

Applying for the Accelerated Masters Program in the Faculty of Engineering

The Accelerated Masters Program provides the opportunity for academically strong students in a Faculty of Engineering undergraduate program to begin Masters level research and coursework while still finishing their BAsC degree.

If you are interested in applying for the Accelerated Masters Program in a Department within the Faculty of Engineering you should obtain the [application form](#) and complete the following 5 steps:

1. Confirm Academic Eligibility

Only students who have demonstrated consistently strong academic performance may be admitted to the Program. You should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 80% over the 1A through to the end of the 3A academic terms to be eligible to apply.

2. Find a Supervisor

Students in the MASc program have a faculty member who directs (supervises) the MASc research and provides the MASc student with financial support. These faculty members are referred to as the MASc supervisor. You must find a faculty member who is willing to be your MASc supervisor and with whom you are interested in working. This part of the process can take some time as you will need to speak with faculty members to discuss research topics, your credentials, etc. The supervisor must sign your application form confirming she/he is willing to be your MASc program supervisor and willing to provide the specified amount of financial support. Note that you will receive this financial support once you finish your BAsC program, apply to and are admitted to the Masters program as a full time student.

3. Document the Academic Plan

The academic plan is simply a list of the graduate courses (normally 600 level) that you plan to take as part of the Accelerated Masters program. These courses are taken as “extra” and are not counted towards the course requirements of your BAsC. You may take a maximum of two (0.5 weight) graduate courses in your Accelerated Masters program. Once you have completed your BAsC and are enrolled in the MASc program, these two courses can be transferred and count towards the course requirements of your MASc program. You must discuss this academic plan with your supervisor.

4. Document the Research Plan

The research plan identifies the term in which you will carry out your research on campus during one of your co-op terms. The plan needs to include a brief description of the research that you will undertake. You must discuss this research plan with your supervisor.

5. Obtain Approvals

Complete the application form and obtain the signature of your supervisor(s). Then submit the form to the Graduate Studies office in your department. The staff will arrange to obtain the approval from the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies and the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.

There may be opportunities to apply for scholarship funding while you are in the Accelerated Masters program and later in your MASc program.

Consider applying for:

1. An [Undergraduate Research Assistantship \(URA\)](#) which provides funding to engage in research part time while you are on an academic term.
2. An NSERC [Undergraduate Student Research Award \(USRA\)](#) which provides funding to engage in research full time while you are on a work term.



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Recommendation for Admission into the Accelerated Master's Program

Student's Name: _____ I.D. #: _____

Department/School: _____

Master's Supervisor(s): _____

Start Term of Accelerated Program: Fall Winter Spring Year _____

Start Term of Master's Program: Fall Winter Spring Year _____

Citizenship/Immigration Status: Canadian Permanent Resident Study Permit

Current BAsc Program Information:

Current Term (eg. 3B) _____ Cumulative GPA _____ Expected BAsc Completion Date: _____

Accelerated Master's Academic Plan: Courses to be taken for transfer to the Master's Program (maximum two 0.5 weight graduate courses)

Table with 3 columns: Course Number, Course Title, Term

Accelerated Master's Research Plan: (briefly describe research to be conducted on research co-op term(s) -attach additional page as required)

Three horizontal lines for writing the research plan.

Financial Support during MASc: _____ (\$/yr)

Approval Signatures:

Student _____ Date: _____

Supervisor(s) _____ Date: _____

Associate Chair, Graduate Studies _____ Date: _____

Associate Dean, Graduate Studies _____ Date: _____