At the heart of our Graduate School lies a culture of opportunity, innovation and enterprise, fuelled by a diverse and inclusive social community that has ambitions to shape a better world.
WELCOME

Thank you for considering joining us at Queen’s University Belfast for your postgraduate studies. Queen’s is in the top 200 universities in the world* and situated in the heart of one of the best loved capital cities in Europe. While Queen’s is renowned for its teaching excellence and international research, Belfast is known for its warm welcome, rich culture and being a vibrant hub for the creative and tech sectors. A perfect combination to ensure a memorable postgraduate experience.

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

In many ways, The Graduate School at Queen’s embodies the outstanding quality of the University. The beautiful state-of-the-art building reflects our rich history and academic heritage, and also speaks of modernity and thriving multi-cultural postgraduate life. Earlier this year, The Graduate School won a UK-wide award for Best Postgraduate Student Experience Initiative.* This award was in recognition of the School’s agile response to COVID-19, dynamic approach and its unwavering commitment to the wellbeing, training and development for its postgraduate students. Such is the spirit of Queen’s and our desire to ensure students are supported and given every opportunity to develop their personal, professional and academic skills, in spite of the challenges of these unprecedented times.

At Queen’s you will receive an educational experience that is researched, learning from academics who are global leaders in their field, and you will benefit from a range of academic and professional opportunities available through our global connections. As we find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic, may I assure you that the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is the University’s first priority. While some aspects of how we do things may have changed, we are more committed to helping our postgraduates become thinkers, communicators, innovators and leaders who are future-ready and can rise to the challenges of these unprecedented times.

I do hope you choose Queen’s for an outstanding postgraduate experience. We look forward to welcoming you and ensuring that your time here becomes the platform for a wonderful, exciting and rewarding career.

Professor Ian Greer
President and Vice-Chancellor

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

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STUDYING AT QUEEN’S

This prospectus, at the time of going to press, is the most up-to-date information Queen’s can provide about our postgraduate courses and campus life, contingent on current Government restrictions and guidelines on COVID-19. Queen’s has taken every precaution to ensure the safety of all our students and that all information is up-to-date. These measures are outlined in our ‘Campus Commitment’. It offers clarity and reassurance on the type of learning and student experience you can expect. Visit qub.ac.uk/campus-commitment

Northern Ireland is the least populated country in the UK (1.8 million) and the first to introduce contact tracing, making it one of the safest places to study in the UK.

COVID-19: STUDYING AT QUEEN’S

Queen’s has adapted fully to the pandemic, and student-teacher interaction is still a key part of Queen’s learning model. Through Connected Learning, you will receive a blend of face-to-face teaching and virtual learning. If you are a researcher, your supervisor will be in touch with you directly to talk through the approach that best suits you needs and to identify how your research can be undertaken, safely.

You’ll talk to lecturers and fellow students regularly, still undertake group/lab work and receive the world-class teaching and guidance you would expect from a Russell Group University.

Our Student Support and Accommodation teams are on hand to help and support you, or if you have any questions about how your course/research might be affected during the pandemic, a full list of FAQs is available here: qub.ac.uk/home/coronavirus-faqs

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WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT QUEEN’S?

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

THE GATEWAY TO YOUR POSTGRADUATE EXPERIENCE AT QUEEN’S

WELCOME FROM PROFESSIONAL MARGARET TOPPING

The Graduate School is the gateway to your postgraduate experience. It’s not just about what comes next. It’s about something much more dynamic and challenging.

Being a postgraduate student at Queen’s is about going beyond – beyond current conceptions and categories, redefining and rethinking assumptions, being flexible and adaptive.

It’s what we call ‘What’s Next’ thinking. We train our postgraduates to become Thinkers, Communicators, Innovators and Leaders who are Future-ready.

The Graduate School is about intellectual challenge beyond borders. It’s about developing new skills and increased personal effectiveness. It’s about opportunity, innovation and enterprise, and a rich, diverse and inclusive social community.

The Queen’s postgraduate experience is about the whole person; helping you to achieve personal and academic goals that will enable you to stand out in the crowded and increasingly competitive local and global job market.

Welcome from Professor Margaret Topping, Dean of The Graduate School

Your Graduate School: A state-of-the-art hub

We are located in the beautifully restored and remodelled Victorian Lynn library, where distinguished heritage meets 21st-century vision. This fully accessible space has modern, hi-tech meeting and group study rooms, a silent study area and social spaces. It’s a vibrant hub, inspiring intellectual exchange and collaboration.

Make valuable connections

We have strong links and collaborations with leaders in business, government and the voluntary sector, both locally and globally. This means you’ll benefit from mentoring relationships and networks, and from our international partnerships with other graduate schools.

Our vibrant postgraduate community

The Graduate School is a core part of the postgraduate student experience at Queen’s; it’s a community where students from all cultures and all disciplines come together to connect and socialise, to develop their personal, professional and academic skills, and to be supported by one another and by our team.

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These five pillars guide your journey through The Graduate School. They will form the basis of the development of your knowledge base and key competencies, allowing you to test your ideas and communicate them to your audience with impact.

OUR PILLARS

FUTURE-READY

Confident

Resilient

Employer-focused

Networked

LEADER

Visionary

Strategic

Self-aware

Collaborative

COMMUNICATOR

Academic writers

Publicly engaged

Socially networked

Professional presenters

INNOVATOR

Creative

Business aware

Risk manager

Insight driven

THINKER

Reflective

Critical

Flexible

Disruptive

OUR TAILORED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

FUTURE READY PROGRAMME FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

Our Future Ready programme provides postgraduate research students with employability and careers support and prepares them to put their best foot forward in the job market. By completing all 12 workshops on the programme, students are eligible for the Researcher Plus award.

MASTER YOUR LEADERSHIP

Master Your Leadership takes a ‘whole person’ approach to the Postgraduate Taught (student Master’s level) experience through a programme of training and development which complements disciplinary excellence and develops employability skills.

THE INNOVATION HUB

We are committed to encouraging and supporting innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise. From Design Thinking, harnessing the collective expertise of students to collaborative solutions, to individual one-to-one business mentoring support for students who have ideas they want to grow into a business, we deliver a wide range of creative support in our hub.

CMI

The Graduate School offers postgraduate students the opportunity to participate in a Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Leadership and Management accredited by CMI (Chartered Management Institute), at a reduced course fee of £995. This programme is available to Master’s and PhD students from all disciplinary backgrounds, and a number of scholarships are available each year. This programme is designed to enhance and improve leadership and management skills in preparation for the workplace and will help you to develop practical leadership skills as well as theoretical understanding. You can choose to study 2 of the 3 module options available: Strategic Leadership; Project Management; and Entrepreneurial Practice.

Queen’s is the first university in the UK to offer this programme as a stand-alone qualification for postgraduate students.
YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Graduate School is a community of creative thinkers and world changers, tackling global challenges, searching for solutions for a better tomorrow.

