

# GRADUATE STUDIES



**Professional  
Master's Programs**





# FAST TRACK YOUR CAREER. DREAM BIGGER. BUILD THE FUTURE YOU WANT.

Welcome to Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia — a coastal city known for its warmth, character, and East Coast charm. A place where we value the experiences that have shaped you and the ambitions that drive you. Where you'll find a supportive graduate community, the inspiration to grow, and the freedom to define success on your own terms.

Here, you'll learn from thought leaders who create collaborative academic environments aligned with the demands of today's evolving job market. Whether you're advancing your current career or exploring a new direction, Dal offers the flexibility, resources, and support to help you succeed.



# MORE THAN A GRADUATE DEGREE— IT'S A PLACE TO BELONG

Graduate school is a big step but at Dalhousie, you'll never take it alone. From the moment you start exploring your options, you become part of a supportive community dedicated to helping you succeed.

As a professional master's student, you'll engage with a diverse **network of accomplished faculty, researchers, and industry leaders**—changemakers who are actively shaping the future through advanced study, innovation, and meaningful collaboration at one of Canada's top 15 research universities. And with 35+ flexible, career-focused master's programs, you'll gain the specialized skills employers want and the confidence to go after what's next.

## Graduate faster

Most professional degrees are designed to be completed in **under two years**, so you can make a bold move forward without putting your life on hold.

## Skip the thesis

Instead of a traditional research thesis, most programs feature capstone projects, applied research papers, or field-based practicums where **you'll put your knowledge** into action.

## Career-focused learning

These programs are built to prepare you for **today's workforce**—whether you're aiming to advance in your current role or step into a new one with confidence.

## Programs with purpose

Explore in-demand programs like Social Work (MSW), Business Administration (MBA), and Public Administration (MPA), or our **new 12-month Master of Management**—open to students from any field and built for career-focused training.

CAREER-READY,  
DEGREE-CONNECTED

**98%**

of grads say their career paths **connect directly** to their Dal degree.

DIVERSE PATHS.  
ONE DALHOUSIE.

**35%**

of our master's students are international, bringing **global perspective** to local innovation.

BUILT FOR  
THE REAL WORLD

**95%**

of working grads use the skills they **developed at Dal** every day.

**Top 15**  
**Research-Intensive**  
**University in**  
**Canada**



Times Higher Education  
Impact Rankings 2025

**U15**

Group of Canadian  
Research Universities



# WHERE COASTAL BEAUTY MEETS PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Nestled on Canada's East Coast, Nova Scotia offers more than just breathtaking scenery — it's a place where academic ambition and personal well-being go together. Known for its natural beauty, rich culture, and strong sense of community, the province is home to thousands of university students who are drawn to its welcoming spirit and relaxed pace of life.

**Dalhousie's Halifax campus** places you in the heart of Nova Scotia's capital — an energetic, oceanfront city of more than 500,000 people. Halifax is a safe, vibrant hub with a thriving tech sector, diverse food scene, and one of the most educated workforces in North America. With coastlines that inspire and communities that support, Halifax, Nova Scotia sets the stage for an unmatched graduate experience that's both grounded and expansive.

# YOUR GRADUATE JOURNEY STARTS HERE

At Dalhousie, you'll join a diverse community of over 3,500 graduate students from more than 115 countries.

Your peers, professors, and alumni will challenge and inspire you—and become the network that supports your goals and fuels your next steps.

## Before you arrive

Start your journey with **Together@Dal: Grad Edition (T@DGE)**—our online orientation program is designed to connect you with the people, resources, and tools you need to succeed.

## Professional development built for grad students

**Dal GradPD** is your dedicated resource for career-focused professional development. Offered through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, this program brings together free workshops and events designed exclusively for the unique needs of graduate students—helping you build skills for success in a wide range of career paths.

## Health & wellness

**Your well-being matters.** Dalhousie offers a full range of services to support your mental and physical health—from same-day medical appointments to on-demand online tools. Stay active at Dalplex or Sexton

Gym—our on-campus recreational facilities. The new Dalhousie Event Centre, featuring an NHL-sized ice surface, is set to open in 2025.

