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Queen's University is an exciting place. A place that delivers both local and international impact.

Queen's University Belfast is one of the leading universities in the UK and Ireland with a distinguished heritage and history. We are a global top 200 university* and one of the UK's leading universities for Pharmacy, Medicine and Life Sciences.

Based in Belfast, our campus is in the heart of a modern capital city known for its welcome, accessibility and affordability. It is a great place to live and work and we are immensely proud of what our city and university offers our international students.

From the day you arrive at Queen's, you will be part of a world-class international university with a thriving culture built on teaching excellence, leading-edge research, innovation, collaboration and engagement.

Queen's has a long and proud history of working with many institutions and partners across the globe.

These components are woven together to deliver a truly integrated experience. We have been named the 25th most international university in the world and have some 2,200 international students helping to create a multicultural and vibrant campus.

Links with over 250 partner institutions across the world, and ongoing collaboration with over 3,000 local, national and international employers, will help you develop and make an impact on the world.

I hope you enjoy reading about our Dental School and that you choose Queen's for an amazing undergraduate experience. We look forward to welcoming you on campus and ensuring that your time here is one that is truly wonderful and life-defining.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Greer'.

Professor Ian Greer
President and Vice Chancellor

DENTISTRY AT QUEEN'S

The Dental programme at Queen's University Belfast is seen as one of the most innovative in the UK and has always been recognised in external reviews for its excellent and high quality teaching standards and facilities. The Dental School at Queen's has been responsible for delivering dental education in Northern Ireland since 1920.

The Dental School runs a five-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme with an intake of approximately sixty students per year (including fifteen places for international students).

This permits small group sizes and provides our students with the opportunity for close one-to-one supervision.

The Queen's University Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme is recognised and approved by the United Kingdom's General Dental Council (GDC) as a registrable qualification.



RANKED 1st IN THE UK

(Guardian League Tables 2017)



Our Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree programme will provide you with the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes that will allow you to practise effectively as a dental surgeon in the 21st century, with an understanding of different patient groups, the various dental specialisms and the range of dental clinical settings.

We have a dynamic and varied curriculum which integrates the health sciences with excellent teaching and learning in modern clinical facilities. The Queen's University Dental School has a long and distinguished history with our graduates making a significant impact on oral health, dental education and dental research at local, national and international levels.

Our success is based on the expertise, commitment and dedication of the entire dental teaching team who will ensure that you receive the best possible dental undergraduate education and training. In our undergraduate

programme we also have a strong belief that high quality dental undergraduate education requires all the dentists on our teaching staff to be actively practising their profession so that you can learn from and be taught by expert clinicians who are at the leading edge of modern clinical practice.

I trust that on reading this booklet you will develop a sense of who we are and also appreciate the strong commitment we have for excellence in dental education.

Professor Donald Burden
Centre for Dental Education
Director and Clinical Professor



OUR PROGRAMME

At Queen's Dental School, we provide a range of learning experiences which enable our students to engage with subject experts, develop attributes and perspectives that will equip them for life and work in a global society. Our students have access to innovative technologies and a world class library that enhances their development as independent, lifelong learners. Examples of the opportunities provided for learning on this course are:

TEACHING IN A STIMULATED ENVIRONMENT

Clinical teaching in a simulated environment provides students with the opportunity to learn and practice clinical skills in a safe and controlled environment before proceeding to patient care.

TEACHING AND OPERATIVE TREATMENTS IN A CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT

Clinical teaching and clinical operative treatment in a workplace environment enables students to learn directly from clinical experts and also provide treatment for their own patients in the full range of clinical disciplines.

COURSE CONTENT

Queen's students have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements from year 1 of the course and throughout the programme they will gain valuable experience in a range of clinical settings to help develop their skills and career opportunities.

From Years 3-5, students spend the majority of their time in clinic placements in the Dental School where they treat their own patients under the supervision of clinical teachers.

FOUNDATIONS FOR PRACTICE

YEARS 1 AND 2

Throughout Year 1 and 2 students are attached to dental clinics and also undertake modules where they learn about the foundations of clinical practice including the biomedical and behavioural sciences as well as the principles of dental patient management, dental health promotion and core clinical dental skills.

In Year 1, students have a placement in clinics in the Community Dental Service and in the Dental School to observe and learn about clinical practice.

In Year 2, Students undertake a clinical assistantship, attend a clinical placement and assist final year students treating patients in the Dental School. Students also have a placement where they are taught how to administer local anaesthetic to patients.