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD
High-quality, transdisciplinary training and development will make you stand out in a fast-paced, changing global job market. We’ll help you become future leaders by letting you apply your knowledge to real-world challenges, giving you the confidence and skills to gain an edge in your career.

POSTGRADUATE CAREERS EVENTS
Develop readiness for the future and manage your own career, whether in academia or beyond. As well as central career and employer events, we offer career development programmes to support you as you embark on your next steps.

GRADUATE PLUS AWARD (POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT)
Queen’s Graduate Plus award is a vehicle for accrediting work-related learning and skills that current postgraduate Taught students develop through extra-curricular activities, including the range of skills development workshops offered by The Graduate School. The Graduate Plus is a specific award for Master’s students and is recognised by a range of employers.

RESEARCHER PLUS AWARD (POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH)
As well as developing research expertise in your subject discipline, postgraduate Research students have opportunities to develop a range of skills transferable beyond research degrees to both academic and non-academic careers. Researcher Plus provides official recognition of skills and assists researchers in demonstrating them to employers.

BUILDING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS
The Graduate School supports partnerships between postgraduates, local businesses, enterprises and research stakeholders. There is a range of bespoke networking, employer and community challenges to help postgraduates realise their research impact and to contribute in a practical way to shaping a better world.

WE INVEST IN YOUR IDEAS
The Graduate School offers funding to assist postgraduate students in organising academic events and cultural interventions which work to bring together the wider communities within both postgraduate Taught and Research student bodies at Queen’s. Develop your leadership, communication and project management skills by managing events and budgets through first-hand experience.

Visit our online Course Finder qub.ac.uk/courses

WITH YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY

One-to-one careers and enterprise guidance
Career events and employer fairs
Academic skills development
Peer mentoring support
Graduate and Researcher Plus awards
Postgraduate-led initiatives funding
Community events and social gatherings
Space for group working and silent study
High-quality, transdisciplinary training and development that will make you stand out.
NEW CENTRES OF LEARNING
Over the past decade Queen’s has invested £350m in developing our world-class, award-winning facilities. The recently expanded Computer Science Building features a new flexible postgraduate computer laboratory, project spaces, breakout rooms, and a student hub spanning three floors. Our investment in state-of-the-art postgraduate teaching and research facilities also includes a new School of Biological Sciences, the new interdisciplinary Institute for Experimental Medicine, Riddel Hall, the Wellcome-Wolfson a growing Management School at a pioneering Moot Court Room), the School of Law building (featuring library resources also with any queries you have. Our library resources have a 91% satisfaction rate in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2019, establishing Queen’s among the best UK universities in these categories.

LANGUAGE CENTRE
Acquire skills in a foreign language and improve your career prospects through our advanced multimedia facilities. Undertake short courses, or more intensive courses to enhance your career. The centre has classes in 17 languages and self-study courses in more than 80 languages. Translation services are also available, along with a large library of resources including books, tapes, dictionaries and DVDs.

QUEEN’S SPORT
There is a thriving sports culture at Queen’s with over 50 sports clubs. The Physical Education Centre (PEC) includes state-of-the-art fitness training and weights areas, four studios, 25m swimming and diving pool, two multipurpose sports halls, a martial arts area, two climbing walls, eight squash courts and two handball courts.

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES
We are a beacon of learning and innovation, investing in the future, providing outstanding facilities for our exceptional students and staff.

FACILITIES
£350m INVESTED IN THE LAST DECADE FOR FACILITIES

THE MCLLACY LIBRARY
We’ve invested over £50m in the McClay Library, combining the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology. The newly extended facilities support reading spaces for over 2,500 students, together with computing and media services, IT training rooms, quiet study and group work areas, a cafe, a Language Centre, and a vast array of printed works.

WI-FI AND TECHNOLOGY
The Wireless Campus Project is a £1.93m investment programme providing a world-class service of connectivity across the University, through more than 2,000 access points. It enables you to have anytime, anywhere access to the resources you need. Our library resources have a 91% satisfaction rate in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2019, establishing Queen’s among the best UK universities in these categories.

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ARTS AT QUEEN’S
The award-winning Naughton Gallery is one of Belfast’s most exciting art spaces.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
Queen’s has a network of support services to look after your health, wellbeing, education, study needs, financial security and career prospects.

STUDENT GUIDANCE CENTRE (SGC)
The SGC offers information, supports, advice and guidance including:
- Careers Service
- Residence, Wellbeing and Counselling
- Disability Services
- Student Finance
- International Student Support
- Learning Development Service
- Student Administration

IT TRAINING AND SUPPORT
We provide an introduction to our virtual learning and email services, and IT advice and support.

CAREERS, EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS
Develop and achieve your career potential, connecting students with employers, careers guidance, information, development, programmes, work (local and international) and study opportunities.

Find out more at go.qub.ac.uk/careers

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Queen’s supports international students throughout their time here, with specialist visa and immigration advice, and welcome and orientation programmes.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
School and exam support, accommodation requirements and assistance with applications for Disabled Students’ Allowance.

STUDENTS’ UNION ADVICE CENTRE
Free, confidential, independent, accurate and non-judgemental advice and representation on issues like money, education, accommodation, course funding, and health and wellbeing.

CAREER A range of childcare support, including full-time daycare, out-of-school care and a summer activities scheme.

FAITH PROVISION
Our chaplains and religious representatives serve across 12 faiths and denominations.

HEALTH
Healthcare and prescriptions are free in Northern Ireland, and through the NHS. If you need to see a doctor or order a prescription, this General Practice provides NHS (and non-NHS) services for Queen’s students.

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A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

The world is coming to Northern Ireland to live, work and learn.

OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Queen’s ranked 21st in the world for its professional outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021).

We currently have over 3,000 international students from over 80 countries. We have more than 650 international staff from over 70 nationalities.

We have international links with over 250 partner institutions and we collaborate with 3,000 local, national and international employers. These links will help you develop your skills and make an impact on the world.

Our partnerships are worldwide – with institutions like Dubai Healthcare City, where we have helped to develop the Mohammed Bin Rashid University for Medicine and Health Sciences; or with China Medical University in Shenyang, establishing the China Queen’s College, where Chinese students are studying in their home country for a degree from Queen’s University Belfast.

At Queen’s you will receive an outstanding international experience to help you compete in the global job market – to be a success wherever in the world your career may take you.

THE EXCITING QUEEN’S QUARTER

This is one of the most culturally diverse and cosmopolitan corners of Northern Ireland. Within 10 minutes of our main campus, there are restaurants for all tastes and traditions, side by side with halal grocers and international supermarkets, as well as local shops and entertainment venues.

Throughout the year, there are significant multicultural events for all our students, marking key dates such as the Chinese New Year, Eid and Diwali.

“Queen’s is a great academic resource and a unique, human environment that motivated me to achieve, and engage with world-class academics.”

