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BELFAST

USA ADMISSIONS GUIDE



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WELCOME

Thank you for considering applying to study at Queen's University Belfast. As you read through this prospectus, I hope it will give you a real sense of life at Queen's. I trust you will find all the information you need in the following pages to help you make your decision.

When we launched Strategy 2030, we set out our commitment to shape a better world through life-changing education and research, investing in both students and staff to ensure excellence and impact.

Our aim is to inspire you, the global citizens of tomorrow, by delivering a transformative education and student experience, offering flexible and broad-based learning opportunities, with wellbeing, inclusivity and cultural diversity at the fore.

Your time at Queen's is not simply about receiving an education, it's also about enjoying a unique, life-defining experience, and we want your experience to be wonderful and memorable.

We want to equip you to be future leaders with the skillset needed to pre-empt and respond to local, national and global challenges.

One of the longest established universities in the UK, Queen's is ranked as one of the top 200 universities in the world¹.

In addition, 88% of Queen's research and 99% of the research environment has been assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent².

We ensure our students are internationally connected, benefitting from both a multi-cultural experience on campus and a range of global opportunities with our network of partners.

Our educational programmes are increasingly focused on sustainability and the ethos of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a local, national and global level.

The sports and library facilities we offer have been highly rated by students and our new central campus Student Centre, 'One Elmwood', including a new Students' Union, with over 200 clubs and societies, is the focal point for the delivery of integrated and holistic support services.

A dynamic and diverse city in which to study and work, Belfast is now a leading global location for investment projects and major developments in innovation and enterprise.

The Belfast Region City Deal will unlock £1 billion of transformative co-investment and we are proud to be an innovation partner, leading projects in advanced manufacturing, clinical research and secure, connected digital technologies, linking into UK and all-Island networks.

Our beautiful, vibrant campus is located in the heart of the city, a cultural hub, with great food and a lively social life. Safe, fun, friendly and compact, Belfast is also one of the most affordable student cities in the UK.³

Our hope is that every undergraduate is enriched by their time at Queen's University Belfast, and we look forward to welcoming you to Queen's.



¹Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022.

²REF 2021

³Over £5,000 per year cheaper for students to live in Northern Ireland compared to London (Which? University 2018)



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The first university in the UK dates back to the 11th century. This long and distinguished history of higher education is continued to the present day with top UK universities consistently ranking among the very best in the world, and maintaining excellent links and reputations with partner universities and employers worldwide.

KEY DIFFERENCES

There are some key differences between higher education systems in the UK and the USA. One significant difference in Northern Ireland (also England and Wales) is that we have three year degrees, with applications and direct entry to your subject of choice, with no general education.

Some quick comparisons:

	The UK	The USA
University types	Vast majority are public universities, with a small number of private specialist institutions	Mixture of public and private
Duration	3 years (NI, England, Wales), 4 years (Scotland)	4 years
General Education	No – direct entry into your subject area	Common
Major	Declared at point of application	Declared during study
Honors Track	All students	Restricted
Application method	Through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).	Direct to institution or state system, or Common Application
Admissions philosophy	Academic merit, fit to major	Holistic, fit to institution
Changing major/ transferring	Very rare – examined on a case-by-case basis	Common
Fee structure	Tied to overall program	Tied to credits



WHY QUEEN'S?



NINTH OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN THE UK

Founded in 1845, Queen's is one of the oldest and most respected universities in the UK
Complete University Guide 2022



A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

The prestigious Russell Group is comprised of 24 research intensive UK universities, including the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. It has been compared to the US Ivy League as an indicator of academic quality and reputation.



A CIVIC UNIVERSITY

We've been awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize on seven occasions – an award which recognises excellence, innovation, impact and societal benefit



A PLACE TO BELONG

Queen's has over 3,800 international students from over 92 different countries
Queen's Planning Office, 2022



STUDENT STAFF RATIO 15.9:1

Our teaching philosophy focuses on staff-student contact. Our classes are taught directly by our professors and lecturers, giving students the opportunity to engage personally with world-leading academics day-to-day.

HESA, 2020/21



YOU'LL BENEFIT FROM A £700M CAMPUS INVESTMENT

Over the past decade, Queen's has invested over £350m in cutting-edge facilities, with the same to be spent over the coming decade.

