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.

“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.

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

MSc
- Biomechanics and Ergonomics
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Promotion
- Physical Activity Epidemiology
- Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity

MA
- Socio-Cultural Studies of Sport, Health and the Body

We encourage you to identify an area of research interest and contact a potential supervisor before applying.
**Kinesiology & Health Studies MA & MSc Map**

**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 SGS Habitat.

**MAXIMIZE RESEARCH IMPACT**

- Start to think about the audiences for your research.
- Apply for OGS funding.
- Apply for tricouncil (CIHR, SSHRC, or NSERC) funding.

**BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

- Consider positions in student services, the SGPS, or media outlets like the Queen's Journal, CFRC, and the SGS Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.
- 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.
- Explore 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.

**ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

- Participate in your graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and research groups.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC and Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre.
- If you are an international student interested in staying in Canada, consider speaking with an International Student Advisor.
- Find 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 So 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.
- Complete your coursework, begin to research and write your thesis.
- Attend the SKHS Research Colloquium.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**

- Start keeping an ePortfolio of your skills, experiences and competencies.
- Use a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant position to develop your research or teaching skills.
- Attend or present at a graduate conference such as the Macintosh Conference or the Harwood Conference.
- Attend at least 80% of the SKHS Graduate Seminar Series.
- Consider participating in the 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.
- Complete your coursework; begin to research and write your thesis.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, a North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity conference, or a North American Society for the Sociology of Sport conference.
- Consider putting an article in The Conversation.

**WRAPPING UP**

- Consider publication options for your research.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop or showcase your research in a Grad Chat.
- Check out opportunities for extra training through CTL, Expanding Horizons, Mitacs, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Investigate internships from Mitacs and other sources.
- Complete your thesis.
- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen’sConnects on LinkedIn, the Queen’s Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Consider joining professional associations like the American College of Sports Medicine, the Canadian Public Health Association, Experimental Biology, the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity, or the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport.
- Participate in hiring committees and attend job talks. Start focusing on areas of interest. Research organizations of interest and start putting together your CV or resume for potential positions of interest. Get help from Career Services with Job searching, resumes, or interviews.
- Investigate internships from Mitacs and other sources.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading alumni profiles on the SGS website, and using Queen’sConnects on LinkedIn to connect with Queen’s alumni, or find alumni in various careers through Ask an Alum.
- If you are considering a PhD, explore programs of interest reach out to faculty, and apply to PhD programs and external scholarships.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

- **Academic:**
  - Professionalism
  - Awareness
  - Independence
  - Project management
  - Time management
  - Knowledge
  - Innovation
  - Collaboration
  - Communication
  - Critical thinking
  - Quantitative reasoning
  - Qualitative reasoning
  - Problem solving
  - Research design
  - Experimentation
  - Ethics
  - Data analysis
  - Evaluation
  - Conclusion
  - Synthesis
  - Appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions

- **Non-Academic:**
  - Health industry consultants
  - Community health agencies
  - Research assistant
  - Sports media and public relations
  - Policy analyst
  - Health policy advisor
  - Public health policy analyst
  - Public health policy advocate
  - Public health policy lobbyist
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**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
- Workplace ergonomics
- Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!

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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.*
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• Bachelor’s degree
• Grade requirements: minimum B+ overall 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 SKHS 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 initially 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 SKHS 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’ information on awards and scholarships.