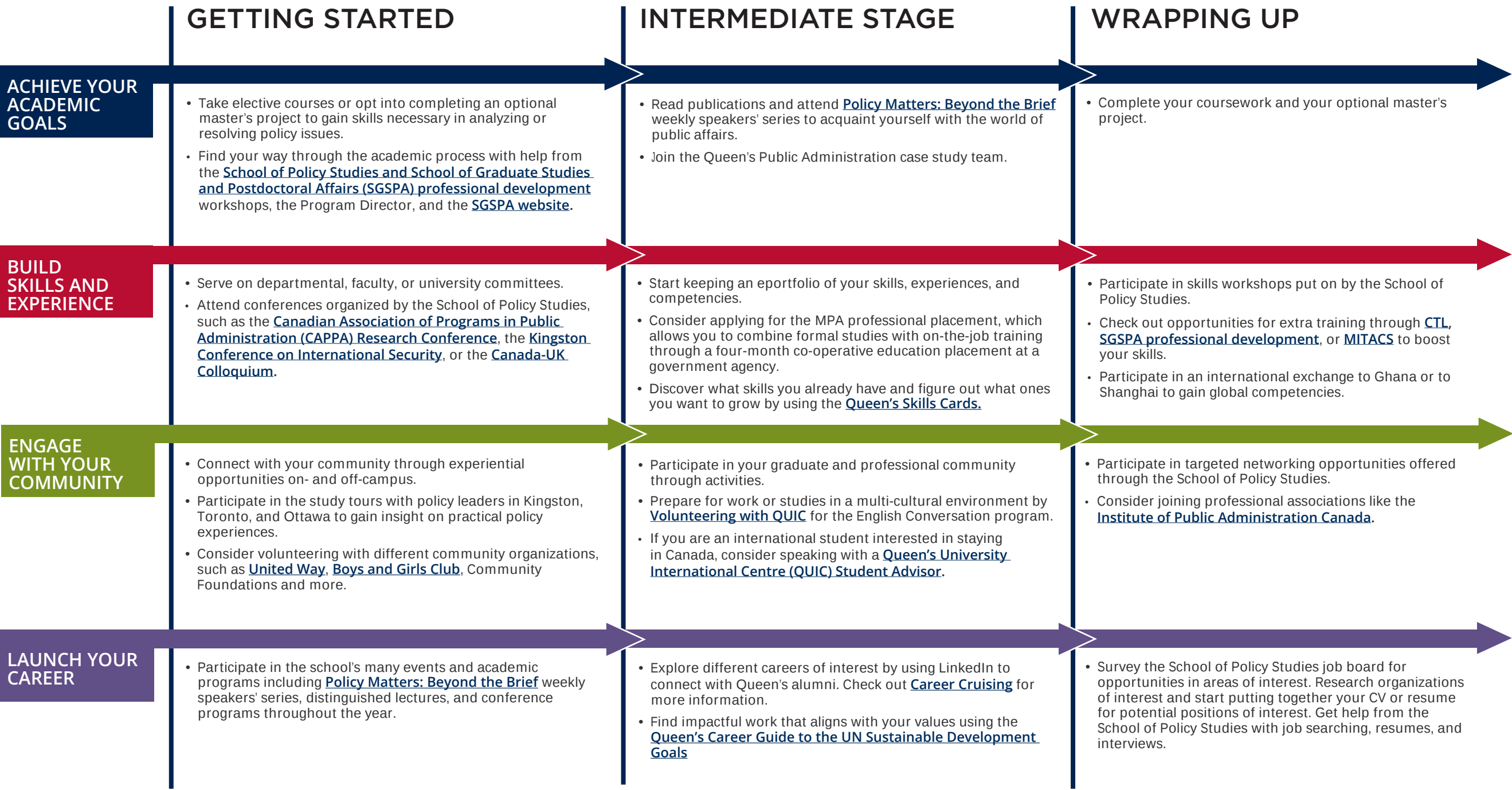
The School of Policy Studies offers a rich and rewarding learning experience that is unsurpassed in Canada and matched only by the best public policy programs in the world.



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MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A professional degree in Public Administration can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

Strategic Thinking:

- Articulate the political, institutional, legal, and administrative context in which policy is made and implemented.
- Recognize the values and principals of Canadian democracy.

Engagement & Communication:

- Engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders and partners.
- Demonstrate high quality, professional verbal and written communication skills.
- Prepare high quality written and oral material.

Analysis & Application:

- Apply relevant theories, principles and techniques of policy analysis to identify and assess public policy issues and devise options to resolve them.
- Identify, synthesize, analyze and integrate relevant and appropriate sources of information.

Professionalism, Collaboration, & Leadership

- Demonstrate and apply the ethics and values of public service.
- Develop and complement creative and collaborative approaches to public service leadership.

Career Possibilities

A Master's degree in Public Administration can take your career in many directions. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Education
- Government
- Health
- Not-for-profits
- The private sector (Includes consulting, financial services, and professional associations.

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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

- 4 year undergraduate degree.
- **MPA/J.D. applicants:** Competitive JD/MPA applicants must have completed a four-year honours undergraduate degree and achieved an A- average or 3.7 GPA in the last two years.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Interest.
- A GRE test examination is required if your previous degree is from a non-Canadian university.
- 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 deadlines:

- **MPA Program:** February 1.
- **MPA/J.D. Program:** January 15 (through School of Graduate Studies for MPA), November 1 (through OLSAS for Law).

Notification of acceptance: no later than Late March

Before you start your application, please review the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs application process.

What about Funding?

MPA students are not guaranteed a minimum funding. There are a limited number of internal Queen's graduate awards available, with values ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, that are distributed on a competitive basis.

We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. For more information on awards and scholarships, consult the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' website.