NORTHERN IRELAND: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Whether you're on a pilgrimage to the famous *Game of Thrones* filming locations or you fancy exploring caves, castles and coastline, you'll find it all within an hour's drive of Belfast.

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 who recently lauded Belfast and the Causeway Coast as the No.1 region in the world to visit in 2018 (Lonely Planet 2017). From golden beaches to lush forests, as a student in Belfast, the region's most breath taking landscapes will be right on your doorstep.

Spend your downtime testing your nerve crossing the death-defying Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. Alternatively, scale the heights of our tallest peak, Slieve Donard, set in the picturesque Mourne Mountains – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the inspiration for CS Lewis' magical world of Narnia.

You can also follow the 22-mile Mourne Wall, featured in *Game of Thrones*. And if you're a fan

of the hit HBO show, you can't afford to miss a trip to the Dark Hedges. This twisted avenue of light and shade is one of Northern Ireland's most photographed natural phenomena, and doubles as the King's Road in the series.

Well worth the road trip for the spectacular Antrim Coast Road drive alone, the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a must. There are also plenty of stunning beaches to enjoy a lazy Sunday walk – some just 25 minutes from Belfast.

If adrenaline thrills are your thing, the lakes, waterways and beaches of the region offer outdoor fun to suit everyone – from Sea Safaris on Strangford Lough, where you might spot seals, porpoises or a basking shark, to the north Atlantic surf off the coast at Portrush, ranked among the best in the world.

ADRENALINE JUNKIES!

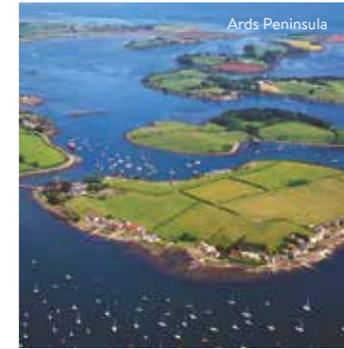
- Ireland's longest zipline in Ballygawley hangs 50 metres above the ground and is a staggering 500m long. toddsleap.com
- Try stand up paddle boarding at River Roe in Limavady with the mighty Binevenagh mountain as a backdrop. longlinesurfschool.co.uk
- Wet bouldering in the Mourne Mountains involves walking, scrambling, jumping, swimming and sometimes crawling along a river. onegreatadventure.com
- From downhill zorbing inside a giant inflatable PVC ball to mountain biking and raft building challenges, expect laughs and adrenaline thrills at Jungle NI in the rolling Sperrin Mountains. thejungleni.com

GETTING HERE

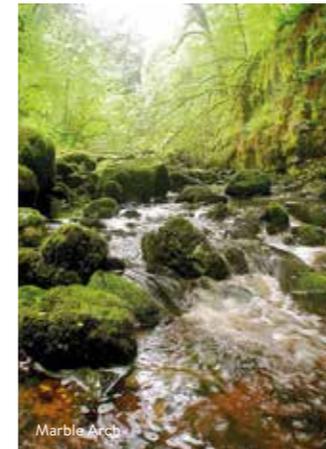
Northern Ireland occupies a unique place in the UK and Ireland. Geographically we are on the island of Ireland, but politically and economically we are part of the United Kingdom – which we like to think gives us the best of both worlds!

GETTING HERE

Belfast is served by two airports – Belfast International (BFS) and Belfast City (BHD), both which offer connecting routes to all major UK and European airports. We also have Dublin airport just 90 minutes away, which offers direct routes to a wide range of North American destinations.



