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WELCOME

Thank you for considering joining us at Queen’s University Belfast for your postgraduate studies.

Queen’s is a globally top 200 university, ranked 198 in the world in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 and situated in the heart of one of the liveliest 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, cutting-edge research, innovation, collaboration and engagement.

In many ways, The Graduate School at Queen’s embodies the outstanding quality of the University and delivers much added value to our postgraduate courses.

The beautiful state-of-the-art building reflects our rich history and academic heritage, and also speaks of modernity and a thriving community.

At Queen’s, we want to ensure students are supported and given every opportunity to develop their personal, professional and academic skills and we are proud that we are in the top 170 universities in the world for graduate prospects.*

Strategy 2030 sets out our ambition for the next ten years to shape a better world through life-changing education and research across our disciplines, investing in our people, both students and staff, to ensure excellence and impact.

Through research and knowledge exchange, teaching and learning and educational experts, Queen’s makes a £1.5bn economic contribution to the UK.

Our vision is that of a global research-intensive university, generating internationally leading research coupled with outstanding teaching and learning, focused on the needs of our society, locally and globally.

Our university is ranked 17 in the world for international outlook*** and as part of our new strategy we will build on that success, by identifying and investing in opportunities that promote global mobility for our staff and students, sustainable and relevant research programmes and postgraduate collaborations.

We are delighted that 94 per cent of our current international postgraduate students say that they are satisfied with The Graduate School**** and we believe that as Queen’s postgraduate students, you’ll reap many rewards.

Our Leadership Institute provides executive programmes through its relationships with business experts and our Degree Plus and Researcher Plus initiatives help our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

I do hope you choose Queen’s, where I know you will enjoy 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

* QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022
** London Economics Report
*** Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022
**** International Student Barometer 2020/21
We are a beacon of learning and innovation, investing in the future, providing an outstanding experience for our exceptional students and staff.
WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT QUEEN’S?

The Graduate School at Queen’s is the place for those who ask: ‘What’s next?’

It’s for people who want to go beyond current thinking and find flexible ways to move into the future; for those who are adaptable collaborators focused on facilitating growth.

The Graduate School is a world-class intellectual and social hub, connecting students from all disciplines to each other and to mentors and employers within the University and beyond.

We train our postgraduates to become Thinkers, Communicators, Innovators and Leaders who are equipped to lead into the future. We facilitate them to develop new skills and increase their effectiveness, recognising the varied life and professional experiences you bring with you, and we provide you with opportunities to innovate and challenge yourselves and the world around us.

One of the Top 200 universities in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023), Queen’s works beyond borders to contribute to our rich and diverse global community. From the partnerships involving academic Schools, Global Research Institutes and The Graduate School, we can guarantee you the support of internationally-recognised leaders in your field of study.

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 a very crowded and increasingly competitive local and global job market.
As a member of our postgraduate community, you will become one of the exceptional local, national and international students who join us each year. The Graduate School will assist you to be a Thinker, Innovator, Leader and Communicator who is Future-Ready.

Welcome and Induction

Create your own tailored programme.

Ongoing, specialist support to help you realise what’s next for you

On your postgraduate journey, the Graduate School’s postgraduate development programme helps to prepare you with in mind. We will help you to navigate the many opportunities available to you as a postgraduate student at Queen’s, providing guidance and support for whatever stage you are at on your postgraduate journey. The Graduate School can help you to demystify, prepare for, and navigate your academic training. Academic support workshops will enable you to understand what is required of you as a postgraduate student and support you to develop the skills you will need to succeed. Perfect your academic writing style, produce high-quality research and learn how to project manage your studies. Developing ourselves to be the best we can be is an ongoing process. The Graduate School can help you to demystify, prepare for, and navigate your academic training. Academic support workshops will enable you to understand what is required of you as a postgraduate student and support you to develop the skills you will need to succeed. Perfect your academic writing style, produce high-quality research and learn how to project manage your studies.

THINKER
Reflective
Critical
Flexible
Disruptive

FUTURE-READY
Confident
Resilient
Employer-focused
Networked

COMMUNICATOR
Academic writers
Publicly engaged
Socially networked
Professional presenters

LEADER
Visionary
Strategic
Self-aware
Collaborative

INNOVATOR
Creative
Business aware
Risk manager
Insight driven

OUR PILLARS
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. You will become one of the exceptional local, national and international students who join us each year. The Graduate School will assist you to be a Thinker, Innovator, Leader and Communicator who is Future-Ready.

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE
The Graduate School offers a tailored development programme to help inspire and empower you to reach your full potential. It is embedded within a continuous process of reflection and self-evaluation.

