Why GRADUATE STUDIES in MATHEMATICS and STATISTICS?

A graduate degree in Mathematics and Statistics is essential for anyone aspiring to research or academic positions, and for those who want to assume a leadership role in government, business and industry. A Master's degree in mathematics and statistics prepares students for a wide variety of research and industry career options.

Why QUEEN'S?

Queen's is an ideal place to pursue graduate study in Mathematics and Statistics. We have an outstanding group of faculty researchers who are internationally recognized in their fields of specialization. They represent a wide variety of areas including pure mathematics, mathematical physics, mathematics applied to engineering, mathematical biology, and both theoretical and applied statistics.

Program STRUCTURE

- MSc Pattern I (18-24 months): course work and a research thesis.
- MSc Pattern II (12 months): course work and research project.
- MASc (18-24 months): course work and a research thesis.

RESEARCH Areas

- Algebra and Number Theory
- Analysis, Geometry, and Topology
- Applied Mathematics
- Probability and Statistics

As part of your application for admission to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics you will be asked to describe your research interests. We encourage you to review faculty research interests and faculty profiles to learn more about the research interests represented in our Department. Applicants are encouraged to contact prospective supervisors with their questions.

“The graduate mathematics community at Queen’s is vibrant, international, and intellectually stimulating.”

–John Treilhard, MSc
2022-2023
Mathematics & Engineering, Mathematics & Statistics
MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE (MASc), MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSC)

GETTING STARTED
- Start with key priorities like developing your relationship with your supervisor and doing your coursework.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs and professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair, and the SGSPA website.

INTERMEDIATE STAGE
- Complete your coursework; begin to research and write your project or thesis.
- Attend the weekly Math & Stats Department Colloquium.

WRAPPING UP
- Complete and defend your project or thesis.

MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT
- Start to think about the audiences for your research.
- If you will be continuing graduate studies, explore graduate programs and apply for external scholarships such as NSERC or OGS.

BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE
- Consider positions in student services, the SGSPA, or media outlets like the Queen's Journal, CFRC, and the SG Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.
- Serve on departmental, faculty, or university committees.
- Check out professional development workshops from Expanding Horizons.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY
- Explore how you can connect with your community through experiential opportunities on- and off-campus.
- Consider volunteering with different community organizations, such as Math Quest, a math camp for girls.

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER
- Finding a career that fits starts with knowing yourself. Get help by taking a Career Services workshop or meeting with a career counsellor. Check out books like So What Are You Going to Do With That? or The Academic Job Search from the Career Resource Area for advice on various career options.
- Start reading publications like University Affairs and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Browse non-academic market websites. Stay on the lookout for special events like School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs Career Week to explore your career pathways.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
A graduate degree in Mathematics and Statistics or Mathematics and Engineering can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- Knowledge and technical skills
- Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
- Information management: prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management: meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management: develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation
- Perseverance
- Independence and experience as a collaborative worker
- Awareness, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership: initiative and vision leading people and discussion

WHERE CAN I GO?
A Master's degree in Mathematics and Statistics or Mathematics and Engineering can take your career in many directions. Many of our MSc students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master's students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Academia
- Biostatistics
- Clinical Data Analysis
- Business Analysis
- Finance

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?

At Queen’s, graduate students from all disciplines learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual community. You will find friends, peers and support among the graduate students enrolled in Queen’s more than 130 graduate programs within 50+ departments & research centres. With the world’s best scholars, prize-winning professional development opportunities, excellent funding packages and life in the affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, Queen’s offers a wonderful environment for graduate studies. Queen’s is an integral part of the Kingston community, with the campus nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute walk to downtown with its shopping, dining and waterfront. For more about 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
- MSc: 4 year Bachelor’s degree or equivalent, in Mathematics and/or Statistics or related field, with a minimum B+ standing.
- MASc: 4 year Bachelor’s degree in engineering and a strong background and interest in Mathematics and Statistics, with a minimum B+ standing.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- 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: Although applications can be submitted up to April 30th, applicants are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible and by January 15th in order to receive full funding consideration.
- Notification of acceptance: Rolling acceptances.

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

What about FUNDING?

Most MSc and MASc students in Mathematics and Statistics receive minimum funding of $24,500 per year for up to two years, depending on the program. Student funding packages normally consist of a combination of internal or external scholarships and awards, teaching assistantships and research fellowships. We encourage all eligible students to apply for external funding from OGS, NSERC and other sources. For more information on sources of funding see Funding, Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries.