**Application FAQs**

**What do I need to know to APPLY?**

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**
- Most students accepted for admission to our M.A. 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 School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (2) TOEFL iBT: Writing (21/30); Speaking (23/30); Reading (21/30); Listening (20/30); for a total of 88/120 (applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score), or (3) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score), or (4) PTE Academics: 65.

**KEY DATES & DEADLINES**
- Notification of acceptance: End of February and onwards.

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

**What about FUNDING?**

Most M.A. 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 for 2019 was $15,000.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically consider your qualifications for funding. In general, most M.A. students in Economics receive funding in the form of Scholarships and Teaching Assistantships. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships.

**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 advisor, a professor, or a faculty member to provide network access.

At Queen’s, graduates from all disciplines learn and discover 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, peer-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.

**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.
**2019-2020**

**Economics MA Map**

**ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS**
- Start with key priorities like completing core courses and choosing elective courses that align with your interests and career goals.
- Consider how your course papers can contribute to your MA essay or thesis.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and Expanding Horizons professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair and the SGS Habitat.
- Complete your coursework; find a supervisor and begin to research and write your MA essay or thesis.
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**MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT**
- Start to think about the audiences for your research.
- If you will be continuing graduate studies, apply for SSHRC and OGS funding.
- Attend or present at a graduate conference such as the Canadian Economics Association Conferences.
- Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.
- Consider putting an article in The Conversation.
- Consider publication options for your research.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as the Canadian Economics Association (CEA) annual meetings or the Canadian Economic Theory Conference.
- Set up a meeting with the School of Graduate Studies for a Grad Chat to discuss your research interests.

**BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**
- Consider positions in student services, the SOPS, or media outlets like the Queen's Journal, CPRI and the SGS Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.
- Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to the Economics Graduate Student Executive for tips on getting involved.
- Check out professional development workshops from Expanding Horizons and the Economics Department.
- Start keeping an eportfolio of your skills, experiences and competencies.
- Use a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position to develop your research or teaching skills.
- For help with teaching, get support from the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Enroll in SGS902 or the PUTL certificate for more professional development in teaching and learning.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Participate in your graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and research groups.
- Practice for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QIRC and FDISC.
- If you are an international student interested in staying in Canada, consider speaking with an International Student Advisor.
- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen'sConnect on LinkedIn, the Queen's Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Economic Association (CEA).".
- Consider putting an article in The Conversation, Queen's Journal or Martha's Table. The Academic Job Search, or meeting with a career counsellor. Check out books like Career Chat, or reaching out to alumni from SGS, Queen's alumni, or find alumni in various careers through "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 labour market websites. Stay on the lookout for special events like School of Graduate Studies Career Week to explore your career pathways.
- Develop your research skills through Social Media such as MINTS for waterfall. Consider putting an article in the Conversation. Queen's Journal or Martha's Table. The Academic Job Search, or meeting with a career counsel. Check out books like Career Chat, or reaching out to alumni from SGS, Queen's alumni, or find alumni in various careers through "What Are You Going to Do With That? or The Academic Job Search from the Career Resource Area for advice on various career options.
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**ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**
- Explore how you can connect with your community through experiential opportunities on- and off-campus.
- Consider volunteering with different local community organizations, such as Martha’s Table, or Loving Spoonful.
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**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 What Are You Going to Do With That? or The Academic Job Search from the Career Resource Area for advice on various career options.
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- Check admission test deadlines if needed for further studies.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading alumni profiles on the SGS website, and using Queen'sConnect on LinkedIn to connect with Queen’s alumni, or find alumni in various careers through "Ask an Alum".
- If you are considering a PhD, explore programs of interest reach out to faculty, and apply to PhD programs and external scholarships.
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**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
A graduate degree in Economics 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
- Persistence
- 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 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:
- Public sector
- Banking
- Economic research
- Consultancy
- Law
- 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.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!