



QUEEN'S
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BELFAST

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

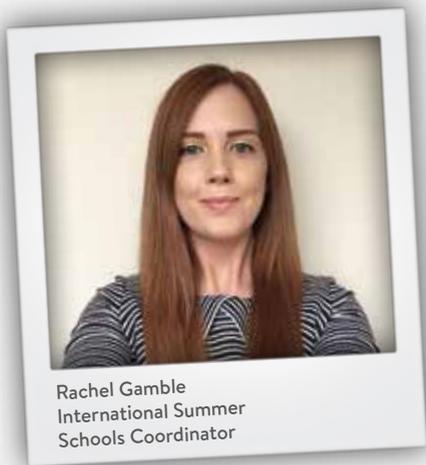
22 JUNE - 17 JULY 2020

SHAPING
A BETTER
WORLD
SINCE 1845

RUSSELL
GROUP

WELCOME

“We love welcoming students from around the world to our International Summer Schools here at Queen’s. The highlight for me is seeing the personal development of our students over the four weeks and also seeing their delight at the opportunity to apply their learning in the classroom, outside the classroom, with a range of historical and cultural field trips. Never underestimate the power of a summer abroad experience to light a fire of inspiration, and countless numbers of our students are testament to that, with many having even returned for graduate study here at Queen’s!”



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PROGRAMME DATES
22 JUNE - 17 JULY 2020



**WE LOVE WELCOMING
STUDENTS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD**





**WORTH A
RECOMMENDED
5-6 US CREDITS**



OUR INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS ARE DESIGNED TO INSPIRE YOU

Join us for four action-packed weeks based in Belfast, Northern Ireland with a choice of three distinctively tailored programmes.



3 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Perfect for students who are interested in a comparative international perspective on conflict transformation and social justice, drawing on the experience of conflict in Northern Ireland.

IRISH STUDIES

Ideal for students who want an immersive experience studying the history, heritage, culture, politics, language and literature of the island of Ireland, with a unique Irish-British perspective.

STORY

Our newest programme launches in 2020 exploring the universal theme of storytelling. This experience is designed for students wishing to immerse themselves in varied forms of storytelling, whether through prose or songwriting, music or performance, digital productions or broadcast media.

All of our summer school programmes include:

- A unique immersive academic and cultural experience, with the opportunity to pursue your academic interests
- Guaranteed accommodation on campus for 27 nights with arrival on Sunday 21 June and departure on Saturday 18 July 2020
- Optional credit-bearing programme at Year 2 undergraduate equivalent, following assessment
- Opportunity to explore Northern Ireland with various cultural and historical field trips including UNESCO World Heritage site the Giant's Causeway, the Titanic Quarter, Derry-Londonderry and the home of Northern Ireland's government, Stormont Parliament Buildings
- Opportunity to meet and engage with some of Northern Ireland's decision makers including politicians and community representatives
- A varied social and cultural programme including welcome reception, social events and 'Ceilidh' – a night of traditional Irish music and dance

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is provided for 27 nights in our brand new student accommodation in Belfast City Centre. The new accommodation at BT2 opened in Autumn 2018 and is located just 15 minutes' walk from Queen's main campus (0.9miles). You'll have vibrant city-center nightlife, popular restaurants and local markets right on your doorstep.

Each apartment is comprised of a maximum of 6 en suite private bedrooms and a communal equipped kitchen and living room area. There are also self-service laundry facilities located within the accommodation.



**RANKED 1ST OUT OF
7 PARTICIPATING RUSSELL
GROUP UNIVERSITIES FOR
ACCOMMODATION QUALITY**
(INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BAROMETER, 2017)

WHY STUDY IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

Northern Ireland is an up and coming tourist destination, famed for our friendly locals, breathtaking landscapes, vibrant arts and cultural scene, amazing food and of course plenty of ‘craic’!

Queen’s University is located in the heart of Belfast, one of Europe’s most friendly and fashionable regional capitals, ranked Lonely Planet’s number one destination to visit in 2018. The beauty of Belfast is that all of this is packed into a compact city that is easy and safe to explore.

You will study in the heart of the leafy Queen’s Quarter, and your home from home for four weeks is packed with arts, culture and great food and drink establishments to suit every budget!

Further afield across Northern Ireland, from the spectacular Giant’s Causeway to the historic walls of Derry-Londonderry, there are unique stories to tell, and our summer schools’ students will have their own tales to tell after their four unforgettable weeks in Northern Ireland.