In Year Four and Five the emphasis is placed on teaching advanced dental skills within the range of clinical specialties in dentistry. Students carry out the full range of dental treatment for their own adult and child patients. Clinical tuition takes place in classes within the Dental School and in Outreach dental clinics.

CLINIC PLACEMENT

YEAR 3

Introduces a greater clinical component within the various clinical dental specialties as well as developing students' core clinical skills. Students also learn about the impact of systemic disease in dentistry. Clinical Placements include:

- clinical placements in general surgery, cardiology, endocrinology, vascular, hepatology, ENT and out-patient clinics to learn about the practice of medicine related to dentistry;
- two different dental outreach placements in specialist dental practices – an orthodontic practice and an oral surgery practice – to learn about the role of dental specialists;
- Outreach placements in a General Dental Practice

ADVANCED DENTAL SKILLS

YEAR 4

In fourth year, students have a paediatric dental theatre placements and have the opportunity to undertake operative procedures such as exodontia as well as outreach placements in an Oral Surgery specialist practice.

Across fourth and fifth year, dental students have placements in Paediatric Outreach clinics where, under the supervision of a clinical teacher, they treat a range of paediatric patients.

RESTORATIVE OUTREACH CLINIC

YEAR 5

In addition to clinical placements within the Dental School, Final year students are placed in a Adult Outreach clinics where they treat their own patients in a general practice setting.



4th
IN THE UK FOR STUDENT
SATISFACTION

(NSS 2019)



DENTISTRY DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

INTERCALATED DEGREES

At the end of second or third year, students may apply to take a year out of their medical degree to study for an intercalated degree. This extra research focused year will lead to either a qualification at Bachelor or Master's level.

Currently about 25 per cent of medical students decide to undertake an intercalated degree during their undergraduate training. Whilst some work towards a BSc (taking a year out of the medical programme between years 2 and 3), others, after completion of Year 3 of the medical course, enrol on a taught Master's course.

Those presently available within the School include:

- MSc Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics
- MSc (Res) Cancer Medicine
- MSc Clinical Anatomy
- MSc Experimental Medicine
- MPH Global Health
- MSc Molecular Pathology of Cancer
- MSc (Res) Oncology Drug Discovery
- Master of Public Health (MPH)

DEGREE PLUS

In addition to your medical degree, you will get the opportunity to gain wider life, academic and employability skills. For example, placements, voluntary work, clubs, societies, sports and lots more. So not only do you graduate with a degree recognised from a world leading university, you'll have practical national and international experience plus a wider exposure to life overall.

SUMMER STUDENTSHIPS

You will have the opportunity to undertake a project in one of our Research or Education Centres and work as part of research or education team including Academic Staff, Postdoctoral staff and postgraduate research students. The studentships offer a chance to gain valuable insights into basic biomedical research as well as the educational process.

PAEDIATRICS OUTREACH

Throughout Years Four and Five, dental students have placements in Pediatric Outreach clinics, where under the supervision of a clinical teacher, they treat a range of pediatric patients.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Our Students who have travelled to study at Queen's tell how they find student life in Belfast and the Dental degree. They feel instantly at home in our friendly campus environment and are fully supported in achieving their very best, both personally and academically.



PERLE LO
Year 5, Dentistry Student

I have had the best experience studying in Queen's University for my undergraduate degree. Academically, I felt supported by teaching staff who are approachable and passionate. I had the chance to work on a summer research project in the Centre of Dentistry focusing on linkages between tooth wear and gastrointestinal disease, which I got to present a poster on. There are also abundant opportunities to develop interests and improve skills outside of academia. I particularly enjoyed volunteering with the Homework Club, where I spent once a week tutoring and inspiring young people from the Somali community.

Belfast is a vibrant city full of life and a short distance from the most beautiful scenery. Not to mention that Belfast has the friendliest people! Wonderful friendships were fostered and amazing memories were made in my past 4 years in Belfast. I am now proud to call Belfast my second home.



TEJINDER GIL
Year 3, Dentistry Student

I came to Belfast in Sept 2017 to start my degree in Dentistry. While I do have a degree from Canada (in Biochemistry), coming to Belfast has been an entirely new experience. I am part of the Canadian American Student Association and I am also a Residential Assistant.

I am currently in my second year and it is a lot busier but also more focused and interesting. What I love about second year is that we have CTL every single week, so we get way more exposure to working with the tools and getting hands-on experience in relation to dental techniques. I also love reading, sports, singing but above all, I am a coffee fanatic!

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Queen's University Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme is recognised and approved by the United Kingdom's General Dental Council (GDC) as a registrable qualification.