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LEADER

YOUR DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIALIST SUPPORT

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ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS
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PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Developing ourselves to be the best we can be is an ongoing process. The Graduate School can help you to increase your awareness of how you make decisions, manage and express emotions and work as part of a team. Graduate School training will enable you to apply your skills to real-world challenges. We partner with local employers who design challenges for postgraduate students to help their organisations uncover solutions and overcome barriers. Employers call on the expertise of Queen’s students who create solutions. Students can pitch their ideas back to the employer directly. Taking part in an employer challenge will help you to experience and apply personal leadership skills in a simulated reality of ‘work’ that builds confidence, empathy, communication and teamworking skills and competences.

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ACCREDITED LEVEL 7 QUALIFICATION
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). This programme is available to Master’s and PhD postgraduate students. 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). This programme is available to Master’s and PhD students from all disciplinary backgrounds. 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 skills as well as theoretical understanding. You can choose to study 2 of the 3 module options available. Queen’s is the first university in the UK to offer this programme as a stand-alone qualification for postgraduate students.

MASTER YOUR LEADERSHIP

Master Your Leadership takes a ‘whole person’ approach to the postgraduate taught experience through a programme of training and development which complements disciplinary excellence and develops employability skills. Leadership in this new virtual world is about promoting collaboration and motivating yourself and others. This programme will help you to develop the skills and behaviours needed to take on these new leadership challenges.

COMMUNICATION AND IMPACT

The Graduate School can help you learn how to talk about your research and its impact, challenging you to think more innovatively, to grow your entrepreneurial mindset and to start to apply your creative skills to all areas of your work and life.

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YOUR FUTURE CAREER

The Graduate School is a place just for postgraduates, to learn, avail of additional courses and skills to become Future Ready.

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.

POSTGRADUATE CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY EVENTS

Postgraduates can develop readiness for the future and be confident in their ability to manage their own career, whether in academia or beyond. As well as central career and employer events, Graduate School employability programmes, ‘Future Ready’ and ‘Master Your Future Success’ prepare postgraduate students for their 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 a 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.
WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Over the past decade Queen’s has invested £700m in developing our world-class, award-winning facilities.

NEW CENTRES OF LEARNING

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 KN Cheung SK Chin Intersim Centre, the School of Law building (featuring a pioneering Moot Court Room), a growing Management School at Riddel Hall, the Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, and innovative engineering hubs.

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, and our library resources have a 96 per cent satisfaction rate (International Student Barometer 2020/21), 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.

ARTS AT QUEEN’S

Having recently celebrated its 20th birthday, the award-winning Naughton Gallery is one of Belfast’s most exciting art spaces. The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry reinforces our reputation as a world literary power, while the Brian Friel Centre for Theatre Research is a world-class studio theatre for performing arts students.

OUR BOUTIQUE CINEMA

Queen’s very own, full-time cinema, Queen’s Film Theatre (QFT), presents the best in classic and new world cinema. The QFT has been bringing a high-quality film experience to Belfast audiences for over 50 years.

ONE ELMWOOD

Our brand new Student Centre and Students’ Union. One Elmwood is an open-plan, modern space that is future-proofed for generations to come. See page 36 for more.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

In-sessional English

The In-sessional English Programme provides embedded courses on English and Academic Skills for international students in every School in the University. These courses are tailored and timed to ensure all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential on their university courses.

The courses are designed by students and staff at Queen’s and INTO Queen’s, whose teachers of English for Academic Purposes deliver the courses. In 2021/22, the courses gained 95% satisfaction from students. Our courses are designed to help by combining the academic skills you need with useful English language points for students of all levels. We also have 1:1 appointments, where you can get personalised feedback on your work, and guidance on how to continually improve.

No matter what you are studying, and whether you are undergraduate or postgraduate, we have something to offer you. These English language and academic skills support classes are free to all international fee paying students at Queen’s. For more information, please see: https://www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Applying/University-Preparation-Courses/INTOLEnglishlanguagecoursesatQueens/
A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

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

OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Queen’s ranked 17th in the world for international outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022). We currently have over 3,800 international students from over 92 countries. We have more than 650 international staff from over 70 nationalities. We have international links with over 100 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 Medical University in Shenyang, Health Sciences; or with China University for Medicine and the Mohammed Bin Rashid have helped to develop – with institutions like Dubai employers. These links will help local, national and international and we collaborate with 3,000 students from over 70 nationalities.

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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 has a great academic resource and a unique, human environment that motivated me to achieve, and engage with world-class academics.”

Claire Zhao, PGR 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 course at Queen’s, conditional on obtaining the required English language level.

Course Features

- Intensive language and study skills preparation in a university environment.
- Experienced teachers offering the best preparation for degree course.
- Prepare you for UK academic culture.
- Adapt to living and studying in the UK prior to starting your degree 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.

