Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**
- Bachelor's degree
- Grade requirements: minimum B+ average in the last 20 completed 3.0 GPA courses of study.
- Prospective students who do not have English as a first language must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening. Details are available on the SGS website.

**KEY DATES & DEADLINES**
- Application due: March 1st to qualify for internal funding. Applications will be considered until the program is full.
- Notification of acceptance: Successful candidates will be notified by letter of offer via email followed by confirmation from the School of Graduate Studies.
- OGS Application due: March 1st. All eligible students are required to apply for OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship) funding. Details are available on the SGS website.

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

What about FUNDING?

Master’s students in Kinesiology and Health Studies are guaranteed a minimum combined funding package of $13,000 for their first year of study. Funding packages may include an external funding award i.e. TriCouncil (CIHR/NSERC/SSRHC); an OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship); other internal fellowship award, scholarship, teaching assistantship(s), and research assistantship(s).

Queen’s will automatically issue a one-time $5,000 award to incoming Masters students who have won federal government tri-council awards. For more information, see the School of Graduate Studies’ website on awards and scholarships.

The SKHS graduate program draws students from diverse disciplines and provides them with a space where they can develop holistically through the personalized mentorship of dedicated, internationally-recognized faculty.”

-Colin Baillie, MSc Candidate

Why QUEEN’S?

Our students collaborate with internationally-recognized researchers on exciting, multi-disciplinary research projects in state-of-the-art facilities located in our own building.

Why GRADUATE STUDIES in KINESIOLOGY & HEALTH STUDIES?

The Kinesiology and Health Studies programs offer you the opportunity to study health, physiology, physical activity, movement, and socio-cultural phenomena of the body. Students may study the mechanics of movement; the body’s physiological responses to exercise; physical activity at a population or global level; the promotion of health, wellbeing, and social justice among communities; psychology of sport and physical activity; effects of biological factors on individual health, and effects of socio-cultural factors on individual, community and population health.

Cross-disciplinary opportunities with other Queen’s departments enhance the graduate experience. Collaborations are available with Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, Commerce, Cultural Studies, Faculty of Education, Gender Studies, Global Development Studies, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Psychology, Public Health Sciences, Geography, and Planning, and Sociology. Students may pursue research activities with a number of our community-based partners, including the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston; HIV/AIDS Regional Services; Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health, and the Limestone District School Board.

Available PROGRAMS

**MA**
- Biomechanics and Ergonomics
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Promotion
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We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying.
**GETTING STARTED**

- Start with key priorities like developing your relationship with your supervisor, doing your coursework, and forming your thesis committee.
- Consider how your course papers can contribute to your Master’s thesis.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and Expanding Horizons professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair, and the SGSS Habitat.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**

- Complete your coursework, begin to research and write your thesis.
- Attend the SKHS Research Colloquium.

**WRAPPING UP**

- Complete your thesis.
- Present at the SKHS Research Colloquium.

**ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS**

- Consider how you can connect with your community through experiential opportunities on- and off-campus.
- Consider volunteering with different community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston, HIV/AIDS Regional Services, or the Queen’s Exercise is Medicine Club.

**MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT**

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**BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Start to think about the audiences for your research.
- Apply for OGS funding.
- Apply for tricouncil (CHRI, SSHRI, NSERC) funding.

**ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

- Serve on departmental, faculty or university committees. Talk to the SKHS Graduate Student Council for tips on getting involved.
- Check out Expanding Horizons professional development workshops.

**LAUNCH YOUR CAREER**

- Finding a career that fits starts with knowing yourself. Get help by taking a Career Services workshop or meeting with a career counsellor. Check out books like What Are You Going to Do With That? for advice on various career options.
- Start reading publications like University Affairs and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Browse non-academic labour market websites. Stay on the lookout for special events like Graduate Student Career Week to explore your career pathways.
- Check admission test deadlines if needed for further studies.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

A graduate degree in Kinesiology and Health Studies 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?**

Master’s degree in Kinesiology and Health Studies can take your career in many directions. Many of our students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a PhD. Our Master’s students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Educational institutions/faculty positions
- Government agencies working on public health policy
- Sports media and public relations
- Health-related fields
- Research assistant
- Community health agencies
- Health industry consultants

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