Thank you for considering joining us at Queen’s University Belfast for your postgraduate studies. Queen’s is one of the top universities in the world, situated at the heart of one of the most vibrant capital cities in Europe. From the day you arrive at Queen’s, you will be part of a world-class international university with a thriving multi-cultural postgraduate culture built on teaching excellence, cutting-edge research, innovation, collaboration and engagement.

Our aim is to inspire you, the global citizens of tomorrow, by delivering a transformative education and student experience, offering flexible and broad-based learning opportunities, with wellbeing, inclusivity and cultural diversity as a core element. Your time at Queen’s is not simply about receiving an education, it’s also about enjoying a unique, life-defining experience, and we want yours to be wonderful and memorable.

The beautiful state-of-the-art Graduate School at the centre of our vibrant campus reflects our rich history, academic heritage and modern outlook. Our sports and library facilities are highly rated by students and our new Student Centre and Students’ Union is the focal point for a range of support services.

We are right at the heart of the dynamic and diverse city of Belfast, which is a leading global location for investment projects and major developments in innovation and enterprise. Safe, fun, friendly and compact, Belfast is also one of the most affordable student cities in the UK.

At Queen’s, we want to ensure students are supported and given every opportunity to develop their personal, professional and academic skills and we are proud that we are in the top 170 universities in the world for graduate prospects.¹ Strategy 2030 sets out our ambition for the next ten years to shape a better world through life-changing education and research across our disciplines, investing in our people, both students and staff, to ensure excellence and impact. Through research and knowledge exchange, teaching and learning and educational experts, Queen’s makes a £3bn economic impact each year to the UK.² Our vision is that of a global research intensive university, generating internationally leading research coupled with outstanding teaching and learning, focused on the needs of our society, locally and globally. Our university is ranked 4th in the world for international outlook³ and we continue to build on that success, by identifying and investing in opportunities that promote global mobility for our students and staff, sustained and sustainable research programmes and postgraduate collaborations.

We are delighted that 99% of our current international postgraduate students say that they are satisfied with The Graduate School⁴ and we believe that as Queen’s postgraduate students, you would reap more rewards. Our Leadership Institute provides executive programmes through its relationships with business experts and our Degree Plus and Researcher Plus initiatives help our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

We look forward to welcoming you to Queen’s and ensuring that your time here becomes the platform for a wonderful, exciting and rewarding career.

Professor Sir Ian Greer
President and Vice-Chancellor

Footnotes:
¹ QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022
² London Economic Report 2022
³ Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024
⁴ International Student Barometer 2022
We are a beacon of learning and innovation, investing in the future, providing an outstanding experience for our exceptional students and staff.
WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT QUEEN’S?

The Graduate School at Queen’s is the place for those who ask: ‘What’s next?’

It’s for people who want to go beyond current thinking and find flexible ways to move into the future; for those who are adaptable collaborators focused on facilitating growth.

The Graduate School is a world-class intellectual and social hub, connecting students from all disciplines to each other and to mentors and employers within the university and beyond.

We train our postgraduates to become thinkers, communicators, innovators and leaders who are equipped to lead into the future. We facilitate you to develop new skills and increase your effectiveness, recognising the varied life and professional experiences you bring with you, and we provide you with opportunities to innovate and challenge yourself and the world around you.

Queen’s works beyond borders to contribute to our rich and diverse global community. From the partnerships involving academic schools, Global Research Institutes and The Graduate School, we can guarantee you the support of internationally-recognised leaders in your field of study.

The Queen’s postgraduate experience is about the whole person; helping you to achieve personal and academic goals that will enable you to stand out in a very crowded and increasingly competitive local and global job market.

MAKE VALUABLE CONNECTIONS

We have strong links and collaborations with leaders in business, government and the voluntary sector, both locally and globally. This means you’ll benefit from mentoring relationships and networks, and from our international partnerships with other graduate schools.

THE GATEWAY TO YOUR POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE AT QUEEN’S

YOUR GRADUATE SCHOOL:

A STATE-OF-THE-ART HUB

We are located in the beautifully restored and remodelled Victorian Lynn library, where distinguished heritage meets 21st-century vision. This fully accessible space has modern, hi-tech meeting and group study rooms, a silent study area and social spaces. It’s a vibrant hub that inspires intellectual exchange and collaboration.

OUR VIBRANT POSTGRADUATE COMMUNITY

The Graduate School is a core part of the postgraduate student experience at Queen’s; it’s a community where students from all cultures and all disciplines come together to connect and socialise, to develop their personal, professional and academic skills, and to be supported by one another and by our team.

Testament to its commitment to postgraduate students, The Graduate School strives to add an extra dimension to the postgraduate experience.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

‘WHAT’S NEXT’ THINKING

As a member of our postgraduate community, you will become one of the exceptional local, national and international students who join us each year. The Graduate School will assist you to be a thinker, innovator, leader and communicator who is Future-Ready.

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

The Graduate School offers a tailored development programme to help inspire and empower you to reach your full potential. It is embedded within a continuous process of reflection and self-evaluation.

INSPIRE you through access to thought leaders.

DEVELOP your skills through an individual training programme.

APPLY these skills and knowledge through real-world challenges.

YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIALIST SUPPORT

As a postgraduate student at Queen’s University, we believe that you should be provided with opportunities to make your time an enjoyable, enriched and productive experience. The Graduate School team has prepared an extensive programme with this in mind. We will help you to navigate the many opportunities available to you, as a postgraduate student at Queen’s, providing guidance and support for whatever stage you are at on your postgraduate journey. The workshops and activities are free and you can attend as many sessions as you wish during your time with us.

ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS

The Graduate School can help you to prepare for and navigate your academic skills development. Academic support workshops will enable you to understand what is required of you as a postgraduate student and support you to develop the skills you will need to succeed. Perfect your academic writing style, produce high-quality research by perfecting your research skills and learn how to project manage your studies. The Graduate School can help you become a ‘whole person’ approach to your work. Among the many opportunities available, this programme is designed to enhance research and its impact, help you to talk about your research with impact.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The consultants at the Graduate School can help you become more confident in making decisions, become a more effective communicator and shine as part of a team. While working on your personal and professional development, you will get personal opportunities to work with local employers, overcome barriers and create solutions by applying your skills to real-world challenges. You can take part in an employer challenge to experience and apply personal leadership skills in a simulated reality of work that will help you build confidence, empathy, communication and teamwork skills.

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ACCREDITED LEVEL 7 QUALIFICATION

The Graduate School offers you the opportunity to participate in a Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Leadership and Management accredited by CMI (Chartered Management Institute). This programme is available to Master’s and PhD students from all disciplinary backgrounds. A number of scholarships are available each year. This programme will help you to develop the skills and behaviours needed to take on these new leadership challenges.

COMMUNICATION AND IMPACT

The Graduate School consultants help you to talk about your research and its impact, challenging you to think more innovatively, grow your entrepreneurial mindset and apply your creative skills to all areas of your work and life. The workshops include preparing for conferences and how to give a stellar presentation. Give yourself the edge by taking part in opportunities that will enable you to communicate your research with impact.
YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Graduate School is a place for postgraduates to learn, apply skills and lead to become Future Ready.

BUILDING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS
The Graduate School supports partnerships between postgraduates, local businesses, enterprises and research stakeholders. There is a range of bespoke networking, employer and community challenges to help you realise your research impact and contribute in a practical way to shaping a better world.

WE INVEST IN YOUR IDEAS
The Graduate School offers funding to assist you in organising academic events and cultural interventions which work to bring together the wider communities within both postgraduate taught and research student bodies at Queen’s. Develop your leadership, communication, and project management skills by managing events and budgets through first-hand experience.

Visit our online Course Finder qub.ac.uk/courses

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Graduate School is a community of creative thinkers and world changers, world changers who tackle global societal challenges and search for solutions for a better tomorrow.

