Why GRADUATE STUDIES in BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING?

Biomedical Engineering involves the application of engineering principles to understand, modify, or control biological systems with the objective of generating solutions to health-related problems. This area is diverse and multidisciplinary, bringing in concepts from chemistry, cell biology, mechanics, bioelectricity, mathematics, and physiology.

This multidisciplinarity is reflected in our collaborative biomedical engineering Master’s and PhD programs. These programs link the graduate programs in Chemical, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering and provide shared learning experiences with interdisciplinary content. The MASc and PhD programs also bring students from a variety of backgrounds together to learn about research methodology and professional practice from world renowned research faculty in the field of Biomedical Engineering.

Why QUEEN’S?

At Queen’s, the departments of Chemical, Electrical and Computer, and Mechanical and Materials Engineering have formally collaborated to support this graduate biomedical engineering program. Through this innovative program, our graduate students have opportunities to access courses and co-supervisors in each department, to collaborate with top researchers, and to take courses in Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry.

“...The community feel is really important to me. I would say the resources here at Queen’s are really amazing as well as facilities. We’re really able to ask any questions and really dive deep into answering those questions.”

- Michael Shepertycky, PhD Candidate, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Program STRUCTURE

- MASc (2 years, full time)
- PhD (4 years, full time)

All MASc and PhD students must fulfill course work and other requirements of their home departments, successfully complete two mandatory core courses in Biomedical Engineering (CBME 801 and 802), and undertake a thesis project in one or more of the designated research areas.

Research AREAS

- **Biomaterials** - developing natural and synthetic materials to facilitate repair of damaged or diseased tissues and organs
- **Biomechanics and Prosthetics** - studying whole body and limb biomechanics and designing medical implants and prosthetics
- **Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine** - developing laboratory grown functional replacement tissues and cell encapsulation devices
- **Biomedical and Intelligent Systems** - research and experimentation in robotics, computer vision, discrete-event systems, bioinformatics, wearable sensors, machine learning and artificial intelligence, biosignal analysis, and human machine interfaces (HMI)s

Graduates with a specialization in Biomedical Engineering find employment opportunities in areas including the pharmaceutical industry, the biomedical device industry, health care support (e.g., Health Canada), as well as academic research and teaching.
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

- Please review the admission requirements of the appropriate home department for academic prerequisites and documentation necessary for admission into the desired graduate program.
- Applications must be submitted directly to the Queen's School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, which can be done online. In that application, students must identify which of the participating departments they wish to identify as their home department (e.g., Chemical, Mechanical and Materials, or Electrical and Computer Engineering). Usually, this is the department aligned with the applicant's undergraduate engineering degree.
- The online SGSPA Application Form asks “Describe (in a sentence or two) your Research Interest(s)”. This is where students should enter “Collaborative Master’s/PhD in Biomedical Engineering” to indicate their interest in the specialization. Later in the form, students are asked to provide a “Statement of Interest”. Students can use this section to expand on the nature of their interest in Biomedical Engineering.

DEADLINES

- Please refer to the appropriate home department for program specific application deadlines.

What about FUNDING?

Fellowships and teaching assistantships are available through the University and are automatically considered upon admission. Full-time students are encouraged to seek external financial support and to apply for NSERC, CIHR, and OGS graduate scholarships.

Queen's automatically issues a one time $5,000 top-up to federal tri-council Master’s scholarship holders in their first year of study and a one time $10,000 top-up to tri-council doctoral scholarship holders. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs’ information on awards and scholarships and the department's graduate awards page.

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