Why a **GRADUATE DIPLOMA** in **RISK POLICY AND REGULATION**?

The Graduate Diploma in Risk Policy and Regulation (RPRD) is unique in Canada. A key feature of the program is the integration of material from a wide variety of economic and related fields relevant for risk managers, regulators, supervisors, academics and administrators of financial stability (such as central banks).

Courses in Risk Management Theory and Applications, Financial Institutions Theory and Practice, Financial Regulation, and Advanced Topics in Risk Management and Regulation, along with the incorporation of relevant material from financial management and accounting and behavioural economics, will enable graduates of the program to think creatively about how alternative risk management models can be developed and applied, and will allow them to contribute to the design of more effective regulations and policies influencing the financial sector.

Students will have the opportunity to learn and engage with experts from academia as well as the private and public sector. Officers of the Bank of Canada, the Global Risk Institute and other professionals in the fields of financial regulation and financial stability will share their expertise in specialized topics of the curriculum.

This program prepares graduates for careers in the public and the private sector in risk management, regulatory areas, policy and practice.

"Due to the structure of the program I not only learned about the fundamentals of risk management and regulation but also go to actively participate in seminars given by world-class scholars and professionals. The program left me with a rich and fundamental understanding of risk management and regulation that I now draw upon daily."

– Nicholas Garmulewicz, MA, G.Dip 2015, Analyst-RBC GRM Leadership Program

**Program STRUCTURE**

The Graduate Risk Policy and Regulation Diploma (RPRD) is a four (4) month program (Fall term, full time on campus) comprised of 4 compulsory courses involving projects, case-study analysis, and presentations.

**Program PARTNERSHIPS**

The Queen’s University Graduate Diploma in Risk Policy and Regulation has been created in partnership with the Global Risk Institute in Financial Services.

**Sample CURRICULUM**

- **RPRD 801** Risk Management Theory and Applications
  This course provides a critical review of standard risk management models and procedures in private banks and other financial institutions. It will explore current research that aims to improve risk management techniques and operations.

- **RPRD 802** Financial Institutions Theory and Practice
  This course explores theories and practices explaining the role and operation of financial institutions and markets. It will explore current problems and puzzles that are specific to financial institutions.

- **RPRD 803** Financial Regulation
  This course discusses current theory, practice and unresolved problems in financial regulation, especially in relation to controlling risks in financial institutions and the financial system.

- **RPRD 804** Advanced Topics in Risk Management and Regulation
  This course will cover important current topics in financial risk management and regulation. The topics will require detailed analysis of topics suggested by academics and practitioners from the public and private sectors. These topics will be discussed with leading practitioners in the private and public sectors.
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- The minimum standard of admission will be a B+ in a Master's program in Economics, Master's of Financial Economics or equivalent qualification. Therefore, students must have their BA(H) as well as MA in order to take the RPRD program.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- International applicants whose first language is not English or who have not recently studied for at least one complete year at a post-secondary institution where English is the official language of instruction, will be required to obtain satisfactory results in an English language proficiency test, as part of the application process, and before their application will be considered complete. A TOEFL total score of at least 600 (paper-based) or TOEFL iBT minimum scores of: 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.
- MELAB score of 80 or an IELTS score of 7

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Application due: January 15.

What about FEES?

- The tuition fees for the RPRD program for 2017 were $10,726.11 for domestic students, and $20,676.30 for international students.
- Tuition does not include mandatory student fees. There are also optional fees, and a health/dental plan the student can opt out of, if they have appropriate coverage of their own.

Details about fees and fee payment can be found on the website of the Office of the University Registrar. Fees for the upcoming academic session are normally published to the above website in May (2018).

What about FUNDING?

- All successful applications will be considered for a GRI Award. The RPRD program also qualifies for OSAP funding.

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.