Claire Zhao, PhD Doctoral student

INTO QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

PREPARING THE PATH TO SUCCESSFUL STUDY

INTO Queen’s University Belfast provides a range of specialist academic programmes in Finance, Management, Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Architecture, Engineering and Science, as well as English language courses, to prepare international students for future study at Queen’s.

Located on the Queen’s campus, INTO Queen’s students have access to all Queen’s facilities and are taught to the highest standards by experienced, qualified teaching staff. Students can also avail of excellent support services from the INTO Student Services team, dedicated to helping support students during their studies.

Visit: qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Applying/University-Preparation-Courses

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

This course provides students with short and intensive preparation in academic English. It’s suitable for those students already holding an offer for a postgraduate degree at Queen’s, conditional on obtaining the required English language level.

Course Features

- Designed to improve your English language skills to the level required
- Adjust to the demands, challenges and expectations of UK higher education
- How to give presentations on different areas of academic interest
- Adapting to living and studying in the UK prior to beginning studies

Find out full details of the courses available by visiting go.qub.ac.uk/INTOpre-sessional-english

DYNAMIC STUDENT LIFE

Student life at Queen’s is dynamic and challenging. We examine ideas about the world and tackle global issues through interdisciplinary thinking.

Our Graduate School provides an environment that encourages student-led initiatives. It is an interactive and international microclimate where you can engage with fellow students and academics as equals.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Whatever the query or problem, no matter how big or small, the support team will do their best to help you by exploring options, providing information and making you aware of sources of support.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The International Student Support team support international students when they arrive in the UK. They offer specialist visa and immigration advice, orientation programmes and a ‘welcome’ service – including tours of the campus facilities and the city of Belfast. They can also advise on adjusting to academic study and life in university accommodation, or answer queries on living expenses and local immigration requirements.

Find out more at qub.ac.uk/isso

ASK US ANYTHING

Our International Student Support team will be delighted to hear from you. Get in touch at iss@qub.ac.uk

THE GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Designed to provide international students who do not qualify for direct entry to the University with a selected postgraduate programme at Queen’s University Belfast.

There are two intakes for students, September and January, with three Graduate Diploma pathways available:

- Graduate Diploma in Finance
- Graduate Diploma in Management
- Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma programme and meet the specific grades for entry will be guaranteed entry to a designated postgraduate degree programme at Queen’s University Belfast.

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RESEARCH WITH GLOBAL IMPACT

We’re answering the big questions and we’re doing it here in Belfast.

OUR LEADING POSTGRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL COMMUNITY

We’re committed to an environment where ideas and innovation flourish, where students and researchers develop their talents and fulfill their ambitions. Flagship programmes and researchers across disciplines address the biggest global challenges of our time. How do we tackle cancer? How do we help societies recovering from conflict? How to stay secure in the information explosion?

DRIVING CLEAN TRANSPORT

Queen’s has been at the forefront of developing new clean transport solutions over the last 20 years. Through industrial partnerships across the automotive sector, the University has led innovations in new heavy duty electrified powertrains, after-treatment technologies and innovative turbocharger design. Queen’s has also focused on the opportunities for bio-fuel and hydrogen adoption in future transport systems.

A NEW STREAM OF TALENT

Seagate Technology, one of the world’s largest manufacturers of hard disk drives, collaborated with Queen’s to set up ANSIN, a new research centre at the School of Mathematics and Physics. It has become a source of highly educated and employable PhD students in Science and Technology. It has also led to the establishment of an £8m Centre for Doctoral Training, supported by Seagate and other industry partners.

DUBAI HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

Queen’s is partnered with Dubai Healthcare City, the world’s largest healthcare free-trade zone, to develop the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences and its College of Medicine. It is a long-term partnership and collaboration to address the healthcare education, training and research needs of Dubai and other regional communities.

FROM RESEARCH TO ENTERPRISE

Every day our talented researchers work on new ideas and new concepts, making exciting discoveries to advance our global society. QUBIS, our venture spin-out arm, translates this into impact. QUBIS companies have an annual turnover of £215m and sustain 1,800 high-value jobs in Northern Ireland. These companies include Andor Technology, developer of scientific cameras, and Kainos, the digital technology company. Both are now highly successful global enterprises.
GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

Working to ensure a healthy global population that’s digitally secure, socially enriched and disease-free.

THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Queen’s University was rated No 1 in the UK for Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Sciences in the most recent REF assessment of research intensity (2014). Since then, the Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) has been engaged in specialist research around the integrity and sustainability of food systems across the world, from soil to society. Led by Professor Nigel Scollan, an expert in animal agriculture, the Institute’s work is guided by three main themes – the development of Future farming and food systems; food safety and traceability; and human nutrition.

Currently it is leading one of the world’s largest food-safety projects, a Europe-China partnership to tackle food fraud, through an award of €10m by the EU Horizon 2020 programme. The relationships between food, nutrition and health is a large area of research in IGFS. Its many international partnerships include membership of EIT Food, a knowledge and innovation community involving 50 plus companies, universities and scientific partners across the world. The IGFS is positioned within a new, purpose-built £40m Biological Sciences building at Queen’s, which provides teaching/research facilities for 750 students and 250 staff. This building also houses some of the most specialist lab equipment of any UK university including advanced mass spectrometry kit, used by the IGFS researchers to underpin and advance knowledge to help provide solutions to major challenges in our food system.

In 2013, The IGFS has gained an international reputation in several areas of food integrity, including uncovering high levels of natural, toxic arsenic in rice, the staple diet of half the world’s population; and evidencing a link between certain diets and brain function in middle age.

The Institute for Global Food Security, tackling one of the greatest global challenges - a safe and nutritious supply of food for the world’s population.

THE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

The Institute for Health Sciences at Queen’s University is focused on addressing major global challenges in the areas of cancer, respiratory conditions, eye disease and diabetic vascular complications and antimicrobial resistance. The Institute promotes interdisciplinary research in each of these areas through integration of basic scientific and population-based research, translational platforms and delivery of innovative clinical trials and clinical research.

The Institute has three operational divisions: The Patrick G Johnston Centre for Cancer Research, the Centre for Public Health Sciences, and the Centre for Experimental Medicine (WWEI). The state-of-the-art facilities developed at the Institute are part of an investment of over €100m over the past decade in laboratory and clinical research infrastructure.

The Patrick G. Johnston Centre for Cancer Research focuses on accelerating the delivery of scientific discovery to clinical application, working through global networks to develop cancer treatments and pioneering advances in patient care. Major programmatic awards in colorectal and prostate cancer, digital and molecular pathology underpin the focus on Precision Medicine. Recent advances include the discovery of the genomics approach to understanding bowel cancer, a core strategy to fast track our discoveries into the clinical use.

Together the three divisions are developing advanced technologies and facilities to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and competitive research programmes in partnership with the health and social care sector, academia, the biotech and pharmaceutical industries.

The Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, housed in 50 research groups focusing on translating blue-sky discovery science to solve global health problems of the lung (asthma and cystic fibrosis), the eye (diabetic retinopathy), the heart (vascular dysfunction), and infectious pandemic.

