The Master of Design (MDes), offered by the School of Industrial Design (SID), is a thesis-based program normally completed in two years. This program is aimed at providing you with both the depth and breadth of design-related knowledge and advanced analytical and interpretive skills to develop your design research competency.

You will gain specialized knowledge and skills to deepen your expertise and stand out in the workforce as a highly qualified employee.

Our interdisciplinary approach means you will also work with another faculty member from other disciplines on campus as your thesis co-supervisor. The current research focus of faculty includes:

- Accessibility and Design
- Creativity in Design
- Co-design
- Design and Entrepreneurship
- Design as Political Process
- Design Pedagogy Research
- Extreme Environments
- Gendered Design
- Healthcare Product Design
- Human-Computer Interaction in health care design
- Individual and Collective creativity
- Participatory Design Research
- Prototyping Methods
- Small-Scale living spaces design
- Strategic/Systems Approach using Human Factors and Design
- Strategic Design for Social Innovation
- User Experience (UX) and Interaction Design

**Degrees Offered**

MDes

**Career Options**

Ottawa, as a capital and the hub of the high tech industry of Canada, is an ideal place to study industrial design. More than 70,000 people are employed in the region's 1,700 high tech companies, government sectors and world-class government research and development laboratories, many of whom engage with our MDes students on a regular basis. This includes the Accedian, Algonquin College, Canada Border Services Agency, Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO), Design First, Health Canada, IBM, Nureva Inc. Shopify, etc.

Many career opportunities are just down the road, positioning our graduates to play a strategic role in championing design in a variety of enterprises, including academic institutions.

**Fall Application Deadline**

April 1, to be eligible for funding

**Admission Requirements**

A bachelor's degree in a design discipline, or the academic equivalent, with at least a B+ standing. Applicants with a design-related background, without a professional degree in design, will be required to demonstrate significant links between their academic background and professional experience working with designers in the design development process.

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