Ards Peninsula



Marble Arch



Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge



Ballintoy Harbour

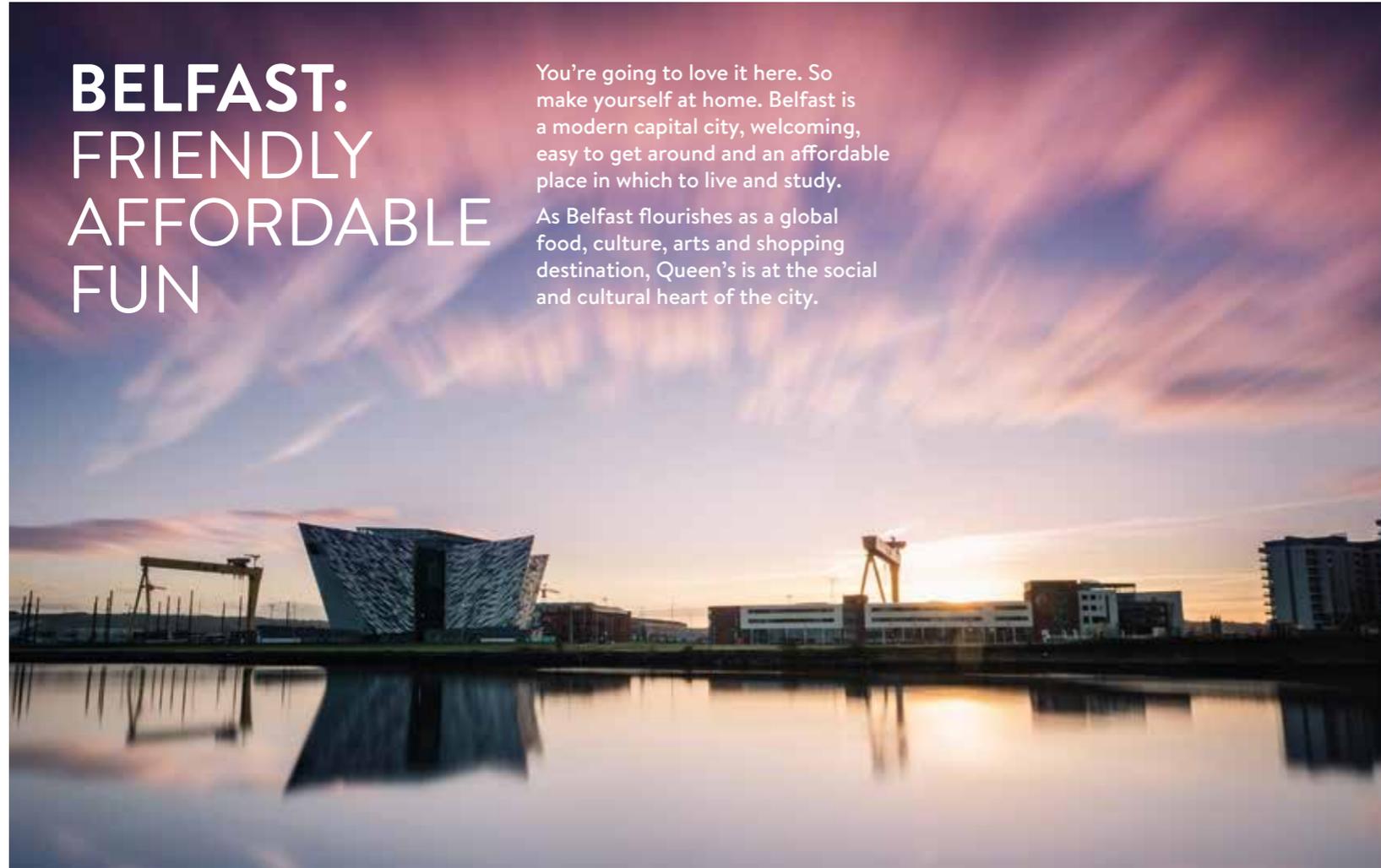


Mourne Mountains

BELFAST: FRIENDLY AFFORDABLE FUN

You're going to love it here. So make yourself at home. Belfast is a modern capital city, welcoming, easy to get around and an affordable place in which to live and study.

As Belfast flourishes as a global food, culture, arts and shopping destination, Queen's is at the social and cultural heart of the city.



CULTURE

Belfast is a city of artists, poets, writers and musicians who are celebrated in arts venues, such as The MAC and the Black Box. Double Major-winning golfer Rory McIlroy and Hollywood star Jamie Dornan grew up in the appropriately-named Holywood, just outside the city, and Kenneth Branagh, Academy-award nominated actor and director, was also born here.

A capital with a culture of its own, Belfast is renowned for having a unique clubs, cuisine, culture and arts

scene of its very own, including the Kremlin, Belfast's famed Soviet-style nightclub, with a reputation as the best gay venue in Ireland. Throughout the year, Belfast hosts a range of events and urban festivals from music, theatre, dance, film and comedy. Highlights include Culture Night and Belfast Vital Festival.

Food is a big deal in Belfast with a mix of cool new pop-ups and Michelin-starred staples. The city was voted the Top Place to Travel for Food (National Geographic 2016). Northern

Ireland and the Titanic Studios have become internationally renowned as a film location too, most famously for HBO's Game of Thrones.