We are globally recognised by our research on microbes resistant to all antibiotics, and we have embarked on a programme to find new treatments for COVID-19. The Institute embraces the work in humans as a core strategy to fast track our discoveries into the clinical use.

The Centre for Public Health is working to understand the causes of the major local and global health problems today from screening programmes to reducing the burden of chronic disease. Recent research from the Wellcome Funded World Health Organisation (Europe) guidance on green space interventions for health.

Professor Jose Bengoechea, Centre Director, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine.

Professor Jayne Woods, Centre for Public Health and the Institute for Global Food Security.

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The Centre for Health Sciences

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THE SENATOR GEORGE J. MITCHELL INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL PEACE, SECURITY AND JUSTICE

Questions about peace, security and justice dominate the discourse of governments, international agencies and civil society. As it emerges from conflict, Northern Ireland can help to answer these questions through the work of the Mitchell Institute.

Senator George J. Mitchell was a major influence in bringing peace to Northern Ireland (and was a Queen’s Chancellor). The Institute’s role is to respond to the unprecedented challenge of building a peaceful, secure and inclusive world.

It brings together the University’s unparalleled expertise, linking peace-making with social transformation and pointing out the need for governance reform of state institutions alongside cultural and social processes for healing in society. There is an emphasis on multidisciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, with international researchers from fields as diverse as Politics, History, Mental Health, Management and Planning working together. This collaborative research also includes a shared grant with the Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) looking at cyber security and issues of trust, privacy and ethics.

The Institute’s key research themes include:

• How do peace processes become a part of everyday life?
• How to embed international human rights norms into local cultures?
• How do we secure ‘just’ and ethical responses to a range of security risks?
• How do values and beliefs in different cultures shape approaches to peace-building?

An £800,000 award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council is examining the role of sound, narrative, music-making and digital media in conflict transformation.

go.qub.ac.uk/gri-mitchell

THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ECIT)

ECIT is transforming Northern Ireland into a world-leading centre for enterprise and innovation. It is based at Catalyst – formerly the Northern Ireland Science Park – where it became the anchor tenant in 2004.

Our world has become increasingly digitised. But with this digital growth, new challenges arise: how to process, transmit and secure large volumes of information and how to accelerate the global adoption of technical innovations for greatest economic impact.

ECIT is answering these questions by developing next-generation technologies under the research theme of secure connected intelligence.

The Institute has three pillars:

• The Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) – the UK’s Innovation and Knowledge Centre for cyber security, responsible for delivering some of the nation’s flagship cyber security innovation programmes such as HutZero, Cyber 101 and London Office of Rapid Cybersecurity Advancement (LORCA).
• The Centre for Wireless Innovation (CWI) – Developing underpinning technologies for mobile, medical and space. CWI is ranked 28th in the 2019 Shanghai Ranking’s Global Ranking of Academic Subjects for telecoms engineering / wireless communications (2nd in the UK and 5th in Europe).
• The Centre for Data Sciences and Scalable Computing - Developing systems for the data-driven society.

ECIT’s continued success:

• The award of a Queen’s Anniversary Prize to CSIT for its work in protecting the online activity of billions of internet users
• The granting of a Regius Professorship to Queen’s Professor Máire O’Neill appointed to the UK AI Council
• At CSIT, multinational partners include Allstate, BAE Systems, eBay, Seagate, First Derivatives and Thales. It is the UK’s largest academic research and innovation centre in cyber security and one of the largest in Europe. It has been recognised as an ‘Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research’ by the UK’s NCSC since 2012.

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We are working to help peace-building in conflict and post-conflict societies, informing and advising some of the highest level diplomatic decision making and policy-makers, politicians and activists throughout the world.

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A place that has produced poets, scientists, historians, musicians, engineers, writers, leaders of society... We’re building on a rich heritage of culture and creativity, supporting new generations of thinkers and innovators who will make their mark in the world. People like you.

This is a place of rugged, natural beauty, where every day there’s something new to discover. Breathtaking landscapes, lakes and forests. A dramatic coastline. Exciting cities. And the friends you haven’t met yet.

Belfast and the Causeway Coast named the Number 1 region in the world to visit in 2018 (Lonely Planet, 2017)
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 (Belfast and the Causeway Coast named No.1 region in the world to visit in 2018). From golden beaches to lush forests, as a postgraduate student in Belfast, the region’s most breathtaking landscapes are right on your doorstep.

Outdoor Adventure
You’re never more than a short distance away from a beach, a hillside, a river, or a landmark to our history. Take an exciting road trip along the twisting, turning North Coast. See the Giant’s Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, plunge into the Atlantic surf near Royal Portrush Golf Club where The Open was held in 2019, or steel your nerves to cross the famous Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. And all in one day.

Sweeping to the Sea
Our tallest peak, Slieve Donard, dominates the Mourne Mountains, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and the inspiration for CS Lewis’ magical world of Narnia. Soak up the rich culture, heritage and mythology of the region, and enjoy sweeping views down to the sea as you scale the fantastical soaring mountains in search of Aslan.

Game of Thrones
The most popular TV series in the world was filmed throughout Northern Ireland and at the Titanic studios in Belfast. Tour the real locations – both spectacular and mysterious, such as the Dark Hedges – that have helped to create the legend and have fuelled the growth of our local film industry.

Gateway to Europe
Uniquely and perfectly positioned within easy reach of the Republic of Ireland, the rest of the UK and mainland Europe, this is the perfect UK student destination for exploration and adventure. It’s a short hop from Belfast to other UK major cities, less than a couple of hours to Paris, while Dublin is just 100 miles down the road.
You’re going to like it here. So make yourself at home. Belfast is a modern capital city, welcoming, easy to get around and an inexpensive place in which to live and study. It is also a learning city. It has a passion for progress – a passion shared by Queen’s University.

As Belfast flourishes as a global food, culture, arts and shopping destination, Queen’s is on the pulse of the city’s social and economic heart, sharing a commitment to excellence, innovation and prosperity.
INNOVATION AT ITS HEART
Belfast has a long and proud history of industry and innovation, from ship building to linen manufacturing. In the 18th century, Belfast had a strong pro-abolition and anti-slavery movement ahead of most UK cities. The Good Friday Agreement of 2018 pointed to Northern Ireland as a global role model for peace and Northern Ireland happiest place to live in the UK, (Lloyds Bank Happiness Index 2020).
Technological advances infiltrate every sector, helping to build our competitiveness on the global stage. In fact, Belfast is Europe’s leading FDI destination for new software development by job creation (fDi Markets FT 2020) 2014-2020.