POSTGRADUATE CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY EVENTS
You can develop readiness for the future and be confident in your ability to manage your own career in academia or beyond. As well as central career and employer events, the Graduate School hosts employability programmes such as “Your PhD... What Next?” and ‘Master Your Employability’ to prepare you for your next steps.

Find out more qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/careers/

GRADUATE PLUS/ FUTURE READY AWARD (POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT)
Queen’s Graduate Plus award is a vehicle for accrediting work-related learning and skills that postgraduate taught students develop through extra-curricular activities, including the range of skills development workshops offered by The Graduate School. Graduate Plus is a specific award for Master’s students and is recognised by a range of employers.

RESEARCHER PLUS/ FUTURE READY AWARD (POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH)
As well as developing research expertise in a subject discipline, postgraduate research students can develop a range of skills transferable beyond research degrees to both academic and non-academic careers. Researcher Plus provides official recognition of skills and assists researchers in demonstrating them to employers.

GRADUATE PLUS/ FUTURE READY AWARD (POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT)

One-to-one career guidance
Career events and employer fairs
Academic skills development
Peer mentoring support
Future Ready awards
Postgraduate-led initiatives funding
Social innovation challenges
Community events and social gatherings
Space for group working and silent study.

Click here to watch how we’re shaping a better world.
The Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen’s has been home to some of the UK and Ireland’s foremost poets, novelists, scriptwriters and critics for over 20 years.

A brand new £4.9 million landmark venue for the Centre will open in early 2024. This new building allows us to expand on our dedication to excellence and innovation in poetry, creative writing and criticism.

The Centre provides a space to host readings and performances throughout the year, and showcase new writing through live events, broadcasting and publishing projects.

Facilities in the new venue include:
- An expanded poetry library
- An exhibition area displaying the Seamus Heaney archive held at Queen’s
- A large venue space for lectures, conferences and community events
- An external piazza
- A scriptorium for postgraduate students
- Academic offices
- Teaching rooms
NEW CENTRES OF LEARNING

The recently expanded Computer Science Building features a new flexible postgraduate computer laboratory, project spaces, breakout rooms, and a student hub spanning three floors. Our investment in state-of-the-art postgraduate teaching and research facilities also includes a new School of Biological Sciences, the new interdisciplinary KN Cheung SK Chin Intersim Centre, the School of Law building (featuring the McClay Library), and a growing Management School at Riddel Hall, the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, and innovative engineering hubs.

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ARMS AT QUEEN'S

Having recently celebrated its 20th birthday, the award-winning Naughton Gallery is one of Belfast’s most exciting art spaces. The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry reinforces our reputation as a world literary power, while the Brain-Friel Centre for Theatre Research is a world-class studio theatre for performing arts students.

OUR BOUTIQUE CINEMA

Queen’s very own, full-time cinema, Queen’s Film Theatre (QFT), presents the best in classic and new world cinema. The QFT has been bringing a high-quality film experience to Belfast audiences for over 50 years.

ONE ELMWOOD

Our brand new Student Centre and Students’ Union. One Elmwood is an open-plan, modern space that is efficient, cheap, to run, sustainable, and a net-zero-ready building, future-proofed for generations to come. See page 36 for more.

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Over the past decade Queen’s has invested £700m in developing our world-class, award-winning facilities.

THE MCCLAY LIBRARY

We’ve invested over £50m in the McClay Library, combining the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology. The newly extended facilities support reading spaces for over 2,500 students, together with computing and media services, IT training rooms, quiet study and group work areas, a café, a Language Centre, and a vast array of printed works.

A LANGUAGE CENTRE

Acquire skills in a foreign language and improve your career prospects through our advanced multimedia facilities.

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Ecole des musiques de l'Image et du Son (EMIS)

The Paris-based École des musiques de l’Image et du Son (EMIS) is a full-time, one-year course taught in English, suitable for students with a background in fine arts, music or sound and image production.

WIFI AND TECHNOLOGY

The Wireless Campus Project is a £1.93m investment programme providing a world-class service of connectivity across the university, through more than 2,000 access points. It enables you to have access to the resources you need anywhere at any time. Our library resources have a 98% satisfaction rate (International Student Barometer 2022), establishing Queen’s among the best UK universities in these categories.

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A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

The world is coming to Northern Ireland to live, work and learn.

OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Queen’s is ranked 4th in the world for international outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024). We currently have over 3,900 international students from over 90 different countries. We have more than 650 international staff from over 70 nationalities. We have international links with over 100 partner institutions and we collaborate with 3,000 local, national and international employers. These links will help you develop your skills and make an impact on the world.

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Our partnerships are worldwide – with institutions like Dubai Healthcare City, where we have developed the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences; or with China’s Medical University in Shenyang, which we have helped to develop into Healthcare City, where we collaborate with institutions like Dubai Health Authority and academics as equals. We are one of the most culturally diverse and cosmopolitan corners of Northern Ireland. Within 10 minutes of our main campus, there are restaurants for all tastes and traditions, side by side with halal grocers and international supermarkets, as well as local shops and entertainment venues. Throughout the year, there are many multicultural events for all our students, marking key dates such as the Chinese New Year, Eid and Diwali.

“Queen’s has a great academic environment and a unique, human environment that motivated me to achieve, and engage with world-class academics.”

Claire Zhao, PhD Doctoral student

PREPARING THE PATH TO SUCCESSFUL STUDY

This course provides students with short and intensive preparation in academic English. It’s suitable for those students already holding an offer for a postgraduate degree course at Queen’s, conditional on obtaining the required English language level.

FEATURES

- Intensive language and study skills preparation in a university environment
- Experienced teachers offering the best preparation for your degree course
- Preparation for the UK academic culture
- Opportunity to adapt to living and studying in the UK prior to starting your degree studies

Find out full details of the courses available by visiting go.qub.ac.uk/INTO-pre-sessional-english

PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAMME

The Pre-Master’s Programme is designed to provide international students who do not qualify for direct entry to the university with a selected postgraduate programme at Queen’s University Belfast.

There are three intakes for students, September, January and March, with three Pre-Master’s pathways available:

- Pre-Master’s in Finance (September intake only)
- Pre-Master’s in Management
- Pre-Master’s in Social Science

Students who successfully complete the Pre-Master’s programme and meet the specific grades for entry will be guaranteed entry to a designated postgraduate degree programme at Queen’s University Belfast.

Find out more about INTO at Queen’s by visiting qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Applying/University-Preparation-Courses/

Our Graduates School provides a range of specialist academic programmes in Finance, Management, Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Architecture, Engineering and Science, as well as English Language courses, to prepare international students for future study at Queen’s.

Located on the Queen’s campus, INTO Queen’s students have access to all Queen’s facilities and are taught to the highest standards by experienced, qualified teaching staff. Students can also avail of excellent support services from the INTO Student Services team, dedicated to helping support students during their studies.

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Queen's has a proud history of conducting innovative, impactful, world-class research. Join us on your journey to excellence.
RESEARCH THAT CHANGES LIVES

From innovative solutions to cancer care, critical breakthroughs in wireless and cloud technologies, to addressing issues of fundamental rights, equality and social justice, our research is changing people’s lives for the better.

Research is a Global Endeavour, and today, our ambition is underpinned by investment in areas of research strength, particularly our translational expertise, working across disciplines and sectors to address local and global challenges, incorporating UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As our cohort of global collaborators continues to grow, so does our scope of ambition, allied with the skills and capabilities to tackle global and local challenges. Current endeavours, and enterprise informs our global research agenda and the challenges ahead; excellence ensures that our research activities resonate widely; and we strive to excel through integrity, rigour, and ambition.

