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, SSHRC and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a one time $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government tri-council awards.

What is the community like?

At Queen's, graduate students from all disciplines live 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.

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 SGS Habitat for available resources.

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 Language Proficiency Requirement 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 (23/30); 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.

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 office with a phone and a computer to provide network access.

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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, Microeconometric Theory & Quantitative Methods

The department facilitates placement through its own Career Placement services.

RESEARCH Areas

• Macroeconomics & International Economics

• Industrial Organization and Labour Economics

• Public Resource and Environmental Economics

• Applied Econometrics & Theoretical

Visit the Economics website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members’ research areas. Typically, students find a supervisor after joining the MA program and in the course of taking their Fall and Winter semester courses, during which most students percolate towards a specific area of research interest.

Recent Placement RECORD

Academic:

• UBC (PhD)

• University of Minnesota (PhD)

• U of T (PhD)

• Queen’s (PhD)

• Queen’s (Law)

Federal Agencies (20+):

• Finance Canada

• ESOC

• Bank of Canada

• Statistics Canada

• Office of Parliamentary Budget Officer

• Agriculture and Agrifood Canada
This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online My Grad Map tool.