INTERNATIONAL 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/iss

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 three intakes for students, September, January and March, with three Graduate Diploma pathways available:

- Graduate Diploma in Finance (September and January intakes only)
- Graduate Diploma in Management
- Graduate Diploma in Social Science

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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Queen’s has a proud history of conducting innovative, impactful, world-class research. Join us on your journey to excellence.
From innovative solutions to cancer care, critical breakthroughs in wireless and cloud technologies, to addressing issues of fundamental rights, equality and social justice, our research is changing people’s lives for the better.

Research is a Global Endeavour, and today our research culture is primed by investment in areas of research strength, particularly our translational expertise. Working across disciplines and sectors to address local and global challenges, incorporating UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As our cohort of global collaborators continues to grow, so does our scope of ambition, allied with the skills and capabilities to tackle global and local challenges. Curiosity, endowed, and enterprise informs our global research agenda and the challenges ahead; excellence ensures that our research activities resonate widely; and we strive to excel through integrity, rigour, and ambition.

Informed by a track record of integrity, rigour, and ambition.

We strive to excel through activities resonate widely; and we strive to excel through integrity, rigour, and ambition. Informed by a track record of excellence and an ambition for the future, our strategic research themes focus on:

- Interventions and actions
- Precision medicine and community well-being
- Tackling cancer, infection, respiratory and eye diseases
- Precision medicine and digital innovation to enhance healthcare solutions
- Interventions and actions to reduce inequality

World Leading Facilities

Colleagues across our Schools and Faculties are dedicated to deepening our understanding of diseases and developing solutions and treatments for them. Our expertise in conducting clinical trials and our world leading facilities in cancer and precision medicine research are a testament to the breakthroughs that Queen’s research has facilitated over the decades. We are also leading the way in developing strategies and initiatives which mitigate against the worst effects of illness, and which act as preventative agents to illnesses developing in the first place. A strong public health approach, focusing on community well-being, aligned with a commitment to social justice drives our pledge to improve health outcomes which can reduce inequalities across society.

43rd most impactful university globally in tackling the UN Sustainable Development Goals (THE Impact Rankings 2021)

A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR ALL

- Improving life course health and community well-being
- Tackling cancer, infection, respiratory and eye diseases
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- Interventions and actions to reduce inequality

The Recovery Package: Supportive Cancer Care for Patients and Families

We are transforming supportive care for cancer survivors and their families through the development of a new model for follow up care termed ‘The Recovery Package’.

In 2010, our researchers carried out a study which found that cancer survivors, 2-15 years post-treatment, reported significantly poorer health than the general population in terms of physical functioning, emotional functioning, general health perception and social functioning.

To date, the initiative, which includes a holistic assessment, a treatment summary record, an individualised pathway and rapid entry back into the system, has improved the cancer recovery experience for over 10,000 patients.

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Transforming the Lives of People with Cystic Fibrosis

We are improving the lives of thousands of people with Cystic Fibrosis by leading on the clinical development of treatments that address the underlying genetic deficit.

These transformative therapies improve lung health and have underpinned the regulatory approval and marketing of four breakthrough Cystic Fibrosis therapies.

The most recent trials successfully demonstrated that a combination of drugs can treat up to 90 per cent of people with Cystic Fibrosis by addressing the underlying cause of their disease.

Destroying Cyanobacteria and their Toxins: An in-reservoir treatment system

Cyanotoxins are toxic substances produced by bloom-forming cyanobacteria, a major problem worldwide for water contamination. Cyclic hepatotoxins and microcystins, if consumed, are associated with liver cancer and can be fatal causing serious liver haemorrhaging.

Traditional water treatment methods are relatively ineffective at removing cyanobacterial toxins from water. However, the application of semiconductor photocatalysis is a novel and effective method for removing these compounds from water.

Our researchers have been taking this beyond the lab with an in-lake photocatalytic treatment process. A successful prototype system was successfully deployed in Brazil in October 2019, the unit capable of removing the cyanobacteria in-situ. Further refinement of the unit will see it deployed for in-situ water treatment applications.
A TRANSFORMATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

- Intelligent manufacturing and service delivery
- Advanced and sustainable materials
- Future transport
- Sustainable energy and manufacturing
- Understanding the extremes of high energy and ultra-fast processes
- Gender and Leadership

The Economy

The economy of the next 100 years will be a necessarily different one to the economy we experience today. The ongoing climate crisis, our fossil fuel dependency, raw material shortages and the possibility of supply chain disruptions call for innovative, responsible and sustainable solutions. For researchers at Queen's, the strategic priorities and expertise are clear. We will continue to focus our efforts on established and emerging areas such as intelligent manufacturing and service delivery, advanced and sustainable materials, solutions to future transport requirements, and understanding and harnessing high energy and ultra-fast processes. We also understand that successful and sustainable economies are about people as well as products - as central parts of society they must be underpinned by equality, equal access to opportunity, and social justice at all levels.