Informed by a track record of excellence and an ambition for the future, our strategic research themes focus on:

A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR ALL

- Improving life course health and community well-being
- Tackling cancer, infection, respiratory and eye diseases
- Precision medicine and digital innovation to enhance healthcare solutions
- Interventions and actions to reduce inequality

World Leading Facilities

Colleagues across our schools and faculties are dedicated to deepening our understanding of diseases and developing solutions for them. Our expertise in conducting clinical trials and our world leading facilities in cancer and precision medicine research are a testament to the breakthroughs that Queen’s research has facilitated over the decades. We are also leading the way in developing strategies and initiatives that mitigate against the worst effects of illness, and that act as preventative agents to illnesses developing in the first place. A strong public health approach, focusing on community well-being, aligned with a commitment to social justice drives our pledge to improve health outcomes which can reduce inequalities across society.

In 2010, our researchers carried out a study which found that cancer survivors, 2-15 years post-treatment, reported significantly poorer health than the general population in terms of physical functioning, emotional functioning, general health perception and social functioning.

To date, the initiative, which includes a holistic assessment, a treatment summary record, an individualised pathway and rapid entry back into the system, has improved the cancer recovery experience for over 10,000 patients.

The research resulted in the implementation of a new model of cancer patient follow up, termed ‘The Recovery Package’, which included a holistic assessment, a treatment summary record, an individualised pathway, and rapid entry back into the system.

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Destroying Cyanobacteria and their Toxins: An in-reservoir treatment system

Cyanotoxins are toxic substances produced by bloom-forming cyanobacteria, a major problem worldwide for water contamination. Cystic hepatotoxins and microcystins, if consumed, are associated with liver cancer and can be fatal causing serious liver haemorrhaging.

Traditional water treatment methods are relatively ineffective at removing cyanobacterial toxins from water. However, the application of semiconductor photocatalysis is a novel and effective method for removing these compounds from water.

Our researchers have been taking this beyond the lab with an in-lake photocatalytic treatment process. A successful prototype system was successfully deployed in Brazil in October 2019, the unit capable of removing the cyanobacteria in-situ. Further refinement of the unit will see it deployed for in-situ water treatment applications.
A TRANSFORMATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
- Intelligent manufacturing and service delivery
- Advanced and sustainable materials
- Future transport
- Sustainable energy and manufacturing
- Understanding the extremes of high energy and ultra-fast processes
- Gender and leadership

The Economy
The economy of the next 100 years will be a necessarily different one to the economy we experience today. The ongoing climate crisis, our fossil fuel dependency, raw material shortages and the possibility of supply chain disruptions call for innovative, responsible and sustainable solutions.

For researchers at Queen's, the strategic priorities and expertise are clear. We will continue to focus our efforts on established and emerging areas such as intelligent manufacturing and service delivery, advanced and sustainable materials, solutions to future transport requirements, and understanding and harnessing high energy and ultra-fast processes. We also understand that sustainable economies are about people as well as products – as central parts of society they must be underpinned by equality, equal access to opportunity, and social justice at all levels.

Towards Zero-emission Public Buses
The UK Government’s “Road to Zero” strategy laid out an ambitious plan for all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040, as well as schemes to encourage low emission public transport.

Our researchers, in collaboration with Northern Ireland bus building company Wrightbus, have developed best-in-class low and zero emissions technologies, playing a key role in decarbonizing UK and international public transport.

Building on over 20 years of work, our researchers have developed advanced hybrid powertrain modelling technology which is integral to thousands of low emission hybrid vehicles currently in service around the world.

We work across disciplines to pursue digital breakthroughs that can act as a catalyst for new and creative cultural practices.

SECURE CONNECTED INTELLIGENCE – AI AND THE DATA REVOLUTION
- Networks and connectivity
- Cybersecurity resilience
- Geographical information science
- Novel computer systems and computing paradigms
- Data-fusing technologies
- Enabling technologies and creative cultural practice

Researchers
Researchers at Queen’s are on a mission to make the changing global digital space both safer and faster. Our world-leading teams in cyberspace resilience and networks and connectivity are breaking new ground in the digital world, just as our teams in Geographical Information Science are doing in the physical.

Novel computer systems and changing computing paradigms require agile and cutting-edge research that can be translated quickly and effectively into real world practice. The use of data-fusing enabling technologies will drive socio-economic development and improve the health, safety and security of future populations.

Secure Connected Intelligence
Our researchers design wireless communication systems that can withstand natural disasters and save lives. Natural disasters kill an average of 60,000 people per year. Our researchers have designed and implemented a resilient and agile wireless communications system in Vietnam that provides seamless connectivity to relief authorities and workers when telecommunications infrastructures are significantly impaired.

The integrated heterogeneous wireless system (IHWS) overcome communication failures resulting from telecommunications networks damaged by natural disasters.

The solution offers a resilient and agile wireless communications design that can provide seamless connectivity even under critical conditions, such as destroyed telecommunication or electricity infrastructure.

Our research tackles key system-centric challenges for developing massively distributed edge systems by embedding intelligence into crucial decision-making activities. Current research addresses the challenges in distributed machine learning on edge computing systems and offloading services across a heterogeneous environment, as well as the standardisation of edge computing as an enabler for autonomous networking.
INCLUSIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

- Governance, accountability and international relations
- Fundamental rights, equality, and social justice
- Valuing heritage
- Peace, identity, conflict and social sustainability
- Creativity and cultural understanding
- The child’s perspective

Global Insights

As a university based in Belfast, we are proud of our longstanding and world leading track record in research relating to peace, identity, conflict and social sustainability. Our lived experience of conflict as a society, its causes and consequences, drives our determination to deliver research excellence. Our research impacts the lives and livelihoods of communities across the world. We examine the different factors involved in building inclusive and cohesive societies. These include the role of governance, accountability, international relations, understanding the child’s perspective, the need for creativity and cultural understanding, and valuing heritage.

Our local experiences have become global insights – we will continue to work with colleagues and partners around the world to address the issues of fundamental rights, equality and social justice which lie at the heart of our mission.

Sharing Contested Heritage through Digital and Spatial Humanities

We partner with communities and institutions nationally and internationally to co-produce research that shares untold experiences of war. We enhance inclusive cross-community understanding of contested heritage. The Living Legacies 1914-18 WW Engagement Centre has successfully created rich and extensive accounts of our shared heritage.

Our work gives new grounding and provides new spaces for engagement around contested heritage through co-production projects, workshops, and events, working alongside communities to uncover new knowledge and deepen understanding of our shared past.

The six-year programme has achieved wide recognition by NI and UK policymakers as meaningful and significant for enhancing cross-community relations.

The Lundy Model: Meaningful Participation of Children and Young People

The Lundy model of child participation, based on four key concepts (Space, Voice, Audience, and Influence), has been used and adopted by national and international organisations, agencies, and governments to inform their understanding of children’s participation. The Lundy model has generated a sea-change in global understanding of child rights-based participation for both policy and practice.

The Lundy model was developed by Queen’s University Professor Laura Lundy. It transforms the ways in which the views and experiences of children across the world are heard by the United Nations (UN), European Commission and by public bodies across the world. It ensures that the UN, governments, national and international organisations involve children meaningfully in decisions that affect their lives.

Brexit and Northern Ireland: Explaining and Monitoring Unique Arrangements

The UK’s withdrawal from the EU has been an extraordinarily complicated social, political and economic process. Nowhere is such complexity more evident than in Northern Ireland. Managing the fallout of Brexit on the region preoccupied the UK-EU negotiations and bedevilled their post-Brexit relationship. UK and EU policymakers and negotiators relied on the work of researchers at Queen’s to deepen their understanding of the challenges and inform their approach to addressing them. Subsequently, business and civil society actors have drawn on information and explanations provided by Queen’s researchers to adapt and respond to the new circumstances.
HUMAN ENVIRONMENT RELATIONS

- Promoting safe, sustainable environments and agri-food systems
- Climate and climate change
- The built environment and the natural world
- Liveable communities - space, place, and society
- Beyond Earth

Environment

Understanding the relationship between humans and our environment has never been more important. The choices we face have never been so stark. Our climate is changing. The effects of this are being felt now as a day-to-day reality. There is an obligation on those involved in academic research to turn towards the challenges presented. Whether this relates to our natural environment, creating safe and secure agri-food systems, assessing the way in which our built environment interacts with the natural world, or in the way we build and maintain truly liveable communities and societies, Queen’s researchers are at the forefront of innovative, future-focused solutions that aim to make our footprint lighter, both on earth and beyond.

