What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

• An MA degree from a recognized university in Gender Studies or cognate fields (women’s studies, feminist studies, sexuality studies) or in another field with evidence of a prior focus on gender.

• Grade requirements: minimum B+ (75%) average in the last 2 years of university study. Consideration will be given to practitioners of gender studies in the public or private sectors who hold a BAHon/BA and who demonstrate exceptional and relevant professional experience and achievement in an appropriate field.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

• Statement of interest (200-300 words).

• Statement of fit (200-300 words).

• Writing sample (maximum 12 pages).

• Two copies of official transcript.

• 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, (internet-based): 213; IELTS: 6.5. Graduate study is not possible with minimum scores of 5 (TOEFL) or 6.0 (IELTS).

Submit all materials as a single PDF file.

Writing sample (maximum 12 pages).

After receiving your application and supporting documentation, we will assign your application to a Graduate Admissions Committee. If there is a need for research funding, the Finance Committee will evaluate your funding package and submit it to the Graduate Council for approval.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

• Application due: December 15th for early admission, Final application deadline is February 1st.

• Notification of acceptance: 4 weeks after the full application has been received.

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

What about FUNDING?

Ph.D. students in Gender Studies generally receive minimum funding of $18,000/year, which consists of graduate awards and teaching assistantships.

Apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC and other sources. Queen’s will automatically consider all applications for funding when the Graduate Assistantship Award is offered.

Before submitting your application, contact a faculty member who can guide you through the application process.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES IN GENDER STUDIES?

Gender studies opens doors for students to address growing concerns for equity, justice and equality across national and global society. Gender studies is a space where our theories and practices pay attention to the differences and connections between diverse peoples worldwide.

As an interdisciplinary field, gender studies helps students take up social science, humanities, arts, and natural science methods and connect them to produce innovative new knowledge. Graduates of the PhD in Gender Studies at Queen’s pursue advanced degrees in American studies, English, environmental studies, gender studies, legal studies, and medicine, and work in such fields as education, health, law, public policy, social research, social work, media, and art community organizing. Gender studies prepares students for both academic and nonacademic careers.

Why QUEEN’S?

Gender studies at Queen’s teaches critical race, gender, and sexuality studies while offering advanced training in applications of gender studies research within work for social change. Students examine gender, our key category of analysis, in terms of its connections to race, class, nation, sexuality, disability, age, religion, colonialism and globalization. Our program emphasizes critical race conceptual frameworks at all levels of instruction.

Our world-class faculty hold SSHRC grants, supervise active research programs, serve as editors of peer-reviewed journals, and publish widely in Canadian and international presses. Faculty research and teaching are advancing feminist, queer, and trans studies by centering anti-racist, anti-colonial and transnational theories and methods. Our students conduct research in Canada and internationally and connect their scholarship to local and global work for social justice.

Program STRUCTURE

The PhD in Gender Studies is a four-year program. Full-time PhD students complete three (3.0 credit) required courses and one (3.0 credit) elective course in fall and winter semesters of the first year, and the (3.0 credit) PhD Practicum in fall of the second year. PhD students advance to candidacy in spring / summer of the second year after they complete a Syllabus and a Research Proposal. In fall semester of the third year, PhD candidates present their research in-progress at the Gender Studies Graduate Symposium.

RESEARCH Areas

• Activism and Alliance Building

• Anti-Colonial Thought

• Anti-Racist Feminisms

• Black Geographies

• Colonialisms

• Diaspora

• Creative Emancipatory Work

• Critical History

• Ethnography

• Gender and Poverty

• Globalization, Work and Social Justice

• Health Studies

• Indigenous Studies

• Memory and Trauma

• Popular Culture

• Queer Studies

• Trans Studies

• Transnationalism and Diaspora

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential advisor before applying.

Visit the Gender Studies Department website to read faculty profiles and learn more about each faculty member’s research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact them and tell them about your interest in graduate work, area of research interest and related experience.