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT BELFAST?

- Belfast selected as one of the top 10 hottest destinations in Europe (CNN, 2013)
- Belfast is one of National Geographic’s “Places to Travel for Food in 2016”



BELFAST VOTED
NUMBER 1 REGION
IN THE WORLD TO VISIT IN 2018
(LONELY PLANET, 2017)



**NORTHERN IRELAND HAS
THE LOWEST STUDENT
COST OF LIVING IN THE UK**

(WHICH? UNIVERSITY, 2018)





TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM
**WORLD'S BEST VISITOR
ATTRACTION**
(WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2016)



GAME OF THRONES
FILM LOCATION AND
ACTIVITY TOURS



**8 OR MORE
FIELD TRIPS**





CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's hosts our unique interdisciplinary Summer School in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice.

Examining a society emerging from conflict, the Summer School draws on experts from a range of disciplines including Law, Politics, International Relations, Criminology, Anthropology, Human Rights, Sociology, Film and Theatre.

Core Programme

The Summer School provides students with an overview of conflict transformation over four weeks through history, politics, religion and legal systems, focusing on:

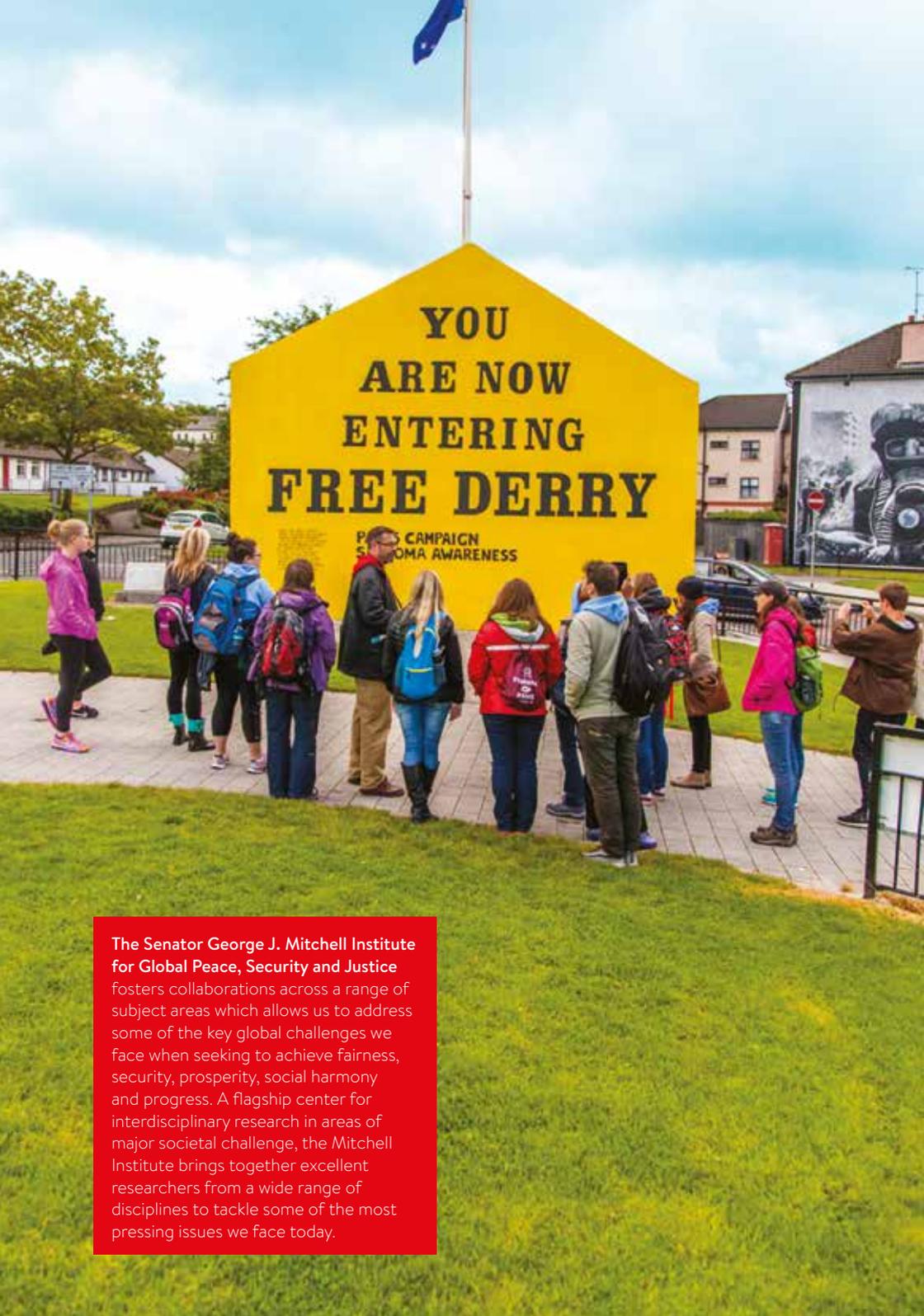
- Conflict Transformation through a local and global lens
- Religion and Peacebuilding
- Intervention and Integration
- Transitional Justice
- Cross-border Co-operation
- Discourses and Dialogue in Conflict Transformation in the Arts
- Representing and Dealing with the Past
- Policing and Securitization

