Areas of Research

Translational Medicine is driven by our patients and their diseases. Guided by this primary focus, translational research spans across the spectrum from molecular and cell biology to preclinical models to patient studies and back again. Our research operates at the intersection of clinical and related sciences and will generate and lead discovery through an integrated process, increasing the efficiency of translating science knowledge into health improvement. The areas of research include, but are not limited to: Inherited Bleeding Disorders and Molecular Hemostasis, Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders, Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Neuroimmunology, Regenerative Cardiovascular Medicine, Pulmonary Hypertension, Vascular Disease in Chronic Renal Failure, Allergy/Immunology, Cancer and Cancer Clinical Trials, Neurologic Outcomes after ICU Admission, Cognitive Disorders, Atherosclerotic Heart Disease, Cardiac Arrhythmias, Sleep Apnea, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Understanding Intraocular Immune Mechanisms, Policy Development for Health Programs, Biomedical Computing and Transcriptomics and Molecular Medicine.

Facilities

Most students will be housed within the research space of their supervisor. Translational Medicine facilities are located in QCPU (Queen’s Cardiopulmonary Unit), GIDRU (Gastrointestinal Disease Research Unit), Etherington Hall, Botterell Hall, and Kingston Health Sciences Centre.

Financial Assistance

Graduate students are encouraged to apply for financial support in the form of fellowships and studentships from external granting agencies. Departmental policy ensures a minimum stipend support for graduate students. Students enrolled in the programs will receive funding packages to assist with living expenses and coverage of tuition: MSc – minimum $25,000 per year for 2 years; PhD – minimum $26,000 per year for 4 years.

Faculty

Graduate Program Director
Ellis, A.

Graduate Program Co-Director
Ormiston, M.

Professor


Associate Professors

Assistant Professor
Hindmarch, C., Nakamura, A., Reed., D., Rodrigues, D., Silver, S.

Professor Emeritus
Anastassiades, T., Pater, J.L.

Cross-Appointed Faculty

Programs

• Translational Medicine - Doctor of Philosophy (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate-studies/programs-study/translational-medicine/translational-medicine-phd/)
• Translational Medicine - Master of Science (https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate-studies/programs-study/translational-medicine/translational-medicine-ms/)

Courses

TMED 800 Translational Medicine
Students will be educated in the translation of medical knowledge from a variety of medical disciplines. Classroom sessions will be divided into a traditional lecture, followed by an interactive discussion and a 3-minute student presentation. Clinical observerships will involve direct placement within various clinics. Students will be expected to write a review article on the topic of their thesis research. (3.0 credit units)

TMED 801 Profession of Medicine
This course will immerse students in the professional learning environment of Medicine. Course content will consist of attendance at a minimum number of weekly Medical Grand Rounds, followed by facilitated small group discussions.
Student seminars will be held during the winter term for presentation of thesis research proposals. (3.0 credit units)

**TMED 802 Research Success Skills**
This course will provide the students with essential skills required to be a successful researcher. Instruction on study design, ethical and regulatory requirements for biomedical researchers will be provided through completion of online modules. A Library session will be included to teach strategies to search biomedical literature. Students will be expected to write a CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarship application and laboratory/research skills related to their thesis research will be evaluated. (3.0 credit units)

**TMED 811 Next Generation Sequencing**
This course will teach students the theoretical and practical basis of high-throughput genomics and transcriptomics. The course is a combination of classroom lectures, practical bench science and practical computing. Students will learn to design, implement and analyze an experiment using next generation sequencing technology and be expected to demonstrate these skills in the course assignments. (1.5 credit units). Not offered 2023-24.

**TMED 899 Master’s Thesis Research**

**TMED 999 Ph.D. Thesis Research**