Why GRADUATE STUDIES in PSYCHOLOGY?
Psychology is a particularly diverse profession encompassing research, teaching and applied work. While the two former activities are relevant mainly, but by no means exclusively to universities, applied psychologists work in a wide variety of settings including: industry, management, the school systems, private practice, penitentiaries, and hospitals. Like members of all professions, the conduct of psychologists whether they are engaged in practice, teaching or research, is regulated by principles, standards and by statute. In Ontario persons who call themselves a psychologist must meet at least, one of three criteria: they must be a university professor, be employed in a psychologist’s position by the federal penitentiary service, or must be registered.

Why QUEEN’S?
The graduate program in Psychology at Queen’s is internationally renowned for its excellent faculty and students, its innovative training and the value of its research, scholarship and skill development. We offer a wide range of Programs in core areas of Psychology, with a strong emphasis on fundamental research and discovery, as well as intensive training in clinical skills and applications. Our Department and Queen’s host world-class researchers and a number of state-of-the-art techniques and laboratories. Our goal is to prepare students for successful careers in a variety of settings, including academic institutions, clinical and health care settings, industry and the private sector, education, and many others.

Program STRUCTURE
MSc (2 years): course work, and thesis/dissertation.

RESEARCH Areas
- Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science
- Clinical Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Social/Personality Psychology

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

Visit the Psychology Department website to read faculty profiles and learn more about faculty members’ research areas. When you find a faculty member with similar research interests to yours, contact him/her and tell them about your interest in graduate work, area of research interest and related experience. The email correspondence is also an opportunity for you to find out if the faculty member is accepting new graduate students to supervise. Consider meeting with your potential supervisor at departmental events for prospective students.

“My experiences have given me the opportunity to flourish as both a student and a researcher. With strong foundational courses in statistics and a state of the art MRI machine upgrades, Queen’s has given me a well-rounded graduate experience that will prepare me for my future endeavours.”

– Sydney Gorlick, MSc 2019

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies
School of Graduate Studies
Create an impact
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**Psychology MSc Map**

**GETTING STARTED**
- Start with key priorities like developing your relationship with your supervisor, forming your committee, and doing the coursework.
- Consider how your course papers can contribute to your dissertation/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.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**
- Complete your coursework; begin to research and write your dissertation/thesis.
- Complete the human and/or animal research ethics training.
- Attend or present at a graduate conference.
- Attend and participate in graduate seminars.
- Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.
- Start keeping an eportfolio of your skills, experiences and competencies.
- Use a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position to develop your skills.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Engage with the community through graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and research groups.
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**WRAPPING UP**
- Consider publication options for your research.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as the Canadian Psychological Association Annual Conference, or the European Congress of Psychology.
- Set up a meeting with the School of Graduate Studies for a Grad Chat to discuss your research interests.
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- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queens Connects 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 Psychological Association or the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology.
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**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
A graduate degree in Psychology 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 Psychology can take your career in many directions. Many of our MSc students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
- Academia and research
- Government agencies
- Private sector
- Clinical/Hospitals
- Correctional Services Canada
- Private practice
- 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!

*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.

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* The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2020-2021. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- 4-year Bachelor’s degree in Psychology (or equivalent area).
- Grade requirements: minimum upper second class standing (B+ average).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Interest.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. Scores above the 60th percentile are required.
- 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 Academics: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Application due: December 1.
- Notification of acceptance: Decisions begin on December 1.

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

What about FUNDING?

M.Sc. students in Psychology receive minimum funding of $18,000 per year for the two years of the program.

Apply for external funding from the Tri-Councils and other sources. Queen’s will automatically issue a one time $5,000 top-up to Masters winners of federal government Tri-Agency awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships, or see Funding and Financial Support on the Psychology Department website.