Towards Zero-emission Public Buses

The UK Government’s “Road to Zero” strategy laid out an ambitious plan for all new cars and vans to be effectively zero emission by 2040, as well as schemes to encourage low emission public transport.

Our researchers, in collaboration with Northern Ireland bus building company Wrightbus, have developed best-in-class low and zero emissions technologies, playing a key role in decarbonizing UK and international public transport.

Building on over 20 years of work, our researchers have developed advanced hybrid powertrain modelling technology which is integral to thousands of low emission hybrid vehicles currently in service around the world.

SECURE CONNECTED INTELLIGENCE - AI AND THE DATA REVOLUTION

- Networks and connectivity
- Cybersecurity resilience
- Geographical Information Science
- Novel computer systems and computing paradigms
- Data-fusing technologies
- Enabling technologies and creative cultural practice

Researchers

Researchers at Queen’s are on a mission to make the changing global digital space both safer and faster. Our world leading teams in cyberspace resilience and networks and connectivity are breaking new ground in the digital sphere, as our teams in Geographical Information Science are doing in the physical. Novel computer systems and changing computing paradigms require agile and cutting-edge research which can be translated quickly and effectively into real world practice. Using data fusing enabling technologies, we can assist in socio-economic development by detecting water level, vibration, and wind. In cities, the IWS can detect increases in dust, temperature, noise, and carbon dioxide levels.

Secure Connected Intelligence

Wireless Communication Systems that can Withstand Natural Disasters and Save Lives

Natural Disasters kill an average of 60,000 people per year. Our researchers have designed and implemented a resilient and agile wireless communications system in Vietnam providing seamless connectivity to relief authorities and workers when telecommunications infrastructures are significantly impaired.

The integrated heterogeneous wireless system (IWS) overcomes communication failures resulting from telecommunications networks that are severely damaged by natural disasters.

The solution offers a resilient, robust, flexible, and agile wireless communications design that can provide seamless connectivity even under critical conditions, such as destroyed telecommunications infrastructure.

The system also provides early warning of natural disasters by detecting water levels, vibration, and wind. In cities, the IWS can detect increases in dust, temperature, noise, and carbon dioxide levels.

Edge Computing Hub: Making Edge Computing a Reality

The Edge Computing Hub is our growing and dynamic community of academic researchers and industry specialists working together to make ‘Edge computing’ a reality.

Edge computing is a disruptive computing paradigm that allows processing data closer to users where it is generated, thus making Internet applications more responsive, reliable, and secure.

Our research tackles key system-centric challenges for deploying massively distributed edge systems by embedding intelligence into crucial decision-making activities. Current research addresses the challenges in distributed machine learning on edge computing systems and offloading services across a heterogeneous environment, as well as the standardisation of edge computing as an enabler for autonomous networking.
Global Insights
As a university based in Belfast, we are proud of our longstanding and world leading track record in research relating to peace, identity, conflict and social sustainability. Our lived experience of conflict as a society, its causes and its consequences, have driven a determination to deliver research excellence which impacts on the lives and livelihoods of communities across the world, whether that relates to governance, accountability and international relations, listening to and responding to the child’s perspective, understanding the need for creativity and cultural understanding, or valuing heritage in building inclusive and cohesive societies.

Our local experiences have become global insights – we will continue to work with colleagues and partners around the world to address the issues of fundamental rights, equality and social justice which lie at the heart of our mission.

Sharing Contested Heritage through Digital and Spatial Humanities
Partnered with communities and institutions nationally and internationally to co-produce research sharing untold experiences of war, we are enhancing inclusive cross-community understanding of contested heritage. The Living Legacies 1914-18 WWI Engagement Centre has successfully created rich and extensive accounts of our shared heritage.

Our work gives new grounding and provides new spaces for engagement around contested heritage through co-production projects, workshops, and events, working alongside communities to uncover new knowledge and deepen understanding of our shared past.

The six-year programme has achieved wide recognition by NI and UK policymakers as meaningful and significant for enhancing cross-community relations.

The Lundy Model: Meaningful Participation of Children and Young People
Since 2014, the Lundy model of child participation, based on four key concepts (Space, Voice, Audience, and Influence), has been used and adopted by national and international organisations, agencies, and governments to inform their understanding of children’s participation, generating a sea-change in global understanding of child rights-based participation for both policy and practice.

Developed by Queen’s University Professor Laura Lundy, the Lundy Model is now transforming ways in which views and experiences of children across the world are heard at the United Nations (UN). It contributes directly to ensuring that the United Nations, governments, national and international organisations involve children, across the world in meaningful decisions that affect their lives.

