Why GRADUATE STUDIES in KINESIOLOGY & HEALTH STUDIES?

The Kinesiology and Health Studies programs offer you the opportunity to study health, exercise physiology, physical activity, movement, and socio-cultural phenomena of the body. Students may study the mechanics of movement; the body's physiological responses to exercise; physical activity at a population or global level; the promotion of health, wellbeing, and social justice among communities; the psychology of sport and physical activity; the effects of biological factors on individual health; and the effects of socio-cultural factors on individual, community, and population health.

“The SKHS graduate program draws students from diverse disciplines and provides them with a space where they can develop holistically through the personalized mentorship of dedicated, internationally-recognized faculty.”

- Colin Baillie, PhD Candidate

Why QUEEN’S?

Our students have the opportunity to collaborate with internationally-recognized researchers on exciting, multi-disciplinary research projects in state-of-the-art facilities in our own, standalone building completed in 2009.

Cross-disciplinary opportunities with other Queen’s departments enhance the graduate experience. Collaborations are available with Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Commerce, Cultural Studies, Faculty of Education, Gender Studies, Global Development Studies, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Psychology, Public Health Sciences, Geography and Planning, and Sociology. Students may pursue research activities with a number of our community-based partners, including the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston; HIV/AIDS Regional Services; Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox Addington Public Health; and the Limestone District School Board.

AVAILABLE Programs

- Biomechanics and Ergonomics
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Promotion
- Physical Activity Epidemiology
- Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity
- Socio-Cultural Studies of Sport, Health and the Body

Visit the School of Kinesiology & Health Studies website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members’ research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to your own, contact them to discuss how your background and related experience could form the basis of your doctoral studies.
# Kinesiology & Health Studies PhD Map

**Year I**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Coursework and research
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Year II**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Comprehensive exam and dissertation progress
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Year III**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Language exams and comprehensive exam review
  - Drafting the comprehensive exam
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Year IV & Transitioning**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Finalizing the dissertation
  - Language exams and comprehensive exam review
  - Drafting the comprehensive exam
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Maximize Research Impact**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Early preparation for publication
  - Building a research network
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Build Skills and Experience**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Early preparation for publication
  - Building a research network
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
  - Structuring the research process

**Engage with Your Community**
- **Key Priorities**
  - Early preparation for publication
  - Building a research network
  - Early discussion with supervisor about research goals
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**Launch Your Career**
- **Key Priorities**
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  - Building a research network
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  - Structuring the research process

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## What Will I Learn?

A doctoral degree in Kinesiology and Health Studies will equip you with:

- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership initiative and vision leading people and discussion
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research, and cultural sensitivity
- Critical thinking skills, research methodologies and practices, independent and collaborative work
- Academic writing
- Time management

## Where Can I Go?

A PhD in Kinesiology and Health Studies can take your career in many directions. Some PhDs will work in post-secondary education while many will work in industry, government, or non-profits. A PhD in Kinesiology and Health Studies will equip you with:

- Community health agencies
- Educational institutions/faculty positions
- Government agencies working on public health policy
- Health and safety consultants
- Health related fields
- Research associates
- Sports media and public relations
- Workplace ergonomics

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To use this map, use the My Grad Map tool.
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?

In the multi-disciplinary environment of the SKHS graduate programs, students have a unique opportunity to learn across disciplines and with peers who come from varied academic, geographic, and personal backgrounds. Students and staff have opportunities to share roles in program governance. To cover tuition and offset the cost of living in Kingston, graduate students receive a competitive funding package comprised of teaching and/or research assistant placements and awards and/or fellowships. In SKHS, graduate students also have opportunities to engage in the broader Kingston community, of which Queen's University is an integral part. For more information about Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston resource.

Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• Master's degree
• Grade requirements: B+ average in each of the last 2 years of study.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
• Prospective students who do not have English as a first language must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
• Application due: March 1st to qualify for internal funding. Applications will be considered until the program is full.
• Notification of acceptance: Successful candidate will be notified by letter of offer via email followed by confirmation from the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs.
• OGS Application due: March 1st. All eligible students are required to apply for OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship) funding. Details are available on the SKHS website.

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

What about FUNDING?

Doctoral studies in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies are guaranteed a minimum combined annual funding package of $20,000 for each of their first four years of full-time study. Funding packages may include an external funding award i.e. TriCouncil (CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC); an OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship); other internal fellowship award, SKHS scholarship, teaching assistantship(s), teaching fellowship(s), and research assistantship(s).

Queen's will automatically issue a one time $10,000 award to Doctoral students who have won federal government tri-council awards.

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