

# Health Quality PhD Map

*Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies*



GRAD MAP FOR PH.D. STUDENTS →

## Why **GRADUATE STUDIES** in **HEALTH QUALITY?**

The PhD in Health Quality (PhDHQ) will prepare experts who will improve the delivery of healthcare through teaching, developing new methodologies and theoretical frameworks, as well as testing innovation in the field of health quality. The PhDHQ program offers a collaborative approach to comprehend and address the complexities within the healthcare system. Graduates of the program will be prepared to take senior leadership roles in health quality portfolios in practice and policy settings across Canada and will also be educated to assume tenure track positions in university programs. While the degree is research intensive, it will also be grounded in pragmatism and will help prepare independent researchers for quality improvement research and developing leadership capabilities in health settings.

The PhDHQ program is a four (4) year, interdisciplinary program using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous study using interactive online videoconferencing. The PhDHQ program consists of five (5) courses in year one, including an internship over the summer months. The internship will be tailored to the learners' interests and to broadening their perspectives on health quality. In the fall term of year two, students will complete their written comprehensive exam. The comprehensive exam will be a take home two (2) week written submission. In the winter and summer terms of year two (2) students will focus on their PhD thesis, and complete HQRS 905 Current Topics in Health Quality

## Who should **APPLY?**

A PhD degree in Health Quality can take your career in many directions. Our students come from varied backgrounds including but not limited to:

- Law
- Engineering
- Healthcare
- Business
- Administration
- Policy advisors
- Healthcare information technologists (IT)



## Required **COURSES**

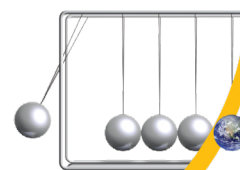
- **HQRS 900:** Philosophy of Health Quality Science
- **HQRS 901:** Research and Theory of Change Management and Leadership
- **HQRS 902:** Qualitative Methods for Research in Health Quality
- **HQRS 903:** Quantitative Methods for Research in Health Quality
- **HQRS 904:** Internship in Health Quality
- **HQRS 905:** Current Topics in Health Quality
- **HQRS 999:** Thesis



## Program **OBJECTIVES**

- Prepare health quality professionals for leadership roles in practice, education and research
- Provide learners with skills to apply theoretical and practical knowledge of health quality, risk and safety to enhance safer healthcare for Canadians
- Integrate theoretical and practical opportunities for learners to ensure graduates have acquired applied skills in quality, risk and safety
- Ensure learners can articulate policy and legislative responsibilities and accountabilities for safer healthcare for Canadians
- Support learners to apply for grants and awards to support research in health quality, risk and safety

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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.

# Graduate Studies FAQs

## How do I use this map?

Whether you are considering or have embarked on graduate studies at Queen's, use this map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. The map helps you explore possibilities, set goals and track your individual accomplishments. Everyone's journey is different – the guide offers options for finding your way at Queen's and setting the foundation for your future. To make your own customized map, use the online [My Grad Map](#) tool.

## 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.

## 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 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.

# Application FAQs

## What do I need to know to APPLY?

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who have a project based or thesis based research master's degree in health, health-related law, business, architecture, or engineering will be eligible to apply for admission. Potential applicants who have master's degrees in other disciplines would be encouraged to discuss the suitability of the degree with the Associate Director (Health Quality Programs) prior to applying.

The overall grade point average required is **B+ at the master's level** as per the School of Graduate Studies' regulation.

Applicants from under-represented groups will be encouraged to apply and specific recruitment will be targeted to ensure the applicant pool reflects the population of Canada. As the program will be offered in a hybrid format, access to the program is unlikely to be a barrier as students will be required to be on campus for one-week periods at select times over the four years.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A statement of interest in the program is required to match the applicant's academic and work experience with the objectives of the program.
- Current curriculum vitae.
- 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 deadline:** February 1.

Before you start your application, please review the [Graduate studies application process](#).

## What about FUNDING?

Queen's University provides a minimum funding guarantee currently valued at \$18,000 per year, for eligible doctoral students. This amount is a minimum, and actual doctoral student support may be substantially higher in many cases, depending on the program of study.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The guaranteed minimum will apply to all full time doctoral students registered in years 1 – 4 (ie. new and continuing students) of their programs.

Eligible doctoral students must maintain good academic standing in order to qualify.

Eligible doctoral students must be qualified to receive the usual sources offered by their home department as part of a funding package. This implies that, particularly in the case of a TA position, the student must be in residence for enough of the full academic year in order to be reasonably available for employment. In addition, students must apply for all major external and internal (where appropriate) scholarships for which they are eligible in order to qualify for the minimum guarantee.

Students must have requested financial support upon their initial application for admission to a Queen's doctoral program in order to be eligible. It is assumed that the information provided in terms of a Yes or No in response to the query 'Do you require financial support from Queen's University' applies throughout the student's academic program.

All questions pertaining to tuition and fees should be directed to the Queen's University Registrar's Office at [fees@queensu.ca](mailto:fees@queensu.ca) or by phone at (613) 533-2040.



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