Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• 4-year Bachelor’s degree
• All students must also have sound math skills. See the Department’s website for a self-assessment of essential mathematics background.
• Grade requirements: An overall average of 75% in undergraduate studies.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
• 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): 80; IELTS: 7.0 (across all four sections); or (3) PTE Academic: 65.
• The GRE is mandatory for applicants from non-Canadian universities and a minimum score of 149 is required in each test as well as the minimum overall score.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
• Application due: January 31 to qualify for internal funding.
• Application review begins in mid-February.

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

What about FUNDING?
The MSc in Epidemiology does not guarantee a minimum funding amount. The Department provides individual funding packages for full-time students (years 1 and 2) in the program, based upon the student’s academic standing and on the sources of money available each year. These packages are funded through a combination of external awards, internal awards, internal departmental awards, faculty support, teaching assistantships, graduate research assistantships, and research assistantships.

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For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ information on awards and scholarships and the department’s graduate awards page.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in EPIDEMIOLOGY?
Graduate students and their work are an important part of the ongoing research process that provides the community with ways of understanding health problems that occur at a local, regional, national, and even global level. Students gain skills to communicate scientifically, describe trends and patterns of disease incidence and prevalence, critically evaluate scientific literature related to community health and epidemiology, and collect and analyse data, and more.

The goal of the Master’s in Epidemiology program is to provide a common methodological foundation from which to conduct research in human populations across diverse health-related areas. The scope of the field of epidemiology is broad; it includes a range of content areas and methodologies. Depending upon their focus, students learn about various research designs, biostatistics, program evaluation, health economics, as well as how to design surveys or use administrative data.

“Combined with the intimate and supportive environment cultivated by the faculty, the Queen’s Epidemiology program is an outstanding choice for your graduate career!”

Atif Kukaswadia, PhD

Program STRUCTURE
MSc (2 years): Course work (4 core courses, 3 electives) and a thesis. Part-time studies are an available option.

Research AREAS
• Epidemiology and Population Health
• Health Services and Policy Research
• Clinical Epidemiology

Why QUEEN’S?
At Queen’s, our established strengths are in the areas of cancer, injury, obesity, disability, and mental health epidemiology as well as research in various health services contexts including public health, primary care, cancer care and critical care. We also have some emerging strengths in the areas of Northern health, Aboriginal health, and global health studies.