HOME TO THE WORLD’S BIGGEST COMPANIES
Today, Belfast is an inward magnet for investment. The number of international businesses operating in Northern Ireland has risen by 61 per cent (Source: NISRA - Inter Departmental Business Register 2020). Its young, dynamic population is a thriving business community with a determination to succeed and is ranked as the world’s most business friendly small-medium sized city (Financial Times’ fDI Intelligence, 2018).
The prevalence of venture capitalists, business angels and private investors mean that young, high potential companies are booming in the city.
There are almost 1,100 international companies located in Northern Ireland, employing nearly 100,000 people, and Belfast is the second most successful city in the UK (after London) for attracting US trade. Belfast is also one of Europe’s top 10 small cities for Foreign Direct Investment strategy (Financial Times, fDI European Cities of the Future, 2018).
The Titanic Quarter has become an economic and technological powerhouse, hosting global companies such as Citi, Microsoft, IBM and HBO. Catalyst, formerly the NI Science Park, houses 200 companies which are spearheading tech innovation. It is also the home of Queen’s globally-renowned Centre for Secure Information Technologies which has helped to create 1,100 new jobs in cyber security in Belfast over the past three years.

A LOW COST OF LIVING
Northern Ireland has the lowest student cost of living in the UK. In fact, it’s over £3,000 per year cheaper for students to live in Northern Ireland compared to London (Which? University, 2018). At an average of £90 per week, Belfast was found to have the cheapest weekly rent compared to anywhere else in the UK in 2018 (Marbles.com). The average student’s cinema ticket costs £4.95 and just £4 in Queen’s Film Theatre – less than half the price of London.

GETTING AROUND
Belfast is a compact city, best explored by foot or by bicycle. The city’s popular Belfast Bikes scheme has cycle racks located all over the city. There are good bus and train services, with student travel discounts widely available.

A CITY OF CULTURE
Beautiful architecture, art galleries and museums, such as the Ulster and Titanic Museums, shape the city’s unique character. There’s a thriving music and arts scene in a modern cultural landscape of cool gig venues, popup theatres and urban festivals.
Queen’s University is at the heart of a city of artists, poets, writers and musicians celebrated in the Cathedral Quarter, with its busy restaurants, pubs and arts venues, such as The MAC and the Black Box. The energy of the city is tangible in the legendary nightclubs, artisan cafes, cloth-cap bars and cobbled streets, where street art, street food and street markets deliver a colourful punch at every turn.

Northern Ireland, Lowest Cost of Living in the UK (Which? University, 2018)
CONTEMPORARY APARTMENTS TAILORED TO POSTGRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our purpose-built postgraduate accommodation, Willow Walk, offers a mix of studio, one, two, three, and four-bedroom apartments, each with a modern contemporary design. Apartments are light and spacious, and each study bedroom has a double bed and shared bathroom facilities.

OPTIONS TO SUIT ALL BUDGETS AND LIFESTYLES

By choosing Queen’s Accommodation, students benefit from the advantages of the University managing and supporting their living needs. This includes a residential life programme with over 400 annual events, pastoral care, 24/7 safety and security team, as well as regular maintenance.

For more independent living, Queen’s Houses offer postgraduate students all-important flexibility. Mount Charles is located just off Botanic Avenue, two minutes from the main campus and right in the heart of one of Belfast’s most vibrant areas.

ROOM TYPES AND COSTS

Mount Charles and all Queen’s Houses have a number of room options including twin, standard and premium standard for you to choose from. As a guide, our accommodation prices in 2020/21 ranged from £75* per week if sharing a twin room and up to £175* for an exclusive one-bedroom apartment in Willow Walk. This makes us one of the cheapest places to stay in Belfast. For your convenience we also have a variety of payment plans to help you decide which best suits your situation.

ADDED EXTRAS INCLUDED IN YOUR RENT

Our all-inclusive residential fees include rent, all utility bills (electricity, heating and hot water), free off-peak membership of Queen’s Sport, contents insurance, maintenance repairs, TV licence for communal areas, weekly clean of communal areas and high-speed broadband with high speed Wi-Fi throughout all accommodation.

Our Residential Life Coordinators also offer support, help and guidance on settling into student life in Belfast.

COUPLES AND FAMILIES

We have a wide range of accommodation options for students travelling with family members or dependants. Please contact us to discuss.

OPTIONS SUMMARY:

• Single or mixed gender accommodation
• Residences suitable for couples, families and dependants
• Private or shared bathrooms
• Studio, one-six bedroom apartments
• Twin, standard, premium standard and en suite room options

*prices are based on 2020-21 Academic Year.

Studying in Belfast is a fantastic experience. It’s even better when you know you’re living somewhere safe, comfortable and affordable.

A SAFE, FRIENDLY PLACE TO LIVE – GUARANTEED!

All our postgraduate students are guaranteed a place at Queen’s Accommodation. We offer a range of campus and city-based accommodation that includes an investment of £72m in the last two years. You’ll find it’s some of the best value student accommodation anywhere in the UK, as well as being located within easy walking distance of the University.

ELMS BT1 AND ELMS BT2

• City centre locations, opened September 2018.
• 1,200 bed spaces, just a 15-minute walk from Queen’s main campus.
• Frequent Metro links and secure bike stores in a location close to Belfast Bikes and public cycle rental points.
• Short walk to city retail areas and the vibrant social scene, with cafes and restaurants on your doorstep.
• In a compact city that is easy and safe to explore.
ACCOMMODATION IS GUARANTEED FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Postgraduate students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation for at least their first year at Queen’s. You should submit an application as soon as you can in order to secure one of your preferred room options.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

Register online and complete an application form as soon as you have received a conditional or unconditional 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.

PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION

Private rent in Belfast is lower than in other UK cities and there is plenty of accommodation in the Queen’s Quarter, within a 10-minute walk of the campus.

The website nihestudentpad.co.uk is recommended by the Students’ Union to help students search for private rental accommodation.

To assess the location of private sector accommodation in relation to the University, you can enter the University postcode (BT7 1NN) into an online map search.

ROOM OPTIONS AND SUMMARY

ELMS BT1 AND BT2

City centre, close to city retail areas, cafes and restaurants
Single en suite bedrooms in three-six bed apartments and studios
15-minute walk to campus
Less than five minutes from city centre
From £124pw*
Opened September 2018

QUEEN’S HOUSES

76 Malone Road, College Gardens, Mount Charles
In the heart of Belfast’s most ethnically-diverse and culturally-rich areas
Twin rooms, standard rooms and en suite rooms
5-10 minutes walk to campus
10-20 minutes walk to city centre
From £75pw*
Best for independent living

GRANT HOUSE

Standard premium rooms
10-minute walk to campus
20 minute walk to City Centre
From £110pw*
No-alcohol accommodation

WILLOW WALK

Studios, one to four bed apartments and two-bed premium apartments (family apartments available)
Enclosed development, on the perimeter of Elms BT9
Purpose-built, ideal for international and postgraduate students
15-minute walk to campus
25-minute walk to city centre
From £125pw*
Safe and welcoming!