The Food Fortress: From Crisis to an Innovative Food Quality Assurance Scheme

The 2008 Dioxin crisis, in which Irish pork was contaminated through feed, resulted in approximately 30,000 tonnes of pig meat product being recalled and destroyed. Over 170,000 pigs and 5,700 cattle from farms that received contaminated product were culled.

Queen’s led an intensive ‘Food Fortress’ research programme to develop, validate and implement innovative techniques to detect and monitor a broad spectrum of feed-related contaminants. This programme provided a supply chain-wide quality assurance scheme.

The Food Fortress scheme is recognised internationally as a world-leading risk management and feed quality assurance scheme and is used as a major marketing tool by the UK and Republic Ireland food industries.
A place that has produced poets, scientists, historians, musicians, engineers, writers, leaders of society... We’re building on a rich heritage of culture and creativity, supporting new generations of thinkers and innovators who will make their mark in the world. People like you.

This is a place of rugged, natural beauty, where every day there’s something new to discover. Breathtaking landscapes, lakes and forests. A dramatic coastline. Exciting cities. And the friends you haven’t met yet.

NORTHERN IRELAND
Big Heart | Big Vision

Belfast and the Causeway Coast named the Number 1 region in the world to visit in 2018 (Lonely Planet, 2018)
THE NORTHERN IRELAND EXPERIENCE

A GLOBAL DESTINATION
The world is catching on to the secret that locals have always known: Northern Ireland is one of the most beautiful places on the planet. Just ask the experts at Lonely Planet (Belfast and the Causeway Coast named No.1 region in the world to visit in 2018). From golden beaches to lush forests, as a postgraduate student in Belfast, the region’s most breathtaking landscapes are right on your doorstep.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
You’re never more than a short distance away from a beach, a hillside, a river, or a landmark to our history. Take an exciting road trip along the twisting, turning North Coast. See the Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, plunge into the Atlantic surf near Royal Portrush Golf Club where The Open was held in 2019, or steel your nerves to cross the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. And all in one day.

Sweeping to the sea
Our tallest peak, Slieve Donard, dominates the Mourne Mountains, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and the inspiration for CS Lewis’ magical world of Narnia. Soak up the rich culture, heritage and mythology of the region, and enjoy sweeping views down to the sea as you scale the fantastical soaring mountains in search of Aslan.

THE TITANIC
Belfast is the birthplace of one of the most famous (or perhaps infamous) ships in history. From unsinkable to unforgettable, the story of the Titanic continues to enchant people from all over the world. Visit the docks where the ship was built and tour the five-star Titanic Belfast visitor experience to unlock even more of the story of the doomed voyage.

GATEWAY TO EUROPE
Uniquely and perfectly positioned within easy reach of the Republic of Ireland, the rest of the UK and mainland Europe, this is the perfect UK student destination for exploration and adventure. It’s a short hop from Belfast to other UK major cities, less than a couple of hours to Paris, while Dublin is just 100 miles down the road.

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Belfast: Friendly, Affordable, Ambitious

You’re going to like it here. So make yourself at home. Belfast is a modern capital city, welcoming, easy to get around and an inexpensive place in which to live and study. It is also a learning city: it has a passion for progress – a passion shared by Queen’s University.

As Belfast flourishes as a global food, culture, arts and shopping destination, Queen’s is on the pulse of the city’s social and economic heart, sharing a commitment to excellence, innovation and prosperity.

Belfast one of the top 15 friendliest cities in Europe
(Condé Nast Traveller, Readers’ Choice Awards 2021)
INNOVATION AT ITS HEART
Belfast has a long and proud history of industry and innovation, from ship building to linen manufacturing. In the 18th century, Belfast had a strong pro-abolition and antislavery movement ahead of most UK cities. The Good Friday Agreement of 1998 pointed to Northern Ireland as a global role model for peace.

The tech sector is flourishing and there are around 15,000 tech-related job vacancies in Belfast (Tech Nation, Jobs and Skills Report 2022). Northern Ireland is the most digitally connected region in the UK, according to BT. This plays a vital role in securing Belfast’s status as one of the top 10 cities to develop a digital career (Monster’s Digital Cities, 2019) and is ranked in the top 10 fastest growing tech cities in the UK (UK Digital Economy Council, 2021).

HOME TO THE WORLD’S BIGGEST COMPANIES
Belfast is a magnet for investment. As well as having a thriving start up scene, Belfast is increasingly home to large global companies. The number of businesses operating here that were established outside Northern Ireland has increased by a third since 2013. They now account for almost 25% of the workforce. (NSRA - Inter Departmental Business Register 2023)

Young, high potential companies are booming and venture capital investment in Northern Ireland firms has tripled in three years (NI Deal Tracker 2023, Catalyst). Belfast is the world’s top destination for Financial Services technology investment and the number one international investment location for US cyber security firms (FT FDi Markets 2021).

The Titanic Quarter has become an economic and technological powerhouse, hosting global companies such as Citi, Microsoft, IBM and HBO. Catalyst, a science and technology hub, houses 200 companies which are spearheading tech innovation. It is home to our world-renowned Centre for Secure Information Technologies, which has helped create around 1,100 new cyber security jobs in Belfast.

A LOW COST OF LIVING
Belfast has the lowest student cost of living in the UK (Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking, 2023). In fact, it’s over £300 per month cheaper for students to live in Belfast compared to London (Which? Student Budget Calculator, 2022). At an average of £90 per week, Belfast is a great value city and was found to have the lowest student rent in the UK (NatWest Student Living Index 2020).

GETTING AROUND
Belfast is a compact city, best explored by foot or by bicycle. The city’s popular Belfast Bikes scheme has cycle racks located all over the city. There are good bus and train services, with student travel discounts widely available.

A CITY OF CULTURE
Beautiful architecture, art galleries and museums, such as the Ulster and Titanic Museums, shape the city’s unique character. There’s a thriving music and arts scene in a modern cultural landscape of cool gig venues, popup theatres and urban festivals.

Queen’s University is at the heart of a city of artists, poets, writers and musicians celebrated in the Cathedral Quarter, with its busy restaurants, pubs and arts venues, such as The MAC and the Black Box. The energy of the city is tangible in the legendary nightclubs, artisan cafes, cloth-cap bars and cobbled streets, where street art, street food and street markets deliver a colourful punch at every turn.

BELFAST A PROFESSIONAL CITY
Postgraduate study has many challenges and One Elmwood, our brand-new student centre and Students’ Union, is your essential hub for everything outside the lecture theatre and lab.

CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HEARTBEAT FOR LIFE AT QUEEN’S
ONE ELMWOOD:

An open, plan, modern space, One ELMWOOD is efficient, cheap to run, sustainable, and a net-zero-ready building. It’s future-proofed for generations to come. It’s equipped with gender-neutral toilets; accessible toilets; baby changing facilities; parenting rooms; and quiet rooms for reflection.

The new Students’ Union is a vibrant social hub with the newly revamped Mandela Hall, Union Bar, the Union Shop, outdoor terraces, multiple hang out spaces and tech-friendly study spaces right were you want them. The Union Bar – let’s call it your local – has an outdoor terrace, great food, pool tables, quizzes, and music.

In the SU you will find:
- Student Officers
- SU Advice
- SU Clubs & Societies
- SU Enterprise
- SU Voice
- SU Volunteer
- SU Sexual Health Clinic
- Union Bar & Terrace
- Union Shop
- Mandela Hall
- SU Rooftop Garden
- SU Lounge

SU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
Why not make the most of your time at Queen’s by joining one of our 180 societies or 55 clubs? There are so many reasons to get involved but many students find it’s a great way to make friends and meet like-minded people.