Studying for a dental degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are highly valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions.

There are a wide range of career opportunities available in dentistry. Following graduation it is mandatory to undergo a further one year of training in a Dental Foundation Training Scheme.

Dentists can then decide to follow a career as:

- General dental practitioner or train to become a specialist in a dental discipline.
- Other dental career options include hospital dentistry, community dentistry, armed forces dentistry and university teaching and research.



100% EMPLOYABILITY ON GRADUATION
(Unistats 2019)



BERNICE TAN
Class of 2018, Dentistry Graduate

The Dental school at Queen's has been nothing short of a fulfilling education journey for me. The dental programme was well planned with good emphasis on both theory and patient management. The teaching staff and lecturers were also very friendly and always willing to help.

This provided a very good learning environment for the students. I am now practising as a Dentist in my home country, Singapore and I feel that Queen's has prepared me well for my job scope and I am very happy with their undergraduate programme.

DENTAL FOUNDATION TRAINING SCHEME

Dental Foundation Training is a period of training following qualification that builds on the achievements of the dental undergraduate curriculum and which aims to produce

'a caring, competent, reflective practitioner who is able to develop their career in any branch of dentistry to the benefit of patients' (A Curriculum for UK Dental Foundation Programme Training)

and also to enable the practitioner to demonstrate a level of competence appropriate for independent practice. Foundation Training in General Dental Practice is mandatory in the UK for all dental graduates from UK schools who wish to practice in the National Health Service (NHS) under their own contract number.

All students who graduate from a UK Dental School (including UK, EU and International students) can apply to take up employment for 1 year within a Dental Foundation training post. Foundation training is a unique opportunity to gain clinical experience in a protected environment within an approved dental practice under the guidance of an appointed Educational Supervisor. This postgraduate Foundation training programme combines experience in a wide range of dental care and treatment and also includes the opportunity to attend relevant study days.

EXPLORE OUR WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

We take great pride in our commitment to enhancing the student learning experience and our modern clinical facilities are a key part of this. Our students are working and learning in clinics which have been redeveloped to a high specification and a new state-of-the-art Clinical Techniques Laboratory (CTL) is now used by students throughout the programme

The University has invested more than £100 million in research and teaching infrastructure across the Health Sciences and Royal Victoria Hospital Campuses and our dental students have access to modern clinical facilities.



CENTRE FOR DENTISTRY - ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL CAMPUS

Approximately £1 million has been invested to ensure Dentistry has up-to-date clinical teaching facilities. Located within the School of Dentistry Building on the Royal Hospitals campus, 90 dental chairs are available for undergraduate dental teaching.

In addition, the Dental School facilities include 2 dedicated lecture/seminar rooms, tutorial rooms, as well as a newly refurbished Dental Clinical Skills Laboratory and other laboratory facilities where students are taught in a simulated environment before treating patients.

CLINICAL SKILLS EDUCATION CENTRE

The Clinical Skills Education Centre is located on the second floor of the MBC. It provides both clinical skills training, revision and assessment and is used extensively by medical and dentistry students in training.



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**9TH IN THE UK FOR
WORLD CLASS FACILITIES**

(Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018)



**98% STUDENT
SATISFACTION RATE**

(National Student Survey 2017)

QUALITY ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEED

Our International and GB Students are guaranteed a place in our accommodation for their first year, which means that you can be confident you'll be living somewhere safe, comfortable and affordable.

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

With a choice of city centre or residential accommodation options available, we offer you that all-important space to live and enjoy student life to the full. Our new city centre accommodation (Elms BT1 and Elms BT2) offers a cosmopolitan lifestyle, just a 15 minute walk from Queen's main campus, while Elms BT9 is purpose built accommodation with first-year undergraduate students in mind.

Queen's currently has over 3,400 places in our student accommodation, ranging from £100-£130 per week, which means you can take advantage of the most affordable, purpose-built student accommodation in the city.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

Register online and complete an application as soon as you have received your conditional offer to study at Queen's. Information on how to apply will be sent automatically to all offer holders and you are advised to apply even if Queen's is your insurance choice.

Applications open in January each year



LOWEST STUDENT COST OF LIVING IN THE UK

(Mercer, 2018)



TOP 10 UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

(International Student Barometer, 2017)



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Part of having an enriching university experience is getting to know people outside of your course. One way of meeting people, making new friends and having fun is by joining one of our 215+ clubs and societies. There's a wide range to suit everyone, including several medical based societies such as BMSA, Scrubs, Medsin and SWOT.