Brexit and the Border: Navigating a Peaceful Path across a Shared Border
Brexit is one of the most complicated social, political, and economic issues in recent history – particularly the question of the Northern Irish border. Avoiding a hard border on the island of Ireland was one of the top three priorities in the UK-EU negotiations. UK and EU policymakers, diplomats and negotiators relied on our researchers to shape understanding and approaches to the issue, informing all sides of international negotiations shaping legislation for post-Brexit Northern Ireland, not least for the people of Northern Ireland.

#1 University in the UK for entrepreneurial impact
(Entrepreneurial Impact Ranking, Octopus Venues 2020)
HUMAN ENVIRONMENT RELATIONS

- Promoting safe, sustainable environments and agri-food systems
- Climate and climate change
- The built environment and the natural world
- Liveable communities - space, place, and society
- Beyond Earth

Environment

Understanding the relationship between humans and our environment has never been more important. The choices we face have never been so stark. Our climate is changing. The effects of this are being felt now as a day-to-day reality. There is an obligation on those involved in academic research to turn towards the challenges presented. Whether this relates to our natural environment, creating safe and secure agri-food systems, assessing the way in which our built environment interacts with the natural world, or in the way we build and maintain truly liveable communities and societies, Queen’s researchers are at the forefront of innovative, future focused solutions that aim to make our footprint lighter, both on earth and beyond.

The Food Fortress: From Crisis to an Innovative Food Quality Assurance Scheme

The 2008 Dioxin crisis, in which Irish pork was contaminated through feed, resulted in approximately 30,000 tonnes of pig meat product being recalled and destroyed. Over 170,000 pigs and 5,700 cattle from farms that received contaminated product were culled.

Responding to this and other food chain crises Queen’s led an intensive research programme to develop, validate and implement innovative techniques to detect and monitor a broad spectrum of feed-related contaminants to provide a supply chain-wide quality assurance scheme.

The Food Fortress scheme is recognised internationally as a world-leading risk management and feed quality assurance scheme and is used as a major marketing tool by the UK and Republic Ireland food industries.

OUR WORLD-RANKING RESEARCH REPUTATION

Over 99 per cent of Queen’s research environment was assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

We have established global networks, working with more than 250 institutions and partners. Our research reputation is attracting major international investment.

For example, Queen’s University Belfast has an integral role in a Northern Ireland nano technology consortium, which has been awarded £60m to develop new technology for medical devices, communication and data storage delivering new technologies as researchers work together with industry partners to develop new sensors for healthcare and optical communications.
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.
THE NORTHERN IRELAND EXPERIENCE

A GLOBAL DESTINATION

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.

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.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND EXPERIENCE

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.

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THE TITANIC

Belfast is the birthplace of one of the most famous (or perhaps infamous) ships in history. From unsinkable to unforgettable, the story of the Titanic continues to enchant people from all over the world. Visit the docks where the ship was built and tour the five-star Titanic Belfast visitor experience to unlock even more of the story of the doomed voyage.

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 1998 pointed to Northern Ireland as a global role model for peace.

The tech sector is flourishing and more than a quarter of all job vacancies in Belfast are tech-related, compared with 10 per cent in 2018 (Tech Nation, Jobs and Skills Report 2021). Northern Ireland is the most digitally connected region in the UK, according to BT. This plays a vital role in securing Belfast's status as one of the top 10 cities to develop a digital career (Monster's Digital Cities, 2019) and is ranked in the top 10 fastest growing tech cities in the UK (UK Digital Economy Council, 2021).

HOME TO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COMPANIES
Today, Belfast is an inward magnet for investment. As well as having a thriving start up scene, Belfast is increasingly home to large US companies. The number of businesses operating here from countries outside of Great Britain and the EU increased by 7 per cent since March 2020 (NSRA - Inter Departmental Business Register 2021). Its young, dynamic population is a thriving business community with a determination to succeed and establish Belfast as a hotspot for global cyber security expertise.

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 the world's top destination for Financial Services technology investment and the number one international investment location for US cyber security firms (FT FDi Markets 2021).

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
Belfast has the lowest student cost of living in the UK (Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking, 2021). In fact, it’s over £300 per month cheaper for students to live in Belfast compared to London (Which? Student Budget Calculator, 2022). At an average of £90 per week, Belfast is a great value city and was found to have the lowest student rent in the UK (NatWest Student Living Index 2020).

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 Ulster 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.
UNIQUE LOCATION
Postgraduate study has many challenges and One Elmwood, our brand new student centre and Students’ Union, is your essential hub for everything outside the lecture theatre and lab.
There’s advice on careers from 40 of free, flexible, and responsive support services from Student Wellbeing; support from the Learning Development Service; access to Disability Services; and the Widening Participation Unit; financial support; help from our International Student Support Team.