They give you a little bit more; more fun; more time to be part of something; more time to find out about you.

Many courses have related societies, but they do much more than discuss what happened in your latest lecture – including organising social events and fundraisers. Academic societies can also help enhance your studies and your career opportunities in the process.

Not sure what to go for? Check out our A-Z list: Q-SU.org/clubsandsocs

Arts, culture, and language
Learn a new language and more about a foreign culture or simply meet up with students from the same part of the world as you. Our multicultural societies include the African and Caribbean Society, the Chinese Students Association, and the South Asian Students Society. In our inclusive campus environment, you’ll have the opportunity to meet other students with shared interests and make new friends from across the globe.

STUDENT SERVICES: SUPPORT FROM GRADUATION

One Elmwood brings together student services and the SU so everything you need is in one place. So, if you ever need help, you’ll know exactly where to find it.

One Elmwood has a dedicated careers and employability team. From one-to-one careers advice to focused skills development, you can access a range of employability programmes including off-campus industry visits, insights into management and leadership and interactive skills workshops. Get full access to up-to-date resources and networks so you can take advantage of opportunities including work experience and placements.

qub.ac.uk/careers

Student wellbeing
The Student Centre is home of our Student Wellbeing Team. Always on hand, they offer a friendly and comprehensive range of support services that are free, flexible, and responsive, when you need them. From meetings with a wellbeing adviser to student wellbeing events and even one-to-one counselling sessions, they are always there for you.

Disability services
At Queen’s, we want to ensure that students with a disability or long-term condition have access as far as reasonably possible to all aspects of university life. The disability services team are committed to creating an environment where students feel comfortable in disclosing their disability or long-term condition.

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HOME OF THE SU

Leading the way, One Elmwood is the home of the Students’ Union, here to help you get involved in the SU, and for you to make the most of your time at Queen’s. The SU also provides you with vital support, opportunities to socialise and different activities to help you make friends and develop your skillset throughout your time at Queen’s.

SU Voice

Stand up for what you believe in with SU Voice! The SU Voice Team supports your 800+ Student Reps who represent you, fight for your rights and help make your experience at Queen’s the best it can be. Fight the good fight and have your voice heard.

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Student Reps

Each year, students are elected to become Student Officers. The Students’ Union is here for postgraduate students - the team is here to help you, represent you, organise campaigns to make the changes you want and lead the Union on your behalf.

SU Volunteer

Why not join the 5,000 students who are involved in volunteering at Queen’s every year? From community gardening to decorating animal shelters to planning events to tutoring and inspiring young people, SU Volunteer can match you with the perfect volunteering initiative.

Join our Handy Helpers programme and choose from a wide range of one-off volunteer activities in the local community. Or join Homework Clubs who help local children and young people improve their study skills and raise their aspirations about education.

SU Advice

SU Advice provides students with free, independent, confidential, and non-judgemental advice. From issues to do with money, funding, accommodation, to academic concerns, employment difficulties or disciplinary processes, SU Advice is here to help.

SU Enterprise

With business one-to-ones, programmes and competitions, SU Enterprise offers you the funding and support to launch or grow your own business. Whatever your degree pathway, SU Enterprise can help from idea generation right through to business planning. Competitions range from those for early stage business ideas with a £3k prize pot to a Dragon’s Den business and pitching showcase.

QUB RAG

QUB RAG is the official fundraising body of the Students’ Union - you’re a member automatically. Every year students vote for the charities RAG should raise money for throughout the year - last year they raised over £10k! So everyone really can help make the world a better place.

Make it Count

Getting involved in your Union is more than a great way to make friends: it’s an opportunity to improve your skillset and bolster your CV. What’s more, if you get involved in the likes of running a club or society, becoming a student rep or taking part in one of SU Enterprise or SU Volunteer programmes you can get credit towards a Queen’s University Future-Ready Award Accreditation.

Q-su.org

Click here to watch and find out more about the SU

1st for Student Satisfaction out of 108 Global SUs

International Student Barometer 2022

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AFFORDABLE
STUDENT LIVING
**ROOM TYPES AND COSTS**

Mount Charles and all Queen’s Houses have a number of room options including standard and double standard for you to choose from.

As a guide, our accommodation prices in 2023/24 ranged from £85* per week in a small single standard and up to £205* for an exclusive one-bedroom apartment in Willow Walk. This makes us one of the cheapest places to stay in Belfast. For your convenience we also have a variety of payment plans to help you decide which best suits your situation.

**ADDED EXTRAS INCLUDED IN YOUR RENT**

Our all-inclusive residential fees include rent, all utility bills (electricity, heating and hot water), free off-peak membership of Queen’s Sport, contents insurance, maintenance repairs, TV licence for communal areas, weekly clean of communal areas and high-speed broadband with high speed Wi-Fi throughout all accommodation.

We have two hosting kitchens at Elms BT9 and a BBQ area that are available for students to book and use to socialise with friends and family. A cinema room and karaoke room are also available at the Treehouse.

**OPTIONS SUMMARY:**

- Single or mixed gender accommodation
- Residences suitable for couples, families and dependents
- Private or shared bathrooms
- Studio, one-to-six bedroom apartments
- Standard, with shared bathroom facilities and en suite room options

*Prices are based on 2023-24 Academic Year.
HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

You need to register online and complete an application form as soon as applications are available from the beginning of February.

Information on how to apply will be sent automatically to all offer holders, and you are advised to apply for accommodation as soon as possible.

PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION

Private rent in Belfast is lower than in other UK cities and there is plenty of accommodation in the Queen’s Quarter, within a 10-minute walk of the campus.

The website, nihestudentpad.co.uk is recommended by the Students’ Union to help students search for private rental accommodation.

To assess the location of private sector accommodation in relation to the University, you can enter the University postcode (BT7 1NN) into an online map search.

Students from outside Northern Ireland often find it difficult providing a qualifying UK guarantor a hurdle when renting in the private sector. Housing Hand has partnered with Queen’s University Belfast to alleviate this issue for students. More information can be found on our website at qub.ac.uk/accommodation

FIND OUT MORE

T: +44 (0)28 9097 4525
qub.ac.uk/accommodation

ROOM OPTIONS AND SUMMARY

ELMS BT1 AND BT2

City centre, close to city retail areas, cafés and restaurants

Single en suite bedrooms in three six bed apartments and studios

15 minute walk to campus

Less than five minutes from city centre

From £150pw*

QUEEN’S HOUSES

76 Malone Road, College Gardens, Mount Charles

In the heart of Belfast’s most ethnically-diverse and culturally-rich areas

Standard rooms and en suite rooms

5-10 minutes walk to campus

10-20 minutes walk to city centre

From £185pw*

Safe and welcoming!

GUTHRIE HOUSE

14-40 Fitzwilliam Street

Great location just opposite the main University buildings

Standard bedrooms (not en suite)

Less than a five minutes walk to campus

20 minute walk to city centre

From £110pw*

Right beside One Elmwood (the Students’ Union)

*prices are based on 2023-24 Academic Year.

GRANT HOUSE

Standard rooms

10-minute walk to campus

20 minute walk to City Centre

From £110pw*

No-alcohol accommodation

WILLOW WALK

Studios, one to four bed apartments and two-bed premium apartments (family apartments available)

Enclosed development, on the perimeter of Elms BT9

Purpose-built, ideal for international and postgraduate students

15-minute walk to campus

25 minute walk to city centre

From £345pw*

Safe and welcoming!
POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT QUEEN’S

Detailed entry requirements and further information on individual programmes is available on the University’s online Course Finder at

go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder
APPLYING TO QUEEN'S

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You can apply to the majority of postgraduate programmes online through the postgraduate applications portal (go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply). The online system also allows application for funding where appropriate.

