Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Master's degree in Education or a related discipline with first-class standing from a recognized university.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- Professional experience in education or a related field is an asset.
- Two-page research proposal.
- 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: 24/30, Speaking: 22/30, Reading: 22/30, 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 Academic: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application deadline: January 15
- Notification of acceptance: Late February

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

What about FUNDING?

All eligible full-time graduate students who request funding (financial support) as part of their initial application can expect to receive a funding offer to help them with the costs associated with their graduate studies in the Faculty of Education.

The minimum guaranteed funding package for PhD students is $18,000 per year, and it is important to note that they must apply for all major external and internal (where appropriate) funding opportunities for which they are eligible in order to qualify for the minimum guarantee. Recipients of external awards will not receive $18,000 on top of them; however, their packages are likely to be higher than those who do not win external funds. Normally, if students apply for and successfully obtain a Teaching Assistantship or Research Assistantship the average funding for eligible PhD students is approximately $25,000 per year.

Funding packages are awarded to students based on academic merit and they may consist of any or a combination of the following: scholarships, fellowships, external awards the student may bring with them, internal awards, research assistantships, teaching assistantships or graduate teaching fellowships. The faculty also offers funding for participation in conferences.

Apply for external funding from OSS, SSHRC/NSERC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically apply for available resources. All eligible full-time graduate students who request funding (financial support) as part of their application for admission. Visit the Faculty of Education website to read more about faculty members’ research areas.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in EDUCATION?

Join our collaborative and inclusive research community of education experts and advance your career with a PhD. With a PhD in Education, you will become a leader in your field with strong scholarly knowledge. Program course work and research opportunities emphasize the application and development of knowledge to teaching and learning. Our funded PhD is a full-time four-year program, which leverages expertise, collaborations, and partnerships within the Queen’s research community.

Why QUEEN’S?

Queen’s University has an active and vibrant graduate student community. Our Faculty of Education brings together diverse perspectives on education, fostering multidisciplinary expertise within an active collaborative research community. Our research leads to new knowledge and understandings about teaching and learning, and progressive changes in educational policies and practices.

As a researcher at Queen’s, you will engage in outreach initiatives that serve and enhance communities of practice through local, national, and international partnerships.

Program STRUCTURE

PhD (4 years): Course work, comprehensive examination, thesis, and defense.

Why do I need to know this?
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