



# Smith Graduate Exchange

Fact Sheet 2026–27



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

**130+** Business Schools

**45+** Regions

**500+** International exchange students welcomed annually

**600+** Smith students participate in international programs annually

## Why Choose Smith for Exchange?

- Smith offers a **top-tier academic environment** with highly engaged, award-winning faculty, industry experts, and dynamic teaching.
- You'll gain a **global business education**. While learning alongside international classmates, Smith faculty also integrate real world examples, providing a dynamic curriculum that is enhanced by international perspectives.
- **Strong support and community** including small class sizes, personalized student advising, active student clubs, and a welcoming environment for exchange and international students making settling in easier.
- Kingston offers a **vibrant student life** with nearly 30,000 students studying within the small size city each year. Featuring a bustling downtown just steps from campus, students can find lively cafés and restaurants, concerts, festivals, and outdoor recreation to enjoy.
- Queen's University is **ranked #1 in Canada and 6th globally** in the 2025 Times Higher Impact Rankings for its contributions to advancing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).







## Graduate Exchange Eligibility

Our MBA exchange program is offered in the Fall and Summer Terms. Our MIB exchange program is offered in the Winter Term. Students must be enrolled in an MBA or in the 2nd year/M2 of a Master's program in order to be admitted into either graduate program.

*Two years of professional work experience preferred for students joining the MBA program.*

*Average age of Smith's MBA cohort is 29 years.*



## English Proficiency Requirements

Language of Instruction: English

Internet-based TOEFL	100 Overall
Paper-based TOEFL	600 Overall
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Score of 7 on academic module

## Grading Scale

Queen's University Grading Scale is available [here](#).

## Academic Accommodations are available to students

For more information, visit the [Queen's Student Accessibility Services \(QSAS\)](#).

## Course Information

### Workload

Smith's courses are demanding with ongoing assessment, teamwork, final projects, and/or exams. For every hour of class time, students should plan for approximately 3–4 hours of additional independent and/or teamwork.

- 3.0 unit courses are 30–36 contact hours (equivalent to 6–7.5 ECTS)
- 1.5 unit courses are 18 contact hours (equivalent to 3–4 ECTS)

### Class Format

- Lectures, presentations, teamwork, and case studies.

### The Power of Teams

- Smith's Master of International Business and MBA programs use an innovative approach to team-based learning that is far more sophisticated than that used in other programs. Our team-based approach mirrors today's progressive workplace. You will leave the program with the best practices for successful team-building and teamwork, well-prepared to be a valuable member of a high-performance team.

### Attendance

- Mandatory in all courses.

### Participation

- Students are encouraged to be active participants; most classes will include a participation grade.

### Academic Integrity

- As a member of the Centre for Academic Integrity (CAI), Queen's subscribes to the definition of academic integrity as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility.

# Master of Business Administration

Our Full-time MBA program is a team-based, one-year student experience in a customized learning environment. Students in our program come from very diverse backgrounds; academically, culturally, and professionally. This is an MBA unlike any other. It delivers both the technical expertise and interpersonal skills development that employers require today. This fast-paced, collaborative, and supportive environment provides students with the tools they need to be successful in the classroom and team-rooms, while preparing them for future leadership roles in business.

## MBA Summer Exchange

Smith School of Business offers a summer exchange option for incoming MBA Exchange Students. The courses run from July to August and are delivered in modular format. For further details on this short-term opportunity, please contact [smithgradexchange@queensu.ca](mailto:smithgradexchange@queensu.ca).

## Important MBA Dates

The following term dates are applicable to Master of Business Administration (MBA) exchange students only.

Term	Fall (September–December)	Summer (July–August)
Nomination Deadline	April 1	March 1
Application Deadline	April 30	March 31
Orientation (Mandatory)	TBC	TBC

## MBA Academic Calendar

Course Selection	Summer term: May Fall term: June–July
Add/Drop Period	Up to the start of the 2nd class
Exchange Orientation	Summer term: Early July Fall term: Late August
Course Dates	Summer term: July 6 – August 28, 2026 Fall term: August 24 – December 11, 2026
Exam Period	Exams are typically held within the course dates September 7, 2026 (Labour Day) September 30, 2026
No Classes or Exams	(National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) October 12, 2026 (Thanksgiving) December 6, 2026 (Commemoration Day)
Transcripts	Sent directly to partner school in February for Fall exchanges and October for Summer exchanges. We recommend students request a copy prior to departing Queen's from the Registrar's Office or via SOLUS (for personal use).

