

ECONOMICS

Features of Interest

The Department of Economics occupies the second and third floor of Dunning Hall, and two wings in Mackintosh-Corry Hall. These premises provide classrooms, seminar rooms, and two computing labs, as well as conference facilities, graduate student study space and a reading room.

Queen's has a relatively decentralized library although most of what is of interest to economics students will be found in the Joseph S. Stauffer Library, directly across Union Street from Dunning Hall. Reserve readings are on the third floor of Stauffer and the Government Documents Unit is on the lower floor. Other specialized locations that may be of interest include the May Ball Library for policy studies and industrial relations, the Mathematics Library in Jeffery Hall and the Law Library (which has duplicate copies of some works in economics). An extensive collection of pre-publication discussion papers in economics is available in the Malcolm Urquhart Reading Room on the third floor of Dunning Hall.

Information and Technology Services (ITS) and the Economics Department (QED) together provide a wide variety of computing services that are accessible to Economics graduate students. The department has a small cluster of 16 workstations available through remote access running Linux. The department's computing representative provides assistance with many computing problems along with access to Department workstations. The Department maintains various software packages on these servers. (Matlab, Stata, OX, R) Workshops and seminars on internet tools, operating systems, and web publishing are available from ITS throughout the year.

Institutes

The John Deutsch Institute includes research groups devoted to several areas of economic policy. Through these groups the Institute sponsors conferences and workshops promoting both research and continued dialogue between academic economists and practicing policy-makers. These events are open to students. Also within the department, the Institute for Economic Research publishes a discussion paper series at a present level of about 20 to 25 new papers each year, and a regular program of staff/student seminars and workshops, active all year round, frequently brings economists of international repute to Queen's. Elsewhere on campus, the Industrial Relations Centre, the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, and the School of Policy Studies all do work of interest to students of economics.

The Department also operates an active placement service to help its students obtain suitable positions as professional economists after graduation.

Financial Aid

Primary sources are described in the calendar section entitled Awards and Financial Assistance. (<https://www.queensu.ca/academic-calendar/graduate-studies/awards-financial-assistance/>) The department has some resources of its own from which to make awards for academic merit, but these awards cannot be so generous as those offered by Queen's and by governmental, industrial and other grant sources outside the University, and are not numerous enough to assure one to each successful applicant.

The Department offers many of its students teaching and/or research assistantships, which may be held in addition to a merit award, depending upon the award's conditions of tenure.

Admission to Programs of Study

Applicants for both the master's and doctoral programs are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies. Program of study and course choice are subject to the review and approval of the Graduate Coordinator.