

Economics MA Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

GRAD MAP FOR MA STUDENTS →

Your Stepping Stone to become a Professional Economist

Queen's Economic department offers one of the most prestigious MA degrees in Canada. Our department has distinguished history, ranks among the top research departments in Canada, and is highly regarded internationally. Most of our MA graduates embark on successful careers in business and government or continue their education in a top quality PhD program.



Why QUEEN'S?

Economics at Queen's is widely recognized as one of the leading Economics departments in Canada. The programs are challenging, rigorous, and of small to medium size. Graduates have had great success in initial job placements and in their subsequent careers. All students are assigned an office with a phone and a computer to provide network access.

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Program STRUCTURE

Master's students have to take three required courses and four elective courses and complete a MA essay under the supervision of a faculty member.

The core courses are: Macroeconomic Theory, Microeconomic Theory & Quantitative Methods

The department facilitates placement through its own Career Placement services.

- Statistics Canada
- Office of Parliamentary Budget Officer
- Agriculture and Agrifood Canada

RESEARCH Areas

- Macroeconomics & International Economics
- Industrial Organization and Labour Economics
- Public Resource and Environmental Economics
- Applied Econometrics and Theoretical

Visit the [Economics website](#) to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members' research areas. Typically, students find a supervisor after joining the MA program and in the course of taking their Fall and Winter semester courses, during which most students percolate towards a specific area of research interest.

Recent Placement RECORD

Academic:

- UBC (PhD)
- University of Minnesota (PhD)
- U of T (PhD)
- Queen's (PhD)
- Queen's (Law)

Federal Agencies (20+):

- Finance Canada
- ESDC
- Bank of Canada

Private Sector & Others:

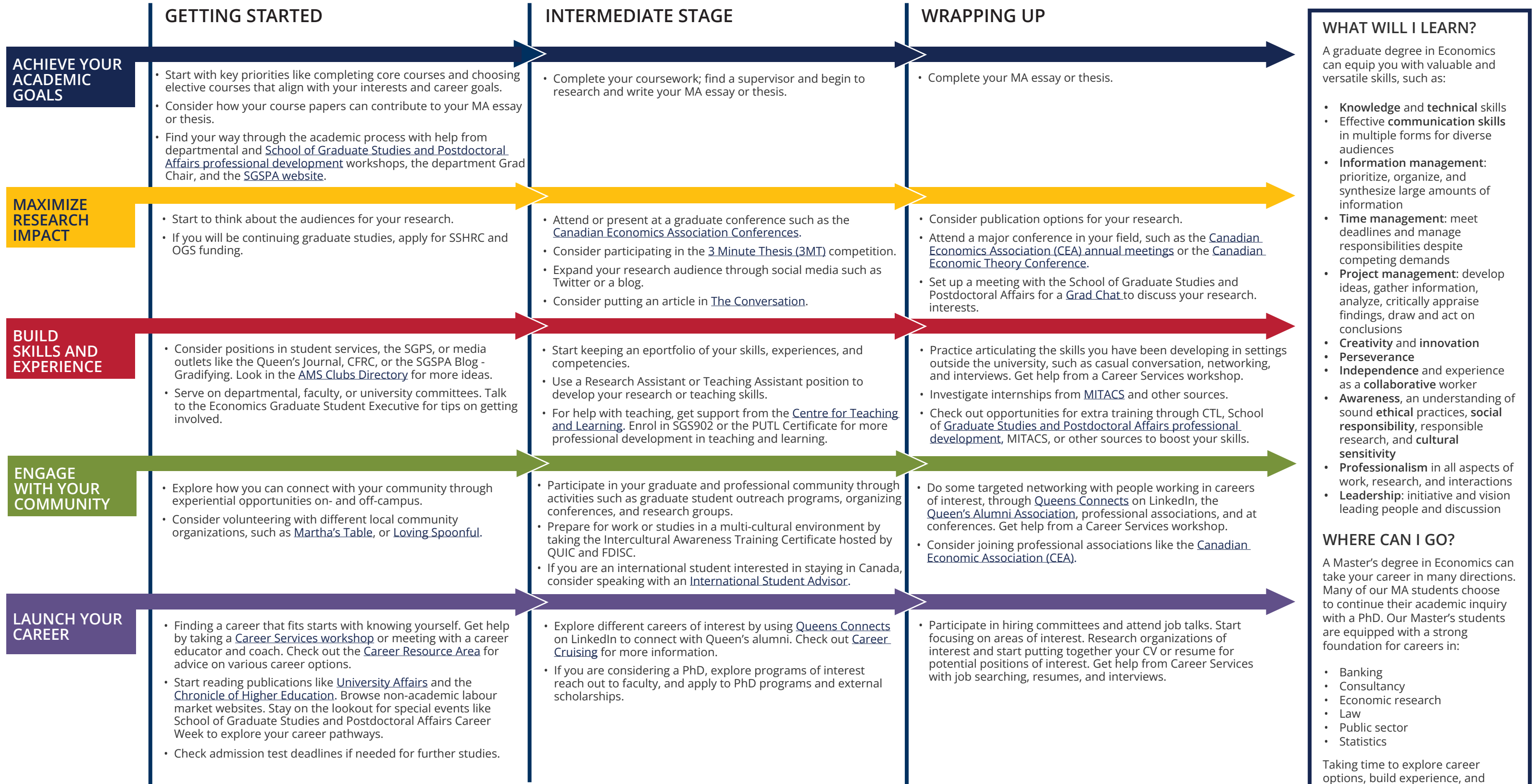
- Livingston International
- Charles River Associates
- TD Bank

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in ECONOMICS?

The Economics MA program prepares students for both applied and theoretical research, and for non-academic careers in both the private and public sectors. The program involves a core of courses in economic theory and quantitative methods, together with a range of specialized electives chosen according to each student's interest and designed to impart economic knowledge that is at the forefront of the discipline. It also involves an independent research component in the form of a MA essay, which helps students develop intellectual independence that is necessary for continuing professional development. There are opportunities to collaborate with the Smith School of Business, Policy Studies, Law, and other departments.

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MASTER OF ARTS (MA)



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. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Grad Map](#) tool.

WHERE CAN I GO?

A Master's degree in Economics can take your career in many directions. Many of our MA students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master's students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Banking
- Consultancy
- Economic research
- Law
- Public sector
- Statistics

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 [Individual Development Plan \(IDP\)](#) 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?

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Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Most students accepted for admission to our MA program possess an honours bachelor degree with a major concentration in economics. Applicants who do not possess a degree in economics must be able to demonstrate a strong background in economics.
- **Grade requirements:** an average of 80% in core courses is typically competitive.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- List of courses and marks in economics, math, and statistics.
- Two official transcripts.
- 2 academic reference letters
- A Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score may be required for international applicants.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the [English language proficiency requirements](#) in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. The following minimum scores are required: (1) TOEFL iBT: Writing (24/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (20/30). Applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score, or (2) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score and a 7.0 for each test band), or (3) PTE Academics: 65, or (4) CAEL CE -70 (minimum overall score).

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application due:** February 1st, 2024.
- **Notification of acceptance:** End of February and onwards.

Before you start your application, please review the [Graduate studies application process](#).

What about FUNDING?

Most MA students in Economics receive funding in the form of Scholarships and Teaching Assistantships. The amount of funding varies, depending on the strength of the application package. The minimum funding package provided was \$15,000.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC, and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a one time \$5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' information on [awards and scholarships](#).