*\*Please note course dates are tentative and subject to change*

## MBA Course Structure

- MBA courses fall into one of six streams: Consulting, Digital Transformation, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Finance, Management Analytics, and Marketing and Sales. You may select courses from multiple streams.
- Exchange students must take 3–4 courses per term. It is highly recommended that exchange students take a maximum of four courses based on the course structure and contents.
- MBA courses are offered in modular format.

Review the [MBA elective course options](#).

*Note: Exact course availability will be confirmed during the application process*







## Master of International Business

Our Master of International Business program has been designed for business students who are looking to broaden their understanding of cross-cultural management, while building a solid understanding of the global business environment. Students in the MIB program come from all over the world to be a part of a dynamic community of global citizens and you will quickly become a part of that network, while being challenged to think about business from an international perspective.

### MIB Course Structure

- MIB elective courses are offered in 6-week modules.
- Exchange students must take a minimum of 3 courses during their exchange term. It is recommended that they take a maximum of 5 and no more than 3 courses per 6-week block.
- Review the [MIB elective course options](#).

*Note: Exact course availability will be confirmed during the application process.*

### Important MIB Dates

The following term dates are applicable to Master of International Business (MIB) exchange students only.

Term	Winter (January–April)
Nomination Deadline	September 1
Application Deadline	September 30
Orientation (Mandatory)	TBC

### MIB Academic Calendar

Course Selection	November
Add/Drop Period	Up to the start of the 2nd class
Exchange Orientation	Early January
Course Dates*	Module 1: January 11 – February 19, 2027 Reading Week: February 22–26, 2027 Module 2: March 1 – April 9, 2027
Exam Period	Exams are typically held within the course dates
No Classes or Exams	February 15, 2027 (Family Day) February 22 - 26, 2027 (Winter Reading Week) March 26, 2027 (Good Friday)
Transcripts Available	Sent directly to partner school in May. We recommend students request a copy prior to departing Queen's from the Registrar's Office or via SOLUS (for personal use).

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## Living Expenses & Housing

Expenses*	Per Month
Off-Campus Housing (includes utilities)	\$720-\$1,380
Food	\$450
Textbooks & Supplies	\$125 mandatory material fee per course
Phone	\$35-\$65
Miscellaneous (not including additional travel)	At least \$355

\*Fees are based on the 2025-2026 academic year and are approximations. Mandatory fees will automatically be applied to each student's account.

## Health Insurance

### Mandatory: University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

UHIP medical insurance offers coverage for basic services like emergency hospital visits and physical examinations. UHIP does not cover supplementary medical services, such as dental work or physiotherapy. International students must have primary health insurance provided by UHIP for the duration of their time in Canada. Fees are subject to change from year to year.

Students who hold a Canadian citizenship and are studying from another country may still be eligible for UHIP depending on period of stay. Please email [smithgradexchange@queensu.ca](mailto:smithgradexchange@queensu.ca) for more information.

### Fees (based on previous year's 2025/26 rate and are approximate).

One term: \$264 / Two Terms: \$528

Mandatory fees will automatically be applied to each student's account.

**Supplementary Medical Insurance:** Private international medical insurance is recommended for supplementary medical coverage.

### Visa and Study Permit

**Entry Visa:** Citizens of certain countries and territories will require either a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to visit Canada.

**Study Permit:** A study permit is required for anyone who wants to study in Canada for six months or more.

**Questions about permits and visas?** Visit Queen's University International Centre or contact a QUIC International Student Advisor (ISA) at [isa@queensu.ca](mailto:isa@queensu.ca).

## Student Services

### Student Card & free city transit

A Queen's student card will provide students with access to free use of Kingston Transit and access to facilities listed below.

- Athletic and Recreation Centre
- Campus Bookstore
- Libraries
- Student Wellness Services
- Student Academic Success Services
- Dining Halls and Eateries
- Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)
- Off-Campus Living Advisors (OCLA)
- MBA Student Executive Council
- MIB Student Executive Council
- Smith Connect (Alumni network)
- Computer Services: Goodes Hall, home to Smith School of Business, has wireless network access throughout the building, and a full-service IT department.







## Life in Kingston



A short video to show you  
what living in Kingston is like!



## Graduate Exchange Team

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## Centre for International Management

## Acknowledgement of Territory

Smith School of Business at Queen's University is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. We are grateful to be able to live, learn and play on these lands.

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## Emergency Contact Information

Outside office hours (weekends and holidays):  
please call campus security at +1.613.533.6111

They will contact the appropriate personnel  
to provide assistance. This service is available  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Centre for International Management (CIM)

The Centre for International Management at Smith School of Business coordinates the global activities within the school. This includes managing relationships with business school partners and overseeing our suite of exchange and double degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

