Kingston waterfront. For more about Kingston's history nestled in the core of the city, only a 10-minute of the Kingston community, with the campus graduate studies. Queen's is an integral part Queen's offers a wonderful environment for affordable, historic waterfront city of Kingston, excellent funding packages and life in the professional development opportunities, With the world's best scholars, prize-winning in Queen's more than 130 graduate programs support among the graduate students enrolled community. You will find friends, peers and learn and discover in a close-knit intellectual What is the community like? HABITAT for available resources. Where can I get help? Queen's provides you with a breadth 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 online My Grad Map tool. What is the community like? At Queen's, graduate students from all disciplines learn 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 15 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. Application FAQs What do I need to know to APPLY? ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS • Successful completion of the MPhil program What about FUNDING? Minimum funding guarantee for PhD students: $20,000/year, throughout years 1-4. The funding package may be comprised of Queen's Graduate Awards, Teaching Assistantships, or named internal Fellowships. We encourage all students to apply for external funding from OGS, SSHRC and other sources. Queen's will automatically issue a $10,000 award to incoming PhD students who have won federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships. Why GRADUATE STUDIES in ENGLISH? The English Department at Queen's University is a professionally-oriented research department whose faculty members are distinguished by both scholarly prowess and teaching excellence. Students in the MA and the PhD programs take courses that involve a wide range of critical methodologies, historical periods, and literary genres; they also take a pedagogical and professional skills course that ranges from academic counselling to grant applications to mentoring undergraduate students. Why QUEENS'? The graduate programs in English at Queen's are among the oldest and most prestigious in the country, combining commitment to historical breadth with promotion of methodological and disciplinary innovation. The department’s vibrant intellectual community is developed and sustained by the synergies between the knowledge and passion of our distinguished faculty and the ideas and inspirations of our outstanding graduate students. Offered by Queen’s since 1942, the PhD in English is designed to foster the scholarly development of our students; we prioritize mentorship, professionalization, and intellectual exchange while maintaining an abiding excitement about our students’ autonomous programs of research. The department is small enough that students get to know our faculty, yet large enough to boast faculty expertise in all major historical periods and a wide array of critical methodologies for literary study. Fields of STUDY • Medieval Literature • Renaissance Literature • Restoration & 18th-Century Literature • Romantic Literature • Victorian Literature • Modernist Literature • American Literature • Canadian Literature • Indigenous Studies • Gender Studies • Postcolonial Studies • Literary Theory We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor. Visit the English 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 and related experience. This is also an opportunity for you to find out if the faculty member is accepting new graduate students to supervise. Meet with your potential supervisor at departmental events for prospective students. Program STRUCTURE PhD (4 years): coursework, Special Topic Presentation, and dissertation. Students entering the PhD from the MPhil program will have already completed the first part of the comprehensive exams and can go directly to pursuing more independent research in the Special Topic Presentation and the dissertation.
**English**

**MPhil ACCELERATED PhD MAP**

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)**

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### YEAR I

**ACHEIVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS**

- Meet early with your supervisor to set expectations and discuss roles, responsibilities, program requirements, resources, research/occupational goals, timelines, and any required accommodation plans. Look to [Student Academic Success Services](https://www.queensu.ca/sass) and [Expanding Horizons](https://www.queensu.ca/eh) for a variety of supports.
- Assemble your supervisory committee (including supervisor and second reader). Set up regular meetings with your supervisor to discuss progress and obstacles to timely completion. Seek experiential/professional development opportunities.

**MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT**

- Think about audiences for your research. Complete [ROMEO online module](https://www.queensu.ca/eh) on research ethics if planning research with living people or sensitive topics.
- Apply to SSHRC, OGS, and other funding.
- Attend conferences in your field.

**BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to the [Graduate English Society](https://www.queensu.ca/eh) for tips on getting involved.
- Consider positions in student services, the [SGS](https://www.queensu.ca/sgs), or media outlets like the *Queen's Journal*, *CPRC*, and the [SGS Blog](https://www.queensu.ca/sgsblog). Look in the [AMS Club Directory](https://www.queensu.ca/ams). Use a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant position to develop your skills and experience.
- Consider joining professional associations like the [Canadian Association of Canadian Teachers](https://www.caft.ca) or [Canadian Modern Language Teachers](https://www.camlta.ca).

**ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

- Consider volunteering with different community organizations, such as [Literacy Kingston](https://www.literacykingston.ca), [Kingston WritersFest](https://www.kingstonwritersfest.ca), and the [MUSKOGA](https://www.muskoga.ca).
- Participate in your graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and research groups.

**LAUNCH YOUR CAREER**

- Finding career fit starts with knowing yourself. Take a [Career Services career planning workshop](https://www.queensu.ca/careers) or meet with a career counsellor for help. Check out books like *What Are You Going to Do With That?!* or [The Academic Job Search](https://www.queensu.ca/eh) from the [Career Resource Area](https://www.queensu.ca/eh) for advice on various career options.
- Start reading publications like *University Affairs* and the [Chronicle of Higher Education](https://www.ch纪hicle.org). Browse non-academic labour market websites.
- Stay on the lookout for special events like [Graduate Student Career Forum](https://www.queensu.ca/careers) to explore your career pathways.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

A graduate degree in English 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.
- Persuasion.
- 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 PhD in English can take your career in many directions. In Canada, less than 40% of all PhDs will work in post-secondary education – the majority will work in industry, government, or non-profits.

- Writing
- Editing
- Publishing
- Teaching
- Law
- Civil service
- Business
- NGOs
- Information technologies

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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*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](https://www.queensu.ca/careers).*