*prices are based on 2020-21 Academic Year.
Detailed entry requirements and further information on individual programmes is available on the University’s online Course Finder at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder
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Applications for admission to the majority of postgraduate programmes are submitted online via the Postgraduate Applications Portal (go.qub.ac.uk/PPAPPLY). The online system also allows application for funding where appropriate.

The following programmes have separate application procedures, so please refer to the appropriate School/Institute web page:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (Institute of Professional Legal Studies: qub.ac.uk/ipls)
- Doctorate in Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology (School of Psychology: go.qub.ac.uk/applyDECAP)

A step-by-step guide on the application and admissions process is available at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder. For full details of application closing dates (go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder).

WHEN TO APPLY

Where a closing date does not apply, applicants need to allow sufficient time to obtain a student entry visa. Early application is also recommended, as, for a number of our courses, arrangements may have to be made for interviews. In addition, international applicants need to allow sufficient time to obtain a student entry visa. There is no standard closing date for postgraduate research programmes however you should check the website of the School/Institute in which you hope to conduct your research for information on deadline dates (and eligibility requirements) for postgraduate funding applications. This will also determine when your application for a place should be submitted.

Closing dates apply for admission to the following postgraduate programmes:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies
- Professional Doctorates in Psychology
- MA Global Security and Borders
- PGT courses within the School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work

Please check our online Course Finder for full details of application closing dates (go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder).

ACCEPTABILITY OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

For admission, an Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required. Professional qualifications and/or experience may be considered in combination with academic qualifications for entry to some programmes.

Only qualifications that have been awarded by accredited Higher Education Providers, or recognised by the University, will be accepted. If you are an international student with a query about the acceptability of your academic qualifications, you should refer to the ‘Your Country’ section of the University’s website (go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry) for advice on comparability with UK qualifications. A guide to the general entry requirements for postgraduate taught programmes, expressed in terms of UK Honours degree classifications, is provided in each subject section within this Prospectus. Detailed entry requirements and further information on individual programmes are available on the University’s online Course Finder at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

The University operates a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) scheme which recognises relevant prior learning for admission and/or credit purposes.

For some programmes, admission under Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be permitted and, if applicable, this will be indicated under the individual programme entry in the online Course Finder. Please visit go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy for the University’s B&I Policy and information on application procedures.

YOUR APPLICATION IN SEVEN EASY STEPS

1. Fill in your online application form with your chosen course and university here: https://apply.intostudy.com/to/university/queens-university-belfast

2. You’ll receive a confirmation email to let you know that we’ve received your application.

3. You’ll receive a reply from one of our enrolment services teams within two working days.

4. You’ll be asked to provide the following supporting documents:
   - an English language certificate, eg IELTS
   - a copy of your passport
   - a copy of your latest academic transcript (or mid-term report if you are still studying)

5. You’ll receive an offer letter, with information on tuition fees and accommodation deposit.

6. Once you have paid your fees, we’ll send you the documents you need to apply for your visa.

7. Apply for a visa. If you have any questions about your visa, please get in touch - our support team are happy to help!

INTO Queen’s University Belfast

INTO has helped many thousands of international students to study abroad and achieve their academic ambitions. We believe no one does it better. APPLY NOW FOR 2021 START DATES

The application process to study with INTO Queen’s is simple, here’s how it works:

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
If your first language is not English, evidence of an acceptable level of proficiency will be required. In addition, applicants who are non-UK/Irish nationals must satisfy the UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes. This evidence should be in the form of a Secure English Language Test (SELT), normally the IELTS for UKVI Academic test, or another English language qualification acceptable to the University which examines all four elements of language learning – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

Within this Prospectus, the English language requirement for entry to each postgraduate taught and research programme is expressed in terms of IELTS Academic test scores. The IELTS Academic scores listed are the minimum overall score requirements. For each individual test component, the minimum score required is normally 5.5, however for some programmes the component scores necessary may be higher. Please refer to the University’s online Course Finder for individual programme requirements at go.qub.ac.uk/coursefinder. For details of other English language qualifications which may be accepted by the University please visit go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs.

If you need any advice about disclosing a disability, or the arrangements which we can make, please contact:
Disability Services
T: +44 (0)28 9097 5250
E: disability.office@qub.ac.uk

VISA AND IMMIGRATION
Visa and Immigration requirements can sometimes seem intimidating. Queen’s provides a high-level of support and advice on UK student visas directly for you. Working within Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner’s code of standards (OISC), the International Student Support office is here to help you make a smooth transition from your home country to life in Belfast.

For information on visa requirements and on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number, please see: go.qub.ac.uk/intvisa

Further information is also available at: go.qub.ac.uk/browse/visas-immigration

APPLICANTS WITH A DISABILITY OR LONG-TERM CONDITION
If you have declared a disability or long-term condition at the time of application and you receive an offer, you will be directed to a questionnaire, which you should complete and submit to the Disability Services unit.

The information you provide will be treated as sensitive and kept strictly confidential. It will only be used to plan for your individual support requirements, ensuring that your transition to Queen’s is as smooth as possible (see also page 11).

APPLICANTS WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD
It is the policy of the University to consider applications for admission on their individual merit in the light of all available information. The primary selection criteria are those related to the qualifications, skills, abilities and personal qualities of an applicant. The University will investigate the criminal record of a new applicant only if the primary selection criteria for a course have been met and if it is a requirement of the programme that this information is sought. The University acknowledges the key role of education in the rehabilitative process and a criminal record will not debar an applicant unless the nature and seriousness of the offence in question is incompatible with:
• the course applied for
• the ultimate professional or vocational goal
• participation in an academic and social setting and the University’s responsibility to ensure a safe and neutral environment.

Regulations concerning admission of applicants who have a criminal record are available at go.qub.ac.uk/PGAdmissionsPolicy

ADMISSIONS APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE
If you consider that your application has not been dealt with fairly, you should contact the Admissions and Access Service in the first instance.

REGISTRATION
If you are accepted for a programme of study, you must provide original documentary proof of your academic qualifications, eg. degree award certificate (and English language qualifications and/or certified English translations where appropriate). You will also need to bring photographic identification (Current UK/EU passport, EU National Identity Card or Driving License issued in the UK or Ireland) with you to registration. Please note that scans/copies/photographs will not be accepted. International students will be required to provide passport and visa information. Details of arrangements for enrolment and registration will be provided in your Welcome Guide.

Find out more go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply
The tuition fees for EU students starting courses at UK universities following the agreed transition period are required to pay will depend on what is agreed as part of the UK’s exit negotiations. Please refer to qub.ac.uk/brexit-advice/information-for-students.

It is however expected that there will be a specific arrangements put in place for RoI nationals living in the UK and Ireland and those with pre-settled and settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

In addition to the exceptions noted, different fees may be agreed for certain courses. The tuition fee exceptions noted in the table above are for 2020-21 as the tuition fees for 2021-22 had not been set at the time of publication.

The standard tuition fee for postgraduate taught students is available on page 39.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

The standard tuition fee for postgraduate research students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or the rest of the European Union are detailed below.