The following programmes have separate application procedures, so please take a look at the appropriate school/institute web page:

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (Institute of Professional Legal Studies: qub.ac.uk/lps)

Doctorate in Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology (School of Psychology: go.qub.ac.uk/applyDECAP)

A step-by-step guide on the application and admissions process is available at go.qub.ac.uk/pgsapplicationguide. If you need further advice, please contact:

Admissions and Access Service
Queen's University Belfast
Belfast BT7 1NN
T +44 (0)28 9097 3004
F +44 (0)28 9097 5151
E postgrad.admissions@qub.ac.uk

WHEN TO APPLY

Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible for courses that start in late September. In the event that any programme receives a high number of applications, the university reserves the right to close the application portal.

If this is the case, you will find a notification on the programme application page in the direct application portal. We recommend that you apply early as we may need to arrange for interviews or aptitude tests. If you are an international student, you should allow extra time to get a student entry visa.

There is no standard closing date for postgraduate research programmes. But you should check the deadline dates for postgraduate funding applications (and eligibility requirements) through the website of the relevant school or institute. This will affect when you should submit your application.

Closing dates apply for admission to the following postgraduate programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies
- Professional Doctorates in Psychology
- MA Global Security and Borders
- PG courses within the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work
- MSc Midwifery
- MSc Professional Nursing (Adult)
- MSc Professional Nursing (Children and Young People’s)
- MSc Professional Nursing (Mental Health)
- MSc Professional Nursing (Learning Disability)

Please check our online Course Finder for full details of application closing dates (go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder).

ACCEPTABILITY OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

For admission, an Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required. Professional qualifications and/or experience may be considered in combination with academic qualifications for entry to some programmes.

We only accept qualifications awarded with academic qualifications for entry to some programmes.

Prior Learning (RPL) scheme that recognises relevant prior learning for admission and/or credit purposes.

For some programmes, admission under Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be permitted and, if applicable, this will be indicated under the individual programme entry in the online Course Finder. Please visit go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Queen's operates a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) scheme that recognises relevant prior learning for admission and/or credit purposes.

A guide to the general entry requirements for postgraduate taught programmes, expressed in terms of UK Honours degree classifications, is provided in each section within this Prospectus. You can find detailed entry requirements and further information on individual programmes through our online Course Finder at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder.

APPLYING TO QUEEN'S

The application process to study with Queen's is simple, here’s how it works:

YOUR APPLICATION IN SEVEN EASY STEPS

1. Fill in your online application form with your chosen course and university here: https://www.qub.ac.uk/education/queens-university-belfast
2. You’ll receive a confirmation email to let you know that we’ve received your application.
3. You’ll receive a reply from one of our enrolment services team within two working days.
4. You’ll be asked to provide the following supporting documents:
   - an English language certificate, eg IELTS
   - a copy of your passport
   - a copy of your latest academic transcript (or mid-term report if you are still studying)
5. You’ll receive an offer letter, with information on tuition fees and accommodation deposit.
6. Once you have paid your fees, we’ll send you the documents you need to apply for your visa.
7. Apply for a visa. If you have any questions about your visa, please get in touch - our support team are happy to help!
ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
If your first language is not English, evidence of an acceptable level of proficiency will be required. In addition, applicants who are non-UK/Irish nationals must satisfy the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes. This evidence should be in the form of a Secure English Language Test (SELT), normally the IELTS for UKVI Academic test, or another English language qualification acceptable to the University which examines all four elements of language learning – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

To satisfy the language requirement for entry to your programme is expressed in terms of IELTS Academic test scores. The IELTS Academic scores listed are the minimum overall score requirements. For each individual test component, the minimum score required is normally 5.5, however for some programmes the component scores necessary may be higher. Please refer to the online Course Finder for individual programme requirements at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder. For details of other English language qualifications that may be accepted please visit go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs.

Further information is also available at: gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration.

APPLICANTS WITH A DISABILITY OR LONG-TERM CONDITION
If you have declared a disability or long-term condition at the time of application and you receive an offer, you will be directed to a questionnaire, which you should complete and submit to the Disability Services unit. The information you provide will be treated as sensitive and kept strictly confidential. It will only be used to plan for your individual support requirements, ensuring that your transition to Queen’s is as smooth as possible (see also page 41).

If you need any advice about disclosing a disability, or the arrangements which we can make, please contact:

Disability Services
T: +44 (0)28 9097 5250
E: disability.office@qub.ac.uk

If your first language is not English, evidence of an acceptable level of proficiency will be required. In addition, applicants who are non-UK/Irish nationals must satisfy the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes. This evidence should be in the form of a Secure English Language Test (SELT), normally the IELTS for UKVI Academic test, or another English language qualification acceptable to the University which examines all four elements of language learning – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

Within this Prospectus, the English language requirement for entry to each postgraduate taught and research programme is expressed in terms of IELTS Academic test scores. The IELTS Academic scores listed are the minimum overall score requirements. For each individual test component, the minimum score required is normally 5.5, however for some programmes the component scores necessary may be higher. Please refer to the online Course Finder for individual programme requirements at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder. For details of other English language qualifications that may be accepted please visit go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs.

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APPLICANTS WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD
It is the policy of Queen’s University to consider applications for admission on their individual merit in the light of all available information. The primary selection criteria are those related to intellectual ability and personal qualities of an applicant. The university will investigate the criminal record of a new applicant only if the primary selection criteria for a course have been met and if it is a requirement of the programme that this information is sought. Queen’s acknowledges the key role of education in the rehabilitative process and a criminal record will not debar an applicant unless the nature and seriousness of the offence in question is incompatible with:

• the course applied for
• the ultimate professional or vocational goal
• participation in an academic and social setting and the university’s responsibility to ensure a safe and neutral environment

You can find regulations concerning admission of applications who have a criminal record at go.qub.ac.uk/PGAdmissionsPolicy

ADMISSIONS APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE
If you believe that your application has not been dealt with fairly, you should contact the Admissions and Access Service in the first instance.

REGISTRATION
If you are accepted for a programme of study, you must provide original documentary proof of your academic qualifications, e.g. degree award certificate (and English language qualifications and/or certified English translations where appropriate). You will be required to present an approved form of identification at registration. Further details will be provided prior to registration for applicants who have been offered and accepted a place. Please note that scans/copies/photographs will not be accepted. International students will be required to provide passport and visa/immigration permission. You can find details of arrangements for enrolment and registration in your welcome guide.

Find out more go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply
STUDENT FINANCE AND FUNDING

INTRODUCTION
Tuition fee arrangements for students from Northern Ireland, those from England, Scotland and Wales (Great Britain), and those from the Republic of Ireland (ROI), are detailed below. Tuition fee information for international students is available on page 57.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH
The standard tuition fee for postgraduate research students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, and those from the Republic of Ireland (ROI), for 2024-25 has not been set. The fee for 2023-24 was £4,712. Please note exceptions exist and prospective students should check qub.ac.uk to find the most up to date fee information.

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT
Queen’s offers lower tuition fees and living expenses than many other similarly well-regarded universities in the United Kingdom. The standard tuition fee for postgraduate taught students are:

Postgraduate Taught Fees 2024-25
NI Standard Postgraduate Taught: £7,300
GB Standard Postgraduate Taught: £9,250

Prospective students should refer to qub.ac.uk/courses for course costs and tuition fees. Please also see qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/TuitionFees/ for updates on all tuition fees.

TUITION FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS
A number of options are available to pay tuition fees, full details are provided at the link below:
https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/TuitionFees/

Students can either:
- Sign up to a payment plan to pay tuition fees by instalments. A number of payment plans are available. A minimum of 25% payment at enrolment is required to set up a payment plan.
- Pay the full tuition fee on enrolment.
- Provide evidence that a sponsor will pay fees on their behalf.
- Apply to the Student Loans Company for a postgraduate tuition fee loan.

Please note that 25% of the tuition fee liability, due at enrolment, is non-refundable.

