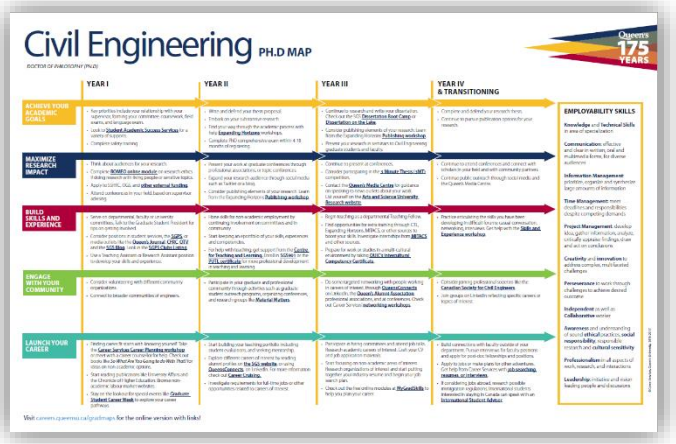
Tips for Advisors: Using Grad Maps with Your Grad Students

What are the Grad Maps?

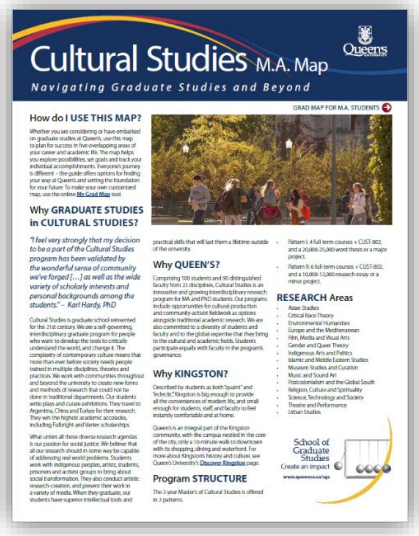
Each grad map provides program-specific information, activities, and resources related to academics, research, experience and network building, and career planning – all laid out in a visual timeline.

The maps provide structure that supports success in their program, and encourages earlier career exploration and preparation to help them navigate and be ready for the broad range of options including academic, alt-ac, and non-academic jobs after graduation.



How you can use them

Embedding the Grad Maps in activities and conversations with students will increase their impact on positive student behavior and learning. To support this we suggest the following:



1. **Refer students to their program's map –** for activities and resources to boost academic and career success. They can get copies in departments, at SGS, Career Services, or online at http://careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps
2. **Use the maps in supervision meetings:** To provide more in-depth support, you can encourage students to develop their own customized maps using the MyGradMap worksheet and work with them as a part of the supervision process to set goals.
3. **Use the maps in classroom activities or workshops:** Faculty members might want to incorporate them into professional development activities in the classroom.
4. **Encourage students to attend the Design Your Life workshop:** Career Services has developed a new workshop called "Design Your Life" where students apply Design Thinking principles to career planning to generate meaningful long and short-term goals, using the maps as part of the process. This workshop will be available to all students through Career Services and Expanding Horizons starting in the Winter 2017 term.
5. **Refer students to Career Services -** for more in-depth career support. Graduate students can get help in the form of workshops, resources in the library, and individual appointments for career planning, resume and interview skills, and job search strategies. Get more information at http://careers.queensu.ca/students

For questions about the Grad Maps, please email majormap@queensu.ca