Meet new people, have fun and make the most of your time at Queen's by joining one of our 200 plus clubs and societies. There is a wide range to suit everyone. They give you a little bit more: more fun, more time to be part of something, more time to improve your skills.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Sport has played an important part in the Queen's student experience. Today we are one of the premier sporting universities in the UK and Ireland, and we encourage all our students to benefit from the positive effects of sport - whatever your level!

Queen's Sport provides students with the opportunity to continue or start being active. Our world class indoor and outdoor facilities are ideal for recreational, competitive or high-performance athletes.

The Physical Education Centre (PEC) is the hub of sport at Queen's. Our facilities include, a state of the art fitness area with over 140 pieces of cardiovascular and resistance equipment, a functional training and weights area, four studios, 25m swimming and diving pool, two multi-purpose sports hall, martial arts areas, 2 climbing walls, 8 squash courts, 2 handball courses and outdoor 3G grass pitches. We also have 54 sports clubs, from the most popular, like rugby, to the most unique, like underwater hockey.



BELFAST: THE UK'S BEST VALUE STUDENT CITY

One of the UK's friendliest, most vibrant and affordable student cities, Belfast not only boasts the lowest cost of student living in the UK*, but it is also an exciting hub of music, food, shopping and culture.

Belfast itself is a fun city on the current 'Must See' destination lists. It is also the safest region in the UK (British Crime Survey 2014).

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 who recently lauded Belfast and the Causeway Coast as the number one region to visit in the world in 2018. As a student in Belfast the region's most breathtaking landscapes will be right on your doorstep.



ONE HOUR FROM LONDON

Belfast, as the capital of Northern Ireland, is connected to the rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe by sea, road and air.

2
airports in Belfast, Dublin airport only 90 mins away.

99
cross-channel sailings each week.

58
direct flight destinations from Belfast to UK, Europe and the USA.

1
hour's flying time to major cities*.



*Based on average flight times from 6 major UK cities



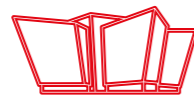
BELFAST IS THE SAFEST REGION IN THE UK

(British Crime Surveys, 2016)



NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE UK

(Office of National Statistics, 2016)



TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM EUROPE'S LEADING TOURIST ATTRACTION

(World Travel Awards 2016)





HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

UCAT

All applicants, assigned as NI, GB or EU for fees purposes, are required to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and the results achieved will be used as part of the selection process prior to interview. Further information on UCAT is available at:

<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/>

International students are not required to do UCAT.

HOW TO APPLY

Application for admission to full-time undergraduate and sandwich courses at the University should normally be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Full information can be obtained from the UCAS website at:

www.ucas.com/apply

UCAS usually start processing applications for entry in early autumn and the closing date is 15th October (18.00)

INTERVIEW

Offers will be made on the results of the interview.

There are 15 international places available on the BDS degree and interviews for these students take place online.

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER DENTAL SCHOOLS

Applications will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and entry will be to first year only. All normal entry requirements must be satisfied.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

For students whose first language is not English IELTS or equivalent are required. An IELTS score of 7.5 overall, with a minimum of 7.0 in Speaking and Listening and 6.5 in Reading and Writing, or an equivalent acceptable qualification.

*Selection criteria for Dentistry are reviewed annually and therefore you

should read the 'How we choose our students' PDF which is available from the link below under Selection Criteria.

More detailed information on applying to study Dentistry at Queen's is also available from the School website at: www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/Study/Dentistry

**Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as is consistent with having made a careful and considered choice of institutions. Take care to enter the details of the institution and course clearly and correctly on the application. For Queen's the institution code name is QBELF and the institution code is Q75.

These should be entered in the Choices section of your UCAS application.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

If you need further or more detailed advice about the admission to Queen's, the Admissions and Access Service is happy to answer your questions. For further information, please contact:

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WHY BELFAST?



Belfast and the Causeway Coast:
No. 1 region in the world
(Lonely Planet, 2018)



**THE UK'S BEST VALUE
STUDENT CITY**
(Mercer, 2018)



**Belfast: happiest
city in the UK**
(Office of National
Statistics 2016)

WHY QUEEN'S?



**Queen's is ranked joint 8th in
the UK for research intensity**
(REF 2014/ Times
Higher Education)



**Queen's Universty is ranked
among the 10 most beautiful
universities in the UK**
(Times Higher Education, 2018)

WHY DENTISTRY?



2nd in UK for Dentistry
(Times and Sunday
Times Good University
Guide 2019)



**100% employment
on graduation**
(Unistats 2019)



98% Student Satisfaction
(National Student
Survey 2017)

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