For full details of the university’s Withdrawal Policy, please refer to the Student Finance Framework located at qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/TuitionFees/

OTHER COSTS
For some courses, you may be required to purchase instruments, equipment or attend field courses, the cost of which is additional to tuition fees. You can find information additional course costs at qub.ac.uk/courses.

INTERNATIONAL AND EU OTHER POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEES
EU students (with the exception of ROI Students) will pay the international student fee rates detailed below. The payment of deposits for one year postgraduate taught courses is mandatory for EU and international students. Details will be communicated by the Admissions and Access Service.

If the student’s visa application is successful, but the student chooses not to accept his/her place, the deposit will not be refunded.

The tuition fees for international postgraduate students, commencing a course in 2024-25, are as follows:

( FR = Fee Rate). Please note some postgraduate fees have exceptions and students should refer to qub.ac.uk/courses for course cost and tuition fees.

INTERNATIONAL TAUGHT
FR1 (classroom based courses) £21,500
FR2 (laboratory based courses) £25,800

RESEARCH
FR1 (classroom based courses) £20,500
FR2 (laboratory based courses) £25,600

*Additional Professional Internship Placement Fee if internship taken

Tuition fees quoted are for study in the academic year 2024-25 only. Tuition fees may subject to annual inflationary increases. Information on how tuition fees are calculated is available at qub.ac.uk/Tuitionfees/

The fees you will pay will vary depending on the course you choose and the level of study. Full details of tuition fees and course costs are available at qub.ac.uk/courses

For queries prospective students should email: E studentfinance@qub.ac.uk

A number of premium master’s Courses also exist. The fees you will pay will vary depending on the course you choose and the level of study. Full details of tuition fees and course costs are available at qub.ac.uk/courses

For full details of tuition fees, please refer to the Student Finance Framework located at qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/TuitionFees/
FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Applicants are advised to explore fully the funding opportunities for studying in the UK, for example, international students for whom funding is available from sources within their own countries. Some closing dates can be a year before commencing studies, so please ensure to apply in good time. Possible sources of funding are available at qub.ac.uk/Schools/funding/

The funding set out in this section includes funding available both from the university and from external sources. Information provided in this section is intended to highlight some sources of funding: it is not a comprehensive list of funding sources.

Applying for funding that is available from the university is part of an integrated, online, postgraduate admissions process. An offer of a place at Queen’s does not constitute an offer of funding. For 2024 entry, Facilities and Schools in the university will set their own deadlines for postgraduate applications for admissions, scholarships and student finance. Applicants who wish to apply for postgraduate funding available from the university for 2023 entry should refer to the relevant Faculty and School websites for information. You can find details at qub.ac.uk/schools

POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEE LOAN FOR STUDENTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

A Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan up to the value of £6,500 is currently available towards the cost of tuition fees for a Master’s degree, Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma. The Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PG TFL) for postgraduate study is non means tested and paid directly to the Higher Education Provider. Details are available at qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/

FundingandScholarships/postgraduate-loans-northern-ireland/

For full terms and conditions please contact Student Finance NI: T: +44 (0)28 2566 1444 E: StudentFinance-PG@eni.org.uk W: studentfinance.ni.co.uk

*Terms and Conditions

STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND

Postgraduate student loans are available if you’re an English resident. You may be eligible for a loan of up to £12,167, if you course starts on or after 1 August 2023, to study a taught or research Master’s in any subject. Full details are available at gov.uk/postgraduate-loan

APPLICATIONS FROM THE UK AND OTHER EU COUNTRIES

Note: where it states ‘UK residents’, please note that qualifying residency and citizenship/nationality criteria apply.

For further details, please refer to the expanded eligibility criteria available at the ‘Find out more’ link opposite.

Department For The Economy

Postgraduate Research Studentships

Studentships funded by the Department for the Economy (DfE) are offered in a wide range of subject areas across all Faculties and Schools.

UK Residents: fees plus maintenance. A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Postgraduate Research Studentships

A number of EPSRC research studentships may be available for research in eligible areas. Details will be advertised on the relevant Faculty/School website at qub.ac.uk/schools

UK Residents: fees plus maintenance. A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Postgraduate Research Studentships

A number of studentships may be available for research degrees to UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Algorithmic Solutions (LINAS) Doctoral Training Programme (DTP) seeks to develop a cohort of Doctoral Scholars who can address the implications for both the actual operation of algorithmically driven public decision-making in wider society, and within science, engineering. It is hosted by The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice in collaboration with the Schools of Law, EEECS, Maths & Physics, History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and Social Sciences, Education and Social Work. Details will be advertised at qub.ac.uk/Research/GRI/mitchell-institute/Study/linas/

UK Residents: fees plus maintenance. A number of awards are available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

The Wellcome Trust and National Institutes of Health Postgraduate Research Studentships

This annual competition may offer postgraduate students collaborative PhD training at academic laboratories in the UK or Republic of Ireland and at the National Institutes of Health in the USA, wellcome.org/grant-funding/schemes/four-year-phd-programmes-studentships-basic-scientists

A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

A number of studentships may be available for research degrees in Arts and Humanities subject areas. Details of the AHRC, Leverhulme Trust, and North East Doctoral Training Partnership will be advertised at qub.ac.uk/NorthernBrid

UK Residents: fees plus maintenance.

A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.
Postgraduate Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships and bursaries may be available for specific taught Master’s courses. You can find further details on the relevant Faculty/School website and at go.qub.ac.uk/pgstudy.

North-South (Ireland) Postgraduate Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships may be available for outstanding students from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to undertake postgraduate study and experience life in the other Irish jurisdiction. Available to students who have been accepted to undertake a recognised Master’s degree or are entering the first year of a PhD programme at a university in the island of Ireland that is not in the same jurisdiction as the university where they have previously studied. Find further details at universitiesireland.ie.

Postgraduate Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are generally available to eligible postgraduate students who will be undertaking courses (subject to confirmation): The majority of funding available is for full-time postgraduate research.

Postgraduate Studentship Award

Non-EU nationals meeting the three year residency must be settled in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme. EU, EEA or Swiss nationals have settled or presettled status in the Commonwealth countries are eligible to apply.

Applicants from the USA

Fullbright Scholarships

fulbright.org.uk

Mary McNeill Scholarship

qub.ac.uk/schools/irishstudiesGateway/study/MAIrishStudies/feesFundingAccommodation

Marshall Scholarships

marshall scholarship.org

US Federal Loans

Many US students opt to finance their studies at Queen’s through US Federal Loans. Queen’s is approved by the US Department of Education for participation in the Title IV Federal Loans programme. US Federal Loans are generally available to eligible students who will be undertaking Bachelor’s, Master’s or PhD programmes at Queen’s, except for medical and nursing programmes.

Graduate students, or dependent undergraduate students and their parents, can normally borrow up to the full cost of attendance of their programme (including tuition, subsistence and airfare). Full details are available at go.qub.ac.uk/USLoan and for further guidance, please contact the US Federal Loans Administrator at usloans@qub.ac.uk.

Applicants from Mexico

Applicants from Mexico can apply for the CONACyT award. conacyt.gob.mx

For more information, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)28 9097 5088 or email international@qub.ac.uk.

Applicants from Commonwealth Countries

Commonwealth Scholarships

Applicants from Commonwealth countries. Available is for full-time postgraduate research.

The majority of funding available is for full-time postgraduate research.

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme for Postgraduate Taught Study

At Queen’s, subject to availability of funding from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, there will be up to three scholarships allocated for eligible taught postgraduate students on any one of the eligible one-year courses (subject to confirmation). The scholarship covers the student’s tuition fees, a maintenance grant, travel costs and some additional allowances. Only students from least developed, low, and lower middle income Commonwealth countries are eligible to apply. Details at the ‘Find out more’ link.

Aga Khan Foundation Scholarships

Applicants from low and middle income Commonwealth countries and some additional allowances. Only students from least developed, low, and lower middle income Commonwealth countries are eligible to apply. Details at the ‘Find out more’ link.