The standard tuition fee for postgraduate taught students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or the rest of the European Union, for 2021-22, had not been set at the time of publication. These noted in the table above are for 2020-21 as the tuition fees for 2021-22 had not been set at the time of publication.

Taught: £6,900

European Union are detailed below.

Taught: £6,900

Please also see qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees for updates on all tuition fees.

TUITION FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

A number of options are available to pay tuition fees. Students can either:

• Sign up to a Direct Debit and make a minimum 25 per cent payment at enrolment, followed by three further bi-monthly payments in November, January and March.

• Pay the full tuition fee on enrolment.

• Provide evidence that a sponsor will pay fees on their behalf.

• Apply to the Student Loans Company for a postgraduate tuition fee loan.

Please see qub.ac.uk/Study/FeesandFinance/pay-tuition-fees

Other costs

For some courses, students are required to purchase instruments, equipment or attend field courses, the cost of which is additional to tuition fees. Information on additional course costs is available at qub.ac.uk/courses.

INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEES

The payment of deposits for one year postgraduate taught courses is mandatory for international students. Details will be communicated by the Admissions and Access Service.

If the student’s visa application is successful, but the student chooses not to accept his/her place at the University, the deposit will not be refunded.

The standard tuition fees for international postgraduate students, commencing a course in 2021-22, are as follows: (FR = Fee Rate)

INTERNATIONAL TAUGHT

FR1 (classroom based courses) £17,700

FR2 (laboratory based courses) £21,400

RESEARCH

FR1 (classroom based courses) £17,460

FR2 (laboratory based courses) £22,000

EXCEPTIONS

MSc Accounting and Finance £21,500

MSc Applied Cyber Security £17,700

MSc Business Analytics £22,000

MSc Economics £20,500

MSc Finance £20,500

MSc Human Resource Management £20,500

MSc International Business £20,500

MSc International Public Policy £20,500

MSc Management £20,500

MSc Marketing £20,500

MSc Psychological Sciences £20,500

MSc Quantitative Finance £22,000

MSc Risk and Investment Management £22,000

MSc Software Development £22,000

Queen’s MBA £25,000

Placement Fee if internship taken

Tuition fees quoted are for study in the academic year 2021-22 only. Tuition fees are subject to annual inflationary increases. Information on how tuition fees are calculated is available at qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

To confirm the fee rate of a particular course, prospective students should contact: Student Helpline: +44 (0)28 9097 3223, email: studentfinance@qub.ac.uk, or refer to: qub.ac.uk/courses for further information.

The options available for paying tuition fees are outlined on page 38.

Please see qub.ac.uk/Study/Feesandfinance/pay-tuition-fees/
FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Applicants are advised to explore fully the funding opportunities for studying in the UK, for example, international students may find funding is available from sources within their own countries. Some closing dates can be a year before commencing studies, so please ensure to apply in good time.

Possible sources of funding are available at go.qub.ac.uk/intlschol. This section is intended to highlight some sources of funding; it is not a comprehensive list of funding sources.

Applying for funding which is available from the University is part of an integrated, online, postgraduate admissions process. An offer of a place at Queen’s does not constitute an offer of financial support.

For 2021 entry, Faculties and Schools in the University will be setting their own deadlines for postgraduate applications for admissions, studentships and scholarships. Applicants who wish to apply for postgraduate funding available from the University for 2021 entry should refer to the relevant Faculty and School websites for information. Further details may be found at go.qub.ac.uk/schools.

For further details, please refer to the expanded eligibility criteria available at the ‘Find out more’ link opposite.

POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEE LOAN FOR STUDENTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND AND EUROPEAN UNION*

A Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan up to the value of £5,500 is currently available towards the cost of tuition fees for a Master’s degree, Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma. The Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan (PG TFL) for postgraduate study is non-repayable and paid directly to the Higher Education Provider. Details at go.qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/FundingandScholarship/postgraduate-loans-northern-ireland.

For full terms and conditions please contact Student Finance NI: T: +44 (0)28 2566 1444 E: StudentFinance-PIQ@qani.org.uk W: studentfinanceni.co.uk

*Terms and Conditions Apply. Arrangements for EU students to be confirmed.

STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND

Postgraduate student loans are available if you’re an English-resident. You may be eligible for a loan of up to £11,222 to study a taught or research Master’s in any subject. Full details are available at gov.uk/postgraduate-loan.

APPLICANTS FROM THE UK AND OTHER EU COUNTRIES

Note: where it states ‘UK residents’, please note that qualifying residency and citizenship/nationality criteria apply.

Arrangements for EU students to be confirmed.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL (AHRC) POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

A number of studentships may be available for research degrees in Arts and Humanities subject areas. Details of the AHRC Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership will be advertised at go.qub.ac.uk/NorthernBridge.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance. Other EEA (including EU) residents: Arrangements to be confirmed*.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIPS

A number of studentships may be available for research in economic and social science subject areas. Details of the ESRC Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership (NERC QUADRAT) will be advertised at go.qub.ac.uk/qub.ac.uk/NINE-DTP.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance. Other EEA (including EU) residents: Arrangements to be confirmed*.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL (NERC) POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

A number of studentships may be available for research degrees to address key themes Environmental Management, Biodiversity and Earth Systems. Details will be advertised at qub.ac.uk/Research/GRI/qub.ac.uk/brexit-advice/information-for-students.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance. Other EEA (including EU) residents: Arrangements to be confirmed*.

*Funding arrangements for EU students starting courses in the UK, universities following the agreed transition period are required to pay will depend on what is agreed as part of the UK’s exit negotiations. Please refer to qub.ac.uk/brexit-advice/information-for-students.
The majority of funding available is for full-time postgraduate research.
YOUR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT JOURNEY TO QUEEN’S

CONSIDER THE COSTS
Our tuition fees are listed from page 38.
For information on postgraduate funding opportunities, visit The Graduate School webpage (go.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school) or the School webpage for which you wish to study (qub.ac.uk/schools).
You may be asked to pay a tuition fee deposit.

CHECK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DATES
Check that you meet, or expect to meet, the academic and, if applicable, English language entry requirements for your course.
Check if a closing date is applicable. Although most of our Postgraduate Taught courses don’t have closing dates, there are some exceptions. (See Page 34).

APPLY
Apply using our online Postgraduate Applications Portal go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply and follow the step-by-step instructions.

GET YOUR DECISION
When we’ve made a decision, we’ll send you an email which will advise you to log on to the Postgraduate Applications Portal to view the decision. You will also receive a letter by email.

CONFORMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDY (CAS)
Receive your unconditional offer letter and confirm through the Direct Application Portal that you intend to take up your place.

FIND YOUR COURSE
When you’ve spotted something you like in this guide, visit our online Course Finder qub.ac.uk/courses for full details.
POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

TAUGHT MASTER’S DEGREES
Master’s degrees are designed to enable students to focus on a particular subject area or field of study in greater depth than they have encountered before in undergraduate study or employment experience. Students on our taught Master’s programmes usually undertake a combination of taught modules, assessment and supervised independent research. Master’s programmes usually involve two semesters of classes and assessed work followed by four or five months of research culminating in a dissertation or project.

