

YOUR GRAD FAIR GUIDE

Get ready to explore your next step with confidence.

The **Dalhousie Graduate & Professional Programs Fair** is your chance to discover what's next — connect with faculty, advisors, and current grad students, and find a program that fits your goals. Whether you're exploring, deciding, or getting ready to apply, this guide will help you make the most of your experience.

Before the Fair

- ☐ Review the programs you're curious about and explore which graduate study pathway might fit your goals.
- ☐ Think about what you hope to gain from grad school: new skills, a career shift, career advancement, or a chance to dive deeper into a field you love.
- ☐ Prepare a short list of 3–5 questions you'd like to ask.
- ☐ Bring a notebook or device to jot down insights.

What to Expect

Move at your own pace. Explore program booths, chat with faculty and advisors, ask questions, and learn from current graduate students. You don't need to have everything figured out — this fair is designed to help you explore your options and feel supported along the way.

EXPLORE YOUR PROGRAM PATHWAYS

Professional Master's (course-based)

Advance your career with 30+ flexible, professional master's programs designed to get you contributing and applying your skills quickly. Many can be completed in as little as 12 months and offer hands-on, course-based training with no thesis or supervisor required — connecting your studies directly to real-world outcomes. These programs are ideal if you want to gain new skills, accelerate your career, or transition into a new field with confidence.

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Academic Master's (thesis-based)

Join one of 100+ programs focused on original research, close collaboration with faculty, and advanced preparation for academic or research-driven careers. Some programs require you to identify a thesis supervisor before applying, while others will match you with one after admission. Requirements vary by program, so check with the faculty or department offering your program. **If your program requires a supervisor, attend the Grad Fair's virtual session on finding a supervisor to help you learn how to find one.**

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Joint Doctoral Program (JDP)

A jointly supervised PhD offered across Dalhousie and a partner university. You'll study and conduct research at both institutions and graduate with a single, jointly awarded doctoral degree.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK...

Faculty or Advisors

1. What makes this program unique?
2. What kinds of careers do graduates pursue?
3. Are there flexible, online, or part-time options?
4. How competitive is admission? Any tips for a strong application?
5. Are there funding, scholarship, or assistantship opportunities?
6. What support services are available (mentorship, career advising, research opportunities)?
7. How do students balance coursework, research, and other commitments?

Current Graduate Students

1. What's your favourite part of this program?
2. What's a typical week like?
3. How do you connect with peers or find support?
4. What's one thing you wish you knew before starting?

Tips for a Great Experience

- Ask follow-up questions — there's no such thing as a "wrong" one.
- Explore as many booths and sessions as you can — even short conversations can spark ideas.
- Stay open-minded — sometimes the right program is one you didn't expect.

After the Fair

- ☐ List the programs you want to explore further.
- ☐ Revisit program pages to compare admission requirements and deadlines.
- ☐ Connect with a recruiter or relevant advisor for follow-up questions.
- ☐ **Book a campus tour** if you're new to Dalhousie.
- ☐ Subscribe for updates and reminders about key dates.

Pro Tip

Save this guide or download it to your device so you can reference it while navigating the fair.

QUESTIONS AFTER THE FAIR?

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