In the SU you will find:
- Student Officers
- SU Advice
- SU Clubs & Societies
- SU Enterprise
- SU Voice
- SU Volunteer
- SU Sexual Health Clinic
- Union Bar & Terrace
- Union Shop
- Mandela Hall
- SU RoofTop Garden
- SU Lounge

SU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
Why not make the most of your time at Queen’s by joining one of our 565 societies or 53 clubs? There are so many reasons to get involved but many students find it’s a great way to make friends and meet like-minded people.

They give you a little bit more: more fun; more time to be part of something; more time to find out about you.

Many courses have related societies, but they do much more than discuss what happened in your latest lecture – including organising social events and fundraisers. Academic societies can also help enhance your studies and your career opportunities in the process.

Not sure what to go for? Check out our A-Z list: QSU.org/clubsandsocs

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SU Volunteer
Why not join the 5,000 students who are involved in volunteering at Queen’s every year? From community gardening to decorating animal shelters to planning events to tutoring and inspiring young people, SU Volunteer can match you with the perfect volunteering initiative.

Join our Handy Helpers programme and choose from a wide range of one-off volunteer activities in the local community. Or join Homework Clubs who help local children and young people improve their study skills and raise their aspirations about education.

SU Enterprise
With business one-to-ones, programmes and workshops, SU Enterprise helps you develop the skills you need to start your own business or secure your dream job. Whatever your degree pathway, SU Enterprise helps you develop creative thinking, generate ideas, and improve your entrepreneurial skills. There’s even a competition for early-stage business ideas with a £3k prize pot and a Dragon’s Den business and pitching showcase.

QUB RAG
QUB RAG is the official fundraising body of the Students’ Union - you’re a member automatically. Every year students vote for the charities RAG should raise money for and throughout the year our students raise money and awareness, so everyone really can help make the world a better place.

Make it Count
Getting involved in your Union is more than a great way to make friends; it’s an opportunity to improve your skillset and bolster your CV. What’s more, if you get involved in the running of a club or society, you can get credit towards a Queen’s University Degree Plus Accreditation. Q-su.org

SU Advice
SU Advice provides students with free, independent, confidential, and non-judgemental advice. From issues to do with money, funding, accommodation, to academic concerns, employment difficulties or disciplinary processes, SU Advice is here to help.

Student Reps
Each year, students are elected to become Student Officers. The Students’ Union is there for postgraduate students – the team is here to help you, represent you, organise campaigns to make the changes you want and lead the Union on your behalf.

SU Voice
Stand up for what you believe in with SU Voice! The SU Voice Team supports your 800+ Student Reps who represent you, fight for your rights and help make your experience at Queen’s the best it can be. Fight the good fight and have your voice heard.

HOME OF THE SU
Leading the way, One Elmwood is the home of the Students’ Union, here to help you get involved in the SU, and for you to make the most of your time at Queen’s. The SU also provides you with vital support, opportunities to socialise and different activities to help you make friends and develop your skillset throughout your time at Queen’s.
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 standard and premium standard for you to choose from.

As a guide, our accommodation prices in 2022/23 ranged from £85* per week in a small single standard and up to £195* 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 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-to-six bedroom apartments
- Standard, premium standard and en suite room options

*Prices are based on 2022-23 Academic Year.
HOW TO APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

Register online and complete an application form as soon as applications are available – beginning of February.

Information on how to apply will be sent automatically to all offer holders, and you are advised to apply for accommodation as soon as possible.

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.

FIND OUT MORE

T: +44 (0)28 9097 4525  
quac.ac.uk/accommodation

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 £140pw*

QUEEN’S HOUSES

76 Malone Road, College Gardens, Mount Charles

In the heart of Belfast’s most ethnically-diverse and culturally-rich areas

Standard rooms and en-suite rooms

5-10 minutes walk to campus

10-20 minutes walk to city centre

From £85pw*

Best for independent living

GUTHRIE HOUSE

14-40 Fitzwilliam Street

Great location just opposite the main University buildings

Standard bedrooms (not en-suite)

Less than five minutes walk to campus

20 minute walk to City Centre

From £110pw*

Right beside the Students’ Union

GRANT HOUSE

Standard 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 £135pw*

Safe and welcoming!

*prices are based on 2022-23 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
APPLYING TO QUEEN’S

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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/pgapply). 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 Diplomas in Professional Legal Studies (Institute of Professional Legal Studies: qub.ac.uk/lps)

Doctorate in Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology (School of Psychology go.qub.ac.uk/educationalpsychology)

A step-by-step guide on the application and admissions process is available at go.qub.ac.uk/pgadmissions. If you need further advice, please contact:

Admissions and Access Service
Queen’s University Belfast
Belfast
BT7 1NN

T +44 (0)28 9097 5151
F +44 (0)28 9097 5159
E postgrad.admissions@qub.ac.uk

WHEN TO APPLY

Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible for courses which commence in late September. In the event that any programme receives a high number of applications, the University reserves the right to close the application portal.