The Summer School will also offer the opportunity to put learning into practice, combining academic study with engagement from different sectors of civic society and communities in Northern Ireland including dialogue with academics, former combatants, former paramilitaries, religious leaders, political activists and practitioners as well as a range of staff-led site visits.

The summer school programme analyses the history of political identities, conflicts and legacies that have framed the Northern Ireland Troubles and ensuing Good Friday Peace Agreement.

During the programme students will be inspired to develop their research interests within the wider context of Global Peace, Security and Justice and will understand the intersections of politics, culture, power, violence, legal systems, cultural expressions and religion.





**The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute
for Global Peace, Security and Justice**

fosters collaborations across a range of subject areas which allows us to address some of the key global challenges we face when seeking to achieve fairness, security, prosperity, social harmony and progress. A flagship center for interdisciplinary research in areas of major societal challenge, the Mitchell Institute brings together excellent researchers from a wide range of disciplines to tackle some of the most pressing issues we face today.



**1ST IRISH STUDIES
CENTRE IN THE WORLD
ESTABLISHED IN 1965**

The Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's is the oldest centre dedicated to the study and teaching of Irish Studies in the world. Today, it is one of the leading centres for research-led teaching in Irish Studies and is an internationally renowned centre of interdisciplinary Irish scholarship.





IRISH STUDIES

The International Summer School in Irish Studies has been offered at Queen's University for over 19 years. This interdisciplinary Summer School is delivered by world leading scholars from a range of disciplines including history and heritage, literature, Irish language, politics, anthropology, archaeology, geography film and theatre. Students may specialize further and follow the pathway which most caters to their individual interests.

Choose one of two strands

- **History and Heritage;** discover the social, political and economic landscape of the island

OR

- **Literature and Culture;** delve into an in-depth study of the writers, poets and traditional Irish culture of the island

Over four weeks the Summer School examines the history and the reach of Irish cultural influences around the world and uses this to gain a greater perspective on the planet we share. We promise our students an unforgettable and inspiring experience with lectures from world leading scholars, meetings with musicians, poets and politicians, trips to the historic Titanic ship yards and the rugged Antrim coastline.

Lectures will include:

- Irish History
- Irish Literature
- The Natural and Cultural Landscapes of Ireland
- Irish Folklore, Myths and Legends
- Irish Musical Traditions
- The Troubles and the Peace Process
- Religion in Ireland, Past and Present
- Language, Culture and Film in Northern Ireland

But it's not all study! The Summer School does not just offer an introduction to Irish Studies but also to the city of Belfast and Northern Ireland. We promise challenge and entertainment all at the same time with a range of panel discussions and excursions.

As well as joint Summer Schools field trips, Irish Studies students will get the opportunity to visit:

- The Poet Seamus Heaney's Homeplace
- Guided tour of Belfast's murals and interfaces
- The Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park.



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**PERFORMING ARTS IS
RANKED IN THE TOP
100 IN THE WORLD**

(QS WORLD RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2019)



**ENGLISH IS RANKED
IN THE TOP 100 IN
THE WORLD**

(QS WORLD RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2019)





STORY

This new International Summer School capitalises on Northern Ireland's long-established culture of storytelling and its significant, diverse contributions to creative industries around the world. Our communities have produced storytellers of international acclaim from the Nobel Prizewinning poet Seamus Heaney and the novelist C.S Lewis to Lisa McGee, the writer of Channel 4's hit TV series 'Derry Girls'.

The contemporary creative landscape is vibrant environment for aspiring writers, producers and performers too with emerging voices given a place to thrive and experiment at Queen's University, which houses the Seamus Heaney Centre, The Sonic Arts Research Laboratory, Brian Friel Theatre and Queen's Film Theatre.