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

cscuk.dfid.gov.uk

A range of scholarships and fellowships are available for citizens of developed and developing Commonwealth countries.

Applicants from All Countries

A limited number of scholarships are available for outstanding students from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to undertake postgraduate study and experience life in the other Irish jurisdiction. Available to students who have been accepted to undertake a recognised Master’s degree or are entering the first year of a PhD programme at a university in the island of Ireland that is not in the same jurisdiction as the university where they have previously studied. Find further details at universitiesireland.ie.

Royal Commission 1851

ww royalcommission1851.org

Aga Khan Foundation Awards

akdn.org/akf_scholarships.asp

For outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies.

University-Funded Postgraduate Taught Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships and bursaries may be available for specific taught Master’s courses. You can find further details on the relevant Faculty/School website and at go.qub.ac.uk/pgstudy.

Go to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) postgraduate research studentships page for further details.

DAERA (formerly DARD) normally funds research courses relevant to the agricultural, horticultural, forestry, fishing or food processing industries. Applications should be made directly to DAERA.

To be eligible for a full DAERA postgraduate studentship award, you must have been resident in Northern Ireland for the full three-year period before the first day of the first academic year of the course. Republic of Ireland (Roi) nationals meeting the three year NI residency are eligible for a full award under the Common Travel Area arrangement. Royalties, EEA or Swiss nationals meeting the three year residency must have settled or presettled status in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme. Non-EU nationals meeting the three year residency must be settled in the UK by the closing date of the application.

The main purpose of residence in NI is to undertake a recognised Master’s degree or to undertake a recognised PhD programme at a university in the island of Ireland that is not in the same jurisdiction as the university where you have previously studied. Find further details at universitiesireland.ie.

APPlicants FROM ALL COUNTRIES

British Chevening Awards

chevening.org/apply

British Council

britishcouncil.org

Royal Commission 1851

royalcommission1851.org

Aga Khan Foundation Awards

akdn.org/akf_scholarships.asp

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YOUR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT JOURNEY TO QUEEN'S

CONSIDER THE COSTS
For information on postgraduate funding opportunities, visit The Graduate School webpage (go.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school) or the School webpage for which you wish to study (qub.ac.uk/schools).

A number of our courses require a tuition fee deposit which must be paid by the date specified in your offer letter.

CHECK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DATES
Check that you meet, or have the potential to meet the academic and, if applicable, English language entry requirements for your course.

Check if a closing date is applicable. Although most of our postgraduate taught courses don’t have closing dates, there are some exceptions.

APPLY
Apply using our online postgraduate applications portal go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply and follow the step-by-step instructions.

GET YOUR DECISION
When we’ve made a decision, we’ll send you an email which will advise you to log on to the postgraduate applications portal to view the decision. You will also receive a letter by email.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES (CAS)
Receive your unconditional offer letter and confirm through the direct application portal that you intend to take up your place. The University will assign your CAS number (for visa application purposes) once you have submitted all required documentation.

FIND YOUR COURSE
When you’ve spotted something you like in this guide, visit our online Course Finder qub.ac.uk/courses for full details.
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES
Master's degrees are designed to enable students to focus on a particular subject area or field of study in greater depth than they have encountered before in undergraduate study or employment experience. Students on our taught Master’s programmes usually undertake a combination of taught modules, assessment and supervised independent research. Master’s programmes usually involve two semesters of classes and assessed work followed by four or five months of research culminating in a dissertation or project.

Students undertaking a Masters degree have the opportunity to undergo a programme of training and development which aims to develop their leadership skills. Through the programme, students are able to undertake a 360-degree assessment of their skills and to participate in a range of training sessions and developmental activities, relevant to their needs.

Taught Master’s degrees at Queen’s include:
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Architecture (MArch)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Master of Law (LLM)
- Master’s in Law (MLaw)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Master of Science (MSc)

For admission to a Master’s degree, a Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required. Entrance requirements vary by programme and you should consult the individual programme entries in this guide or the online Course Finder go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES
Postgraduate Diploma courses usually last for nine months, with Postgraduate Certificate courses normally lasting four months. Where offered as a standalone qualification, they are typically structured in the same way as Master’s degrees, without the research dissertation or project, and usually cover some of the same modules as the related Master’s degree. The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a vocational course which lasts for nine months and includes teaching placements.

The University offers postgraduate study for diplomas and certificates in a wide range of subjects. It may be possible for you to transfer registration from a Postgraduate Diploma to a Master’s degree after completion of assessment at the required standard. All postgraduate taught students have the opportunity to undertake training in academic skills such as dissertation writing and referencing.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
Some postgraduate taught programmes can be used for Continuing Professional Development (CPD). In addition, the University provides some non-credit-bearing CPD courses, for example, through the William J Clinton Leadership Institute in Queen’s Business School.
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A research degree offers you the opportunity to gain in-depth, specialised knowledge in an original research project, guided by a supervisory team, which culminates in the presentation of a thesis which you defend in an oral examination.

During your studies you will also develop research, personal and professional development skills that will support future careers within academia, industry or the public sector.

PHD/MPHIL/MA/MCH

You will prepare an original thesis, or, in the case of creative practice projects, your original creative works and an integrated critical analysis. If you are on an Integrated PhD pathway you normally commence your programme with taught modules and research topic options before completing the supervised research project. For admission, an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or equivalent qualification acceptable to the university is normally required. Specific entrance criteria by programme are detailed in the online Course Finder go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder

PHD BY PUBLISHED WORKS

This is awarded for the successful submission of a portfolio of research that was published prior to you registering on the programme, along with a critical analysis.

You must be an academic member of staff at Queen’s, and have been for a minimum of one year.

Registration is normally on a part-time basis, under the direction of an adviser appointed by the university. You will be expected to submit your published works, with a 10,000-word critical analysis, within one year.

go.qub.ac.uk/published-works

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

These are specialist qualifications available in the area of psychology which combine taught postgraduate modules with independent research projects located within a professional or practice placement.

HIGHER DOCTORATES

These are awarded to individuals who have an authoritative standing in their field of study, and seminal publications which have led to extensions or the development of knowledge by others.

In order to apply for this programme, you must have a significant link to the university, normally by being a graduate or a current academic member of staff. You will usually have a minimum of 10 years’ research experience at a postdoctoral level.

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SKILLS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The development of transferable skills is an integral part of the experience of being a postgraduate research student.

The Postgraduate Development Programme led by The Graduate School offers you a choice of training courses and development activities aimed at providing you with the skills to complete your higher degree and enhance your employability. The funding bodies for postgraduates consider the development of these skills as an essential part of training for careers both in academic and non-academic work environments.

The courses offered in the Postgraduate Development Programme supplement those provided by schools and are available to all research students.

Funding is available for student-led initiatives. These are activities developed and delivered by postgraduate students for postgraduate students. These initiatives can involve organising a conference, a summer school, or some other research event.

To date these initiatives have proven to be very effective in encouraging students to identify their skills, requirements and develop their own training.

For further information on the Postgraduate Development Programme, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school

WORKING AWAY FROM THE UNIVERSITY

You may be permitted to carry out some of your research away from Queen’s. You will need to prove to the university that you will maintain appropriate contact with your supervisor and you will have access to the appropriate facilities during your time spent away. You may be required to spend a specified period of time in residence at the university.

You will be subject to the university’s normal training and monitoring requirements.

QUEEN’S DOCTORAL TRAINING CENTRES

Queen’s has a number of competitive Doctoral Training Centres:

The £1.2m Northern Bridge project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), is part of a national network of Doctoral Training Partnerships which brings together the cutting-edge expertise and exceptional resources of Queen’s, Newcastle University, Durham University and their partners for the training and development of outstanding Arts and Humanities postgraduate researchers.

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One year (PhD with Research Methods) or some other research event.

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