Notifications to this effect will appear on the Direct Application Portal against the programme application page. Early application is also recommended, as, for a number of our courses, arrangements may have to be made for interview/ aptitude test. 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 (PCEE)
• 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
• MSc Midwifery
• MSc Professional Nursing (Adult)
• MSc Professional Nursing (Children and Young People’s)
• MSc Professional Nursing (Mental Health)

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 accepted by 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, recognised by the University, will be accepted. If you are an international student with a query about the acceptability of your academic qualification, you should refer to the ‘Your Country’ section of the University’s website (go.qub.ac.uk/Study/international-students/your-country) 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 of the University’s Course Finder. Detailed entry requirements and further information on individual programmes is 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 RPL Policy and information on application procedures.

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 2023 START DATES

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

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 team 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!
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/EU nationals must satisfy the UK Visas 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 the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner’s code of standards (COSC), 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 39).

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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, e.g. degree award certificate (and English language qualifications and/or certified English language translations where appropriate). You will be required to present an approved form of identification at registration. Further details will be provided prior to registration for applicants who have been offered and accepted a place. Please note that scans/copies/photographs will not be accepted. International students will be required to provide passport and visa/immigration permission. Details of arrangements for enrolment and registration will be provided in your Welcome Guide.

Find out more go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply
INTRODUCTION
Tuition fee arrangements for students from Northern Ireland, those from England, Scotland and Wales (Great Britain), and those from the Republic of Ireland (ROI), are detailed below. Tuition fee information for international students is available on page 55.

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH
The standard tuition fee for postgraduate research students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, and those from the Republic of Ireland (ROI), for 2023-24 has not been set. The fee for 2022-23 was £4596. Please note exceptions exist and prospective students should check qub.ac.uk to find the most up to date fee information.

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT
Queen’s offers lower tuition fees and living expenses than many other similarly well-regarded universities in the United Kingdom. The standard tuition fee for postgraduate research students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland is £6,980. For students from Great Britain the standard fee is £8,360. A number of premium master’s Courses also exist. The fees you will pay will vary depending on the course you choose and the level of study.

TUITION FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS
A number of options are available to pay tuition fees, full details are provided at the link below: qub.ac.uk/Study/FeasandFinance/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. The Direct Debit scheme is only available to those who have a current account with a UK bank which is registered
• 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.

Full details of these payment options and relevant links are available at the address below: qub.ac.uk/Study/FeasandFinance/pay-tuition-fees

Please also note that 25 per cent of the tuition fee liability, due at enrolment, is non-refundable.

For full details of the University’s Withdrawal Policy, please refer to the Student Finance Framework located at qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

Queries on the terms and conditions of the payment options can be directed to email address E studentfinance@qub.ac.uk

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 AND EU OTHER POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEES
EU students (with the exception of ROI Students) will pay the international student fee rates detailed below. The payment of deposits for one year postgraduate taught courses is mandatory for EU and 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 tuition fees for international postgraduate students, commencing a course in 2023-24, are as follows:

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*Tuition fees quoted are for study in the academic year 2023-24 only. Tuition fees are subject to annual inflationary increases. Information on how tuition fees are calculated is available at qub.ac.uk/TuitionFee.

To confirm the fee rate of a particular course, prospective students should email: E studentfinance@qub.ac.uk or refer to: qub.ac.uk/courses for further information.
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 qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/ Fundingscholarships/

The funding set out in this section includes funding available from the University and from some external sources. Information provided in 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 2023 entry, Departments and Schools in the University will set their own deadlines for postgraduate applications for admission, studentships and scholarships. Applicants who wish to apply for postgraduate funding available from the University for 2023 entry should refer to the relevant Faculty and School websites for information. Details may be found at qub.ac.uk/schools

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 FTL) for postgraduate study is non means tested and paid directly to the Higher Education Provider. Details are available at: qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/ Fundingscholarships/postgraduate-loans-northern-ireland/

For full terms and conditions please contact Student Finance NI: Tel: +44 (0)28 2566 1444 E: StudentFinance-PG@i.eani.org.uk W: studentfinance.ni.co.uk

*Terms and Conditions

STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND

Postgraduate student loans are available if you are an English-resident. You may be eligible for a loan of up to £11,836, if you course starts on or after 1 August 2022, 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. For further details, please refer to the expanded eligibility criteria available at the ‘Finances’ link opposite.

Department For The Economy Postgraduate Research Studentships

Studentships funded by the Department for the Economy (DfE) are offered in a wide range of subject areas across all Faculties and Schools.

UK Residents: fees plus maintenance. A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

Department For The Economy Co-operative Awards In Science And Technology (CAST) Postgraduate Research Studentships

These studentships funded by the Department for the Economy (DfE – formerly DEL) are for specific research projects in collaboration with an industrial sponsor.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Postgraduate Research Studentships

A number of EPSRC research studentships may be available for research in eligible areas. Details will be advertised on the relevant Faculty/ School website at qub.ac.uk/schools

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Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) 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

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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 (NINE DTP) will be advertised at go.qub.ac.uk/NINE-DTP

LINES Doctoral Training Programme (DTP) seeks to develop a cohort of Doctoral Scholars who can address the implications for both the actual operation of algorithmically driven public decision-making in wider society, and within science and engineering. It is hosted by The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice in collaboration with the Schools of Law, EECECS, Maths & Physics, History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and Social Sciences, Education and Social Work.

Details will be advertised at https://www.qub.ac.uk/Research/ GRI/mitchell-institute/Study/linas/ UK Residents: fees plus maintenance. A number of awards are also available for non-UK residents covering fees plus maintenance, these will be identified at point of advertisement.

Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Algorithmic Solutions (LINAS)

A number of studentships may be available for research into the implications of massive-scale data processing, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML).
A limited number of scholarships and bursaries may be available for students who have been accepted to undertake postgraduate study and experience life in the other Irish jurisdiction. Available to students who have been accepted to undertake a recognised Master’s degree or are entering the first year of a PhD programme at a university in the island of Ireland that is not in the same jurisdiction as the university where they have previously studied. Further details are found at universitiesireland.ie

APPLICANTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES

British Chevening Awards chevening.org/apply
British Council britishcouncil.org Royal Commission 1851 royalcommission1851.org

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA) POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTSHIPS

DAERA (formerly DARD) normally funds research courses relevant to the agricultural, horticultural, forestry, fishing or food processing industries. Applications should be made directly to DAERA.

To be eligible for a full DAERA postgraduate studentship award, you must have been resident in Northern Ireland for the full three-year period before the first day of the first academic year of the course. Republic of Ireland (RoI) nationals meeting the three year NI residency are eligible for a full award under the Common Travel Area arrangement. EU, EEA or Swiss nationals meeting the three year residency must have settled or presettled status in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme. Non-EU nationals meeting the three year residency must be settled in the UK by the closing date of the application. The main purpose of residence in NI must not have been to receive full-time education during any part of that three year period. For further information on residency and citizenship see nidirect.gov.uk.

Full details are available at go.qub.ac.uk/gradfunding.

APPLICANTS FROM THE USA

Fullbright Scholarships fullbright.org.uk
Mary McNeill Scholarship qub.ac.uk/schools/IrishStudiesGateway/Study/MAIrishStudies/StudiesGateways/FeesFundingAccommodation
Marshall Scholarships marshallscholarship.org

US Federal Loans

Many US students opt to finance their studies at Queen’s through US Federal Loans. Queen’s is approved by the US Department of Education for participation in the Title IV Federal Loans programme. US Federal Loans are generally available to eligible students who will be undertaking Bachelor’s, Master’s or PhD programmes at Queen’s, except for medical and nursing programmes.

Full details are available at go.qub.ac.uk/USLoan and for further guidance, please contact the US Federal Loans Administrator at usloans@qub.ac.uk.

APPLICANTS FROM MEXICO

Applicants from Mexico can apply for the CONACYT award. For more information, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)28 9097 5088 or email international@qub.ac.uk

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme for Postgraduate Taught Study

At Queen’s, subject to availability of funding from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, there will be up to three scholarships allocated for eligible taught postgraduate students on one of the eligible one-year courses (subject to confirmation): The scholarship covers the student’s tuition fees, a maintenance grant, travel costs and some additional allowances. Only students from least developed, low, and middle income Commonwealth countries are eligible to apply. Details at the ‘Find out more’ link.

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission cscuk.dfid.gov.uk

A range of scholarships and fellowships are available for citizens of developed and developing Commonwealth countries.

Aga Khan Foundation Awards akfn.org/akf_scholarships.asp

For outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies.
YOUR POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT JOURNEY TO QUEEN’S

CONSIDER THE COSTS
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).

A number of our courses require a tuition fee deposit which must be paid by the date specified in your offer letter.

CHECK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND DATES
Check that you meet, or have the potential 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES (CAS)
Receive your unconditional offer letter and confirm through the Direct Application Portal that you intend to take up your place. The University will assign your CAS number (for visa application purposes) once you have submitted all required documentation.

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 Landscape Architecture (MLA)
- 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 at the required standard.

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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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.
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CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS
Check that you meet, or have the potential 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.

CONSIDER THE COSTS
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APPLY
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