**Looking for peer support?** Join our graduate student support group, led by professional psychologists, to explore common challenges in a safe, supportive space.

## Faculty of Graduate Studies and your academic home faculty

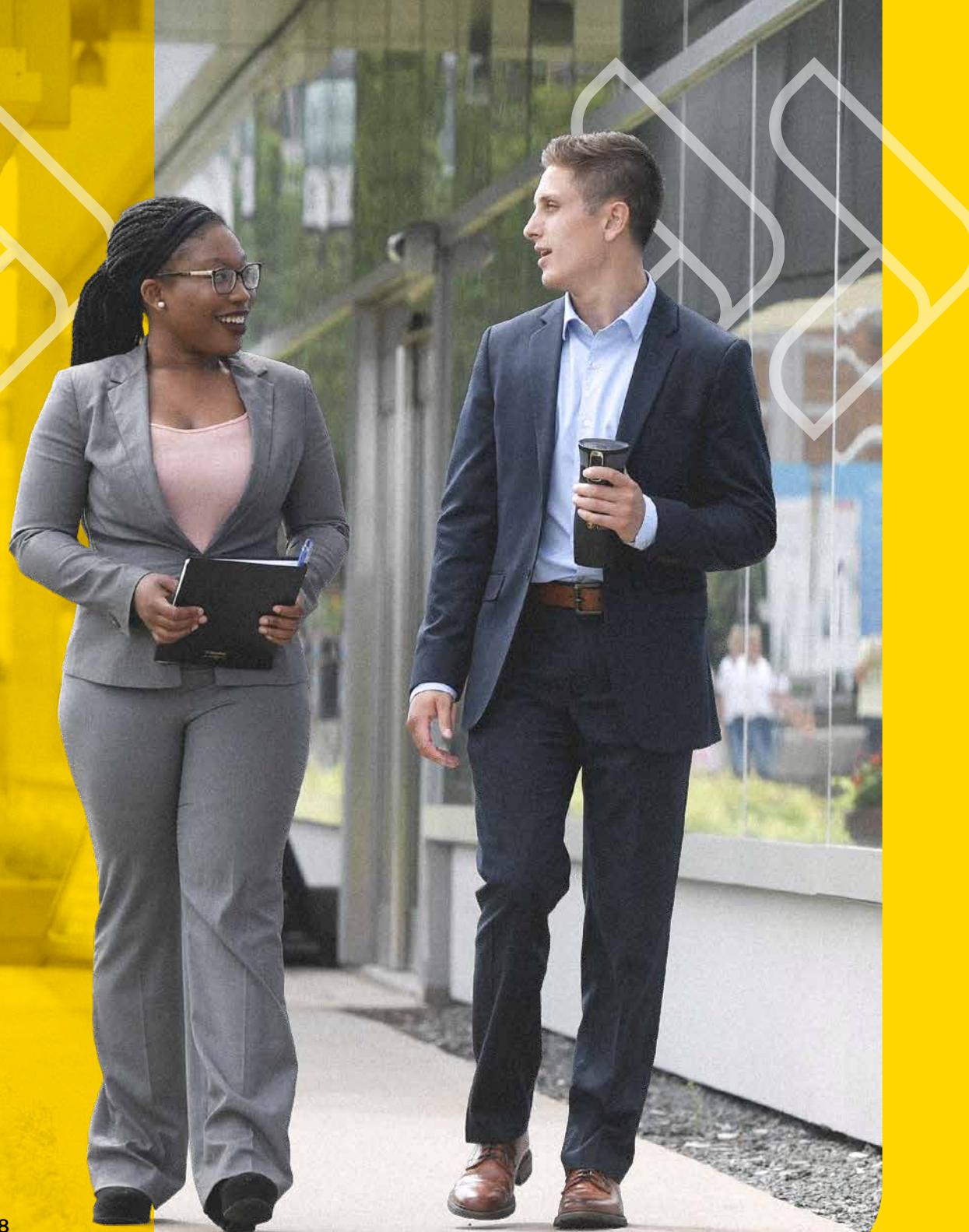
Graduate students are supported by a network that includes the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and their academic home faculty. FGS offers academic guidance, welcome sessions, and resources to help you start strong. Equally important is the support within your academic faculty—where professors, staff, and upper-year students are invested in your success. Through mentoring and collaboration, you'll find a strong community that helps you feel confident, connected, and ready to thrive.



## Get involved

Graduate studies at Dalhousie offer more than just academics—it's a chance to connect, belong, and grow. From student societies and faculty socials, to campus events and leadership opportunities, there are plenty of ways to meet like-minded people and become part of the Dal community.

Whether you're catching a live show at the Dalhousie Arts Centre, joining an intramural team, or taking some time to unwind by the ocean, **Dal makes it easy to find your people and make your graduate experience truly your own.**



# EXPLORE OUR PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS:

## Planning

Planning (MPlan)

## Arts & Social Sciences

French (MA)

## Computer Science

Applied Computer Science (MACSc)

Digital Innovation (MDI)

## Dentistry

Periodontics (MSc)

## Engineering

Industrial Engineering (MEng)

## Health

Health Administration (MHA)

Nursing (MN)

Occupational Therapy (MSc)

Physiotherapy (MSc)

Social Work (MSW)

Speech Language Pathology  
(MScSLP)

Audiology (MSc)

## University of King's College

Journalism (MJ)

Creative Nonfiction (MFA)

Fiction (MFA)

## Law

Law (LLM)

Information combined with

Juris Doctor (JD) (MI)

Business Admin combined with

Juris Doctor (JD) (MBA)

Public Admin combined with

Juris Doctor (JD) (MPA)

## Management

Information (M)

Business Administration,

Career Advance (CA-MBA)

Business Administration,

Corporate Residency (CR-MBA)

Public Admin (MPA)

Public Admin Management (MPA) (M)

Management, coming

**NEW  
PROGRAM**

September 2026

Information combined with

Public Admin (MI) (MPA)

## Medicine

Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)

Clinical Psychiatry & Global

Mental Health (MCPGMH)\*

**NEW  
PROGRAM**

## Science

Economics (MA)

Marine Management (MMM)

Resource and Environmental

Management (MREM)

Development Economics (MDE)

Information combined with Resource  
& Environmental MGMT (MI) (MREM)



For more information  
on a specific program  
visit [dal.ca/  
professional-masters](http://dal.ca/professional-masters)

# YOUR GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS

## **Admission requirements:**

To apply, you must meet both the Faculty of Graduate Studies' **minimum eligibility** requirements and any additional criteria specific to your program of interest.

## **Program options & deadlines:**

Program options for professional graduate programs vary depending on the degree. Most programs have September and January start dates and are course-based—with many having in-person and online options available.

For more information, visit [dal.ca/programs](http://dal.ca/programs) or contact the admissions advisor for your specific graduate program.

## **Financial information:**

Tuition fees and most scholarships for professional graduate programs at Dalhousie are set by the faculty offering the degree and may vary across programs.

For the most accurate breakdown of the **tuition fees or scholarships** offered for your professional master's degree, contact the admissions advisor for your specific professional master's degree program.



Scan for  
program fees  
and funding info

## ***Before starting your application:***

1



**Choose your program.**  
Determine the program-specific requirements by reviewing the program page and contacting the admissions advisor.

2



**Ensure you meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies minimum admission requirements.**



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**When you're ready to apply:**

- 1** Check the application deadline for your program of choice.
- 2** Complete the graduate online application forms and pay the application fee.
- 3** Upload your supporting documents as directed in your applicant portal.

*(Please note that some departments may have different requirements for admissions documents as part of your internal application. Please contact the department you are applying to for specific requirements.)*

# EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS WITH AN ADVISOR

**Whether you're exploring options or ready to apply,** our professional master's programs advisors are here to help.

From choosing a program to navigating student life, they are your go-to support for a smooth path to graduate studies at Dalhousie.



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