Belfast is a city with real personality and is well-known for having the friendliest and most welcoming folk in the world. In a city famed for its humour, you can catch regular stand-up comedy nights at Belfast's Empire Comedy Club, where Queen's alumnus Paddy Kiely's career began.



MUSIC MATTERS

From the punk scene in the 1970s to the MTV Europe Music Awards in 2011 alongside traditional folk sessions, Belfast has passionately embraced the uniting power of music. The Oh Yeah Music Centre is a hub for bands and creative types and a safe house for musos and rockers. At night, the cobblestoned streets and fascinating architecture of the Cathedral Quarter play host to the city's best bars and clubs and intimate live music venues, such as The Sunflower. Snow Patrol, Van Morrison and Stiff Little Fingers all got started in Belfast.



MORE MONEY FOR THE THINGS THAT COUNT

Belfast was found to have the lowest student rent in the UK in 2020 (NatWest Student Living Index). The average student here also only spends £16 a week on food shopping, well below the national average of £24.

GETTING AROUND

Belfast is best explored on foot or by bike. Most students spend the majority of their time on foot and walking to the city centre takes no more than 10-15 minutes. The city is well connected by frequent bus and train services, with student travel discounts widely available. The Belfast Bikes public bicycle rental scheme provides a flexible way to get around Belfast.



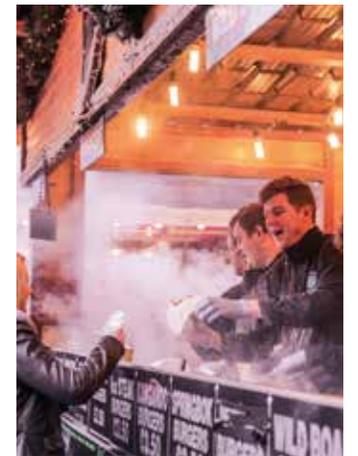
GATEWAY

Belfast is the gateway to the rest of Northern Ireland and beyond and has been lauded by Michael Palin for having the world's most beautiful railway. From coastline to mountain, adventure awaits you.



Belfast and the Causeway Coast named the Number 1 region in the world to visit in 2018

(Lonely Planet, 2017)



NUMBER ONE REGION IN THE WORLD TO VISIT IN 2018

Belfast is one of Europe's most hip and vibrant capital cities – just ask the experts at Lonely Planet who love the city for its energy, lively atmosphere, and 'dynamic young population that keeps the city on trend.'

The beauty is that it's all packed into a compact city that's easy and safe to explore.



WE'RE A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Over 25,000 students live and study at Queen's, representing more than 92 countries worldwide. We also employ more than 600 international staff drawn from over 70 nationalities.

Part of the elite Russell Group, Queen's is a truly international university, ranked 17th in the world for international outlook (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022). We offer an International student experience for everyone – no matter where you're from. With links to over 250 universities and 3,000 employers around the world, you'll gain career-defining

access to our inspiring worldwide network that spans 120 countries. We reward hard work and excellence, and every year we offer £1.5m of scholarships to International Students. Our global outlook offers all our students the opportunity for personal growth and development, further strengthening your position on the global job market.



A COSMOPOLITAN CAMPUS

Queen's plays a key role in the internationalisation of Northern Ireland and we're proud that Belfast is a socially-diverse and inclusive city. One of the best ways to appreciate the diversity we have on campus is through the array of multicultural events that take place – such as an Indonesian Culture Show and the Chinese New Year celebrations.

There are also a host of clubs and societies on campus celebrating the diversity of our student body.

WE'LL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO:



Meet students from over 92 different countries



Learn from and contribute to world-changing research



Be part of a global network that spans 120 countries



Study, work or volunteer abroad



Gain the edge in the global job market



Spend a semester or a full academic year at another global university

SUPPORTING OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our global campus community offers a friendly, multicultural and safe environment. If you're coming to Queen's from outside the UK, you can expect:

- A five-day dedicated orientation programme on arrival.
- A huge range of single occupancy student housing with living options including same-sex living, no-alcohol living and quiet-living.
- Support and advice on everything from healthcare to visa applications.
- Easy access to speciality foods such as halal butchers, and Asian and Polish supermarkets, as well as international restaurants.
- Faith provision for all major religious denominations, including prayer rooms close to campus.



QUEEN'S AND THE USA

Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chancellor, Queen's University Belfast

THE NORