Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

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“The cutting-edge research, world-renowned supervisors, unparalleled social experience, and a devotion to school life [...] result in nothing short of awesome.”

— Eric Rapos, PhD student

Why QUEEN’S?

The Queen’s School of Computing offers a graduate program that is unique in its quality, diversity, innovation and reach. Our faculty and students are engaged in research projects that span the spectrum of traditional computer science, while at the same time exploring areas never visited before. Some of us are discovering properties of certain computers that are radically different from the ones we have today, in the sense that a bit is the spin of an atom, or a register is a strand of DNA. Others are building organic interfaces for humans to communicate with computers. At Queen’s you will find a School reputed for its academic excellence and the wonderful atmosphere it enjoys.
A graduate degree in Computing 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 Computing can take your career in many directions. Some of our Research MSc may continue on to a PhD. In addition our MSc students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Systems Software Developer
- Telecommunications/Networks Engineer
- Biomedical Engineer/Bioinformatics specialist
- Computer Systems/Database Manager
- Operations Research Specialist
- Systems Analyst/Operating Systems Programmer
- Management positions in public, private and non-profit organizations

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