Students undertaking a Master’s degree have the opportunity to undergo a programme of training and development which aims to develop their leadership skills. Through the programme, students are able to undertake a 360-degree assessment of their skills and to participate in a range of training sessions and developmental activities, relevant to their needs.

Taught Master’s degrees at Queen’s include:
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Architecture (MArch)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Education (MEd)
- Master of Law (LLM)
- Master’s in Law (MLaw)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Master of Science (MSc)

For admission to a Master’s degree, a Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required. Entrance requirements vary by programme and you should consult the individual programme entries in this guide or the online Course Finder.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES
Postgraduate Diploma courses usually last for nine months, with Postgraduate Certificate courses normally lasting four months. Where offered as a standalone qualification, they are typically structured in the same way as Master’s degrees, without the research dissertation or project, and usually cover some of the same modules as the related Master’s degree. The Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) is a vocational course which lasts for nine months and includes teaching placements.

The University offers postgraduate study for diplomas and certificates in a wide range of subjects. It may be possible for you to transfer registration from a Postgraduate Diploma to a Master’s degree after completion of assessment.

All postgraduate taught students have the opportunity to undertake training in academic skills such as dissertation writing and referencing.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)
Some Postgraduate Taught programmes can be used for Continuing Professional Development. In addition, the University provides some non-credit bearing CPD courses, for example, through the William J Clinton Leadership Institute in Queen’s Management School.
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FIND YOUR PROGRAMME
When you’ve spotted something you like in this guide, visit our online Course Finder at qub.ac.uk/courses for the full details, or explore our individual School webpages to meet our researchers and read their profiles qub.ac.uk/schools

SPEAK TO YOUR SUPERVISOR
If you’re interested in a particular project, we suggest you contact the relevant academic before you apply, to introduce yourself and ask questions.
If you have your own research idea, contact the relevant School to discuss it with us. If you are unsure of who to contact, email our Faculty Hubs* for guidance. You might be asked to provide a short outline of your proposal to help us identify potential supervisors.

CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS
Check that you meet, or expect to meet the academic and, if applicable, English language entry requirements for your programme.
Also bear in mind that if you are applying for funding, there might be an application deadline. So keep an eye to see if your programme has a closing date for applications too. See also page 40.

CONSIDER THE COSTS
Our tuition fees are listed on page 38. For information on postgraduate funding opportunities, visit the Graduate School webpage go.qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/funding or the website of the School for which you wish to conduct your research (qub.ac.uk/schools)

APPLY
Apply using our online Postgraduate Applications Portal go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply and follow the step-by-step instructions.

GET YOUR DECISION
When we’ve made a decision, we’ll send you an email which will advise you to log on to the Postgraduate Applications Portal to view the decision. You will also receive a letter by email.

* Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: askahss@qub.ac.uk
Engineering and Physical Sciences: askeps@qub.ac.uk
Medicine, Health and Life Sciences: askmhls@qub.ac.uk

VISA REQUIREMENTS
Apply for a Student visa using your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number. The University will assign your CAS number through the UKVI system.

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Postgraduate Research

As part of the Russell Group, Queen’s is proud to be one of the UK’s leading research universities, offering postgraduate research opportunities across all fields of study.

A research degree offers you the opportunity to gain in-depth, specialised knowledge in an original research project, guided by a supervisory team, which culminates in the presentation of a thesis which you defend in an oral examination.

During your studies you will also develop research, personal and professional development skills that will support future careers within academia, industry or the public sector.

**PhD/MPhil/MD/MCh**

You will produce a traditional thesis, which has led to extensions or the development of knowledge by others. This is awarded for the successful submission of a portfolio of research works, with a 10,000-word critical analysis, within one year. You may be permitted to carry out some of your research away from Queen’s. You will be expected to submit your published works, with a 10,000-word critical analysis, within one year.

You will be subject to the monitoring requirements.

*To date these initiatives have proven to be very effective in encouraging students to identify their skills requirements and develop their own training. For further information on the Postgraduate Development Programme, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate-development.*

**Postgraduate Development**

**Skills Training and Development**

The development of transferable skills is an integral part of the experience of being a postgraduate research student. The Postgraduate Development Programme, led by the Graduate School, offers you a choice of training courses and development activities aimed at providing you with the skills to complete your higher degree and enhance your employability.

The funding bodies for postgraduates consider the development of these skills as an essential part of training for careers both in academic and non-academic work environments.

**Professional Doctorates**

These are special qualifications available in the area of psychology, which combine taught postgraduate modules with independent research projects located within a profession or practice placement.

**Higher Doctorates**

These are awarded to individuals who have an authoritative standing in their field of study, and seminal publications which have led to extensions or the development of knowledge by others.

**Postgraduate Development Centres**

Queen’s has four outstanding competitive Doctoral Training Centres:

The £11.2m Northern Bridge project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), is part of a national network of Doctoral Training Partnerships which brings together the cutting-edge expertise and exceptional resources of Queen’s, Newcastle University, Durham University and their partners for the training and development of outstanding Arts and Humanities postgraduate researchers.

The new £8.1m Centre for Doctoral Training in Photonic Integration for Advanced Data Storage at Queen’s, in collaboration with the University of Glasgow and funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), will address a skills shortage in the photonics industry and develop new technologies to address the expanding data storage needs of today’s fast-moving digital world.

Queen’s is one of 12 partner universities involved in the AHRC Centre for Doctoral Training in the Celtic Languages. Also involving collaboration with Ulster University, the National Library of Wales and Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the Centre will provide funding for 26 PhD awards across the partnership between 2014 and 2019. The Centre supports doctoral research and training in Celtic languages, literatures and cultures.

The new £1m Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Cybersecurity and Society (LINC3), a collaboration between the Centre for Secure Information Technologies and The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, will provide 30 doctoral students with three-year scholarships over the next seven years, working at the interface between the social sciences and electronic engineering.

You will be expected to submit your thesis at the end of three years of full-time registration for PhD, two years for MPhil/MD and one year for MCh (or part-time equivalent).

**PhD by Published Works**

This is awarded for the successful submission of a portfolio of research that was published prior to you registering on the programme, along with a critical analysis. You must be an academic member of staff at Queen’s, and have been so for a minimum of one year.

Registration is normally on a part-time basis, under the direction of an adviser appointed by the University. You will be expected to submit your published works, with a 10,000-word critical analysis, within one year.

You will be subject to the monitoring requirements.

*For Admission, an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education is acceptable to the University. A research degree normally commences your programme with taught modules and research training options before completing the supervised research project. For Admission, an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required.*

Specific entrance criteria by programme are detailed in the online Course Finder.
All major UK cities are within an hour’s flying time of Belfast.
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