

THE LEARNING DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

The [Learning Development Service](#) (LDS) is located within the Student Guidance Centre and is available to all UG students to help with the development of generic academic skills. LDS provides academic support to develop UG student skills in essay writing, referencing, time management, study skills and exam preparation. We offer a number of services to facilitate this process:

ONE-TO-ONE CONSULTATIONS

At any time during the year if you think a student would benefit from academic related support, please give the student our details or contact us when you are with the student.

We will arrange to meet with the student one-to-one. Meetings are held on the first floor of the Student Guidance Centre. A student may up to five appointments per year. Students can book a one-to-one session via [MyFuture](#) or by contacting us on 028 9097 3618 or lds@qub.ac.uk.

Appointment times are normally between 9am-5pm and last up to 1 hour. Outside office hours sessions can be arranged upon request.

WORKSHOPS

Academic skills workshops are delivered by LDS throughout both semesters and are normally part of the timetable for a specific module. Student groups can also request academic skills workshops.

WEBSITE

The website has a popular online referencing tool ([cite²write](#)) that students have found useful.

If you find students are requesting support with academic skills that are not covered on our website please email lds@qub.ac.uk as we are keen to develop resources that will enable students to study independently. We also welcome your views on what you think could be improved on the website.

PEER MENTORING

The Scheme has grown significantly over the years. Currently, in 2018/19, there are:

- 650 subject-based, trained, voluntary peer mentors, including approximately 80 voluntary lead mentors;
- 38 Peer Mentoring Academic Co-ordinators who oversee Peer Mentoring within their Schools;
- 35 mentoring schemes aimed at supporting transition and providing varying degrees of academic support;
- 2 peer-assisted learning schemes;
- 1 placement ambassador scheme;
- 1 international scheme.

The Learning Development Service provides support for Schools who are interested in developing a peer mentoring scheme. If you would like to find out more please contact Angela McQuade, a.mcquade@qub.ac.uk, tel. 1440.