We offer students a flexible credit-bearing curriculum across four weeks. Based in the School of Arts, English and Languages, Story capitalises on the School's diverse research and teaching strengths with concentrations on: songwriting; storytelling; testimonial theatre; myth and memory; immersive storytelling; prose/script/screenwriting; arts and cultural sector engagement.

Core programme

Week 1: Introducing Story

This week introduces perspectives on story e.g. whose stories are told in arts and cultural institutions and whose stories are funded?; political story via social media; translation and world literature; theatre and workshop; the role of story after trauma in different social and cultural contexts; the production of story.

Week 2: Making Story I

Students will opt into a strand of their choice on story e.g. music or creative writing.

Week 3: Making Story II

Students will opt into a second strand of their choice e.g. screenwriting, prose, drama or drama/theatrical production/radio drama.

Week 4: Producing Story

All participants take the final broadcast element, which is key to their themed strands creating one project online output, podcast, short video/ film, piece of writing or poster/visual art piece. The Summer School will conclude with a showcase event of students' productions.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



Whitney Parker
Northern Arizona University
Irish Studies

“My favourite part of the Irish Studies Summer School was getting to meet people from different countries and learning about their cultures. Within my friend group, I was the only American, as we had Australian, Canadian, Dutch, Swiss and Taiwanese! I found the whole experience inspirational as it allowed me to learn not only about Ireland, but also about many other countries. It also made me more independent and better-rounded and I am looking forward to visiting Belfast again one day for a reunion with the friends I made! I would recommend the programme to anyone thinking about studying abroad. I would tell them to bring an umbrella and to get ready for a life-changing experience!”



Maeve Devlin
Illinois State University
Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

“My family is originally from Northern Ireland and I received an outstanding education of the conflict locally, to understand how it impacted my family’s lives and understand why my father left for America. Belfast also has a great atmosphere for student life! I fell in love with the city this summer; the nightlife is diverse, the shopping is great and travel was very accessible within Northern Ireland, with two airports located near the city centre, which allowed us to have the world at our finger tips. Travelling is very easy once you’re in Europe, sometimes it’s cheaper to fly than to take a train or bus, unlike the United States. A lot of self-discovery was made, and I have been inspired in several ways, including considering finishing my undergraduate degree or completing a Masters program at Queen’s University. I would highly recommend this program to those considering studying abroad and who want a unique experience studying in a post-conflict city which is now an exciting and vibrant place to study.”



William Taylor
University of Oregon
Conflict Transformation and Social Justice

“It’s actually changed my perspective on my broader education. Meeting people here that are just so qualified and have done such amazing work has really inspired me in a lot of different ways. Giving a bird’s eye view of the troubles here and of the culture and the country itself, I don’t think is paralleled anywhere else. I just think it’s a special case of the University coming together to provide an amazing experience for International students.”



**PER CENT OF 2017
STUDENTS ENCOURAGED
TO RETURN TO QUEEN’S
FOR FURTHER STUDY**



**NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE
HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE UK**

(OFFICE OF NATIONAL STATISTICS, 2016)



**STUDENTS FROM
24 COUNTRIES
APPLIED FOR 2018**

KEY INFORMATION

FEES



**£2,900 TUITION AND
PREMIUM EN SUITE
ACCOMMODATION**

TUITION ONLY

Tuition only options are available, please get in touch for further information.

GROUP DISCOUNT

Group discounts are available, please get in touch with our Summer Schools team to discuss.



**CLOSING DATE FOR
APPLICATIONS**

COURSE CREDIT

Queen's offer a credited programme which is worth a recommended five - six US credits or 10 ECTS credits. In order to be assessed for credit students complete an extended essay, and will receive an official Queen's transcript. It is the responsibility of the home institution to determine the credit that will be awarded. We also offer a non-credit bearing option for those who do not wish to be assessed.

ACCOMMODATION

Check in: Sunday 21 June 2020

Check out: Saturday 18 July 2020

If you would like to stay additional nights at Queen's accommodation outside of the dates provided, please get in touch with us for options.

APPLY ONLINE

Apply for the 2020 International Summer Schools online by visiting our website

go.qub.ac.uk/AHSS-SummerSchools

Monday 20 April 2020 is the closing date for applications. PLEASE NOTE: payments must be made by this date.

As places are confirmed on a first come, first-served basis we recommend that prospective students make their applications and payment as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

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