



QUEEN'S
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BELFAST

SENIOR ACADEMY PROGRAMME





THE PROGRAMME

The Senior Academy Programme supports pupils in non-selective secondary schools and further education colleges to develop their potential to progress to higher education. Fifty students from participating schools and further education colleges across Northern Ireland are nominated annually by their teachers, Year Head or Head of Careers to participate in a programme of focused workshops and events between **April 2018 and May 2019**.

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 to help develop better study techniques and enhance their understanding of pathways into higher education.

INTERESTED?

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



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the Senior Academy Programme:

- Neither parent should have attended university and obtained an undergraduate degree or equivalent level qualification in the UK, Ireland or abroad. (If one or both parents is currently studying for their first degree, or they have graduated from their first degree within the last five years, we will still consider the application).
- Be in the first year of a two year, level 3 qualification e.g. A-levels or acceptable equivalent BTEC/OCR qualification.
- Attend a non-selective secondary school or further education college in Northern Ireland.
- Have at least **five A* - C grades at GCSE** (or equivalent e.g. GNVQ, BTEC) including English and Maths.

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

- Annual household income of £19,203 or less.
- In receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA).
- Have a disability or additional learning need.
- Be the main carer for a family member or dependant.

As part of the University's commitment to Care Leavers, students currently living in care, or who are care experienced, are automatically eligible for the programme.



NOMINATIONS FOR 2018

Applications open from **Monday, 22 January** until 11.59pm on **Friday, 9 February 2018**.

KEY DATES

	Date and time	Description
Applications	Monday, 22 January – Friday, 9 February 2018	Students to complete and return applications.
Meeting with shortlisted candidates	February – March 2018	Our Academy Coordinator will arrange to meet potential students to discuss the programme and answer any queries.
Launch event	Friday, 27 April 2018 11.00am – 3.00pm	Senior Academy launch event at Queen's University Belfast.
Summer Residential	Wednesday, 8 August – Friday, 10 August 2018	Three days (two nights).
Tutoring for Success event	Thursday, 30 August 2018 10.00am – 2.30pm	Information and advice session on subject-specific tuition.
Study Skills session	Friday, 23 November 2018 10.00am – 3.00pm	Advice on revision skills, time management and stress relief.
Subject-specific tuition	October 2018 – May 2019	Up to 30 hours of one-to-one tuition to support preparation for A-level exams.

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