

Belmont University Summer Programme 2024 - Terms and Conditions

The Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences have collaborated with Belmont University to offer our students an exciting opportunity to apply to the 3-week long Belmont Summer Programme in June 2024, that will enrich your degree and support your skill development for future employment.

We expect a high level of interest for this opportunity and as such we have developed a competitive application process. Terms and conditions apply.

Anticipated travel dates are 1st – 21st June 2024, subject to change.

To apply, please complete the application form including 3 statements (100 words each) on how your participation in this programme will add value to your degree, enhance your skills and support to your chosen career.

Terms & Conditions

1. This subsidised programme is exclusively for current second year students studying a degree at Queen's University Belfast within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. Participants must be available to attend the full programme on the advertised dates.
3. Participants must have a valid passport which does not expire before December 2024, must be able to confirm that their visa conditions (where relevant) do not exclude them from travelling from the UK/Ireland to the host country, and are responsible for paying for and fulfilling all visa requirements. Students should check government foreign travel advice, relevant to the passport they hold.
4. Students must consult with their GP or travel healthcare practitioner to ensure they are fit for travel, regarding any health needs or vaccinations required for the host nation. Please read the information on the following webpage: <https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/north-america/united-states-of-america.aspx>
5. To be eligible, you must not be in receipt of any other subsidy/bursary related to outward mobility. This includes, but is not restricted to, the Jetset Your Degree Award, Erasmus/Turing funding, and Travel scholarships that are awarded by the University's Student Scholarships and Awards Group. Checks will be undertaken, and applications will be withdrawn if you have been in receipt of any other subsidy/ bursary relating to this activity.
6. Places will be allocated on a competitive basis. The application score criteria can be found below.
7. We are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of personal circumstances or background, should have an equal opportunity to participate in Higher Education. Therefore, successful applicants who are in receipt of a full maintenance grant or who are care leavers/care experienced students known to the Widening Participation Unit may be eligible for an additional £250 award, thus reducing the fee to £100.
8. Successful applicants must pay a fee of £350 (or £100 for those receiving the additional award) through a Worldpay link provided by the 31st March 2024.
9. All recipients of this award must supply either a report (500-1000 words) of their trip or a 1-minute-long video blog to us within three weeks of their return covering the following.

1. What aspects of the programme...
 - a. inspired you the most? How, and why?
 - b. challenged your pre-existing assumptions about the city, country, and culture the most? How and why?
 - c. developed your knowledge, skills and values the most? How and why?
2. How do you feel the programme added value to your degree and career opportunities?

For both questions, these could relate directly to the programme, your free time and / or informal exchanges with fellow participants or local people.

10. Photographs of the trip will be welcomed and can include selfies / informal photographs along with photographs of work undertaken. A selection of travel reports and / or video blogs may be used as publicity material; however, the relevant authors will be asked in advance for permission.

11. Should there be a much higher level of interest than anticipated, we reserve the right to enhance the selection criteria to include average first-year marks.

12. Participants must complete the Student International Travel Risk Assessment form provided by Faculty the deadline requested.

13. Data held by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Office will be processed in accordance with the University's Data Protection Policy and your rights under Data Protection Legislation. It will be used to process your application; and to communicate with you prior, during and after the programme. You can view the Student Privacy Notice for more information.

14. If you provide the University with incorrect or incomplete information, or if you fail to complete the activity, or you do not meet the eligibility criteria, or you otherwise do anything which might bring the University into disrepute, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies, the University may terminate its agreement with you pursuant to these Terms with immediate effect, including expulsion from the programme.

15. Successful applicants must take out an enhanced travel insurance policy if requested to do so.

16. If for any reason, the programme is unable to go ahead, participants will be provided with a full refund.

17. If a student can no longer participate the following refund policy will apply. Refunds will be applied in accordance with the table below. The date of withdrawal is the date the University receives your cancellation in writing.

18. In exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the University, a cancelled booking may be considered for a refund where a refund is not due. Students are required to demonstrate, with supporting evidence, extenuating personal circumstances (for example, illness or bereavement) which prohibit them from attending.

19. Cancellation Charges

Date of Withdrawal		Amount refunded
Within 14 days of accepting the offer or more than 8 weeks before departure and full payment being made	We will refund you the full amount	£350.00

8 –5 Weeks prior to departure	30% of full fee will be taken with remainder being refunded	£245.00
4 – 1 Weeks prior to departure	50%of full fee will be taken with remainder being refunded	£175.00
Less than 7 days prior to arrival	Full payment will be charged	£0.00

Assessment Criteria

Students must be 2nd Year Undergraduates at Queen’s. As we hope to provide opportunities for students across all 5 AHSS Schools, the number of places allocated to students from each School will be limited.

Criteria	Scoring Criteria
By taking part in this activity you can clearly evidence three key objectives you will aim to achieve by participating in this activity. This can include both academic and personal development goals.	Three objectives clearly defined and excellent evidence– 10 marks Three objectives clearly defined and very good evidence– 8 marks Three objectives defined and good evidence– 6 marks Three objectives and some evidence – 4 marks Basic objectives defined– 2 marks No objectives defined– 0 marks
Will participating in this activity add value to your degree?	Excellent evidence– 10 marks Very good evidence– 8 marks Good evidence– 6 marks Some evidence outcomes – 4 marks Basic evidence– 2 marks No evidence– 0 marks
This activity will support you to develop skills which will lead to impressing future employers and make you stand out from their peers?	Excellent evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 10 marks Very good evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 8 marks Good evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 6 marks Some evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path, detailing skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 4 marks Basic evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path with little to no evidence of skills and achievements to note on a CV or job application – 2 marks No evidence of relevancy to anticipated career path – 0 marks

