



SUCCESS IN THE ACADEMY REQUIRES...

Motivation and commitment to engage in the full range of activities offered by the Academy programme. Please note, attendance at the summer residential is a compulsory part of the programme for all participants.

INTERESTED?

Talk to your Head of Sixth Form, Careers Tutor, or Principal about becoming a participant in the Queen's Senior Academy Programme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Pupils from a family with **little or no** experience of higher education.*
Currently in the first year of a two year, level 3 qualification e.g. A-levels or acceptable equivalent BTEC/OCR qualification.
Attending a non-selective school or further education college in Northern Ireland.
Have at least 5 A* - C grades at GCSE (or equivalent e.g. GNVQ, BTEC) including English and Maths*

In addition, nominees **must** also meet **two or more** of the following criteria:

- Annual household income of below £19,203
- In receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Have a disability or additional learning need
- Currently living in care or is care experienced
- Is the main carer for a family member or dependant

**please check guidance notes for more details.*

CONTACT US

For more information on the Senior Academy, please contact the Widening Participation Unit.

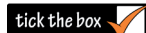
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WHAT IS THE QUEEN'S SENIOR ACADEMY PROGRAMME?

The Senior Academy Programme supports students in non-selective schools and further education colleges to develop their potential to progress to higher education. Fifty students from across Northern Ireland will be nominated by their teachers, Year Head or Head of Careers this year to participate in a programme of activities and events between April 2017 and May 2018.

As part of the programme the selected participants will have the opportunity to:

- develop a range of academic skills, such as essay writing, note taking, revision techniques and critical thinking
- enhance self-confidence by developing personal skills in organisation and communication
- access up to 30 hours of subject specific tutoring
- shadow an undergraduate student to find out what student life is like at Queen's University
- attend regular events at Queen's University which help develop better studying techniques and enhance their understanding of pathways into higher education.



NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications dates: Open from **Monday 23 January 2017** and close on **Friday 10 February 2017**.

- Pupils complete applications and personal statements
- School/teacher nomination
- School/teacher submit student references
- Students meet the Queen's Senior Academy team
- Offers made /accepted
- Induction Day

WHAT CAN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS EXPECT?

- A welcome/ induction day event at Queen's University on **28 April 2017**
- The opportunity to participate in a residential, hosted in Queen's Elms Village from **2 – 4 August 2017**
- 'Tutor for Success' information event on **25 August 2017**
- 'Study Skills' event to prepare for coursework and examinations on **24 November 2017**
- Master classes, workshops and training events to develop skills
- The opportunity to gain an insight into life at Queen's University Belfast
- Access to a Queen's University mentor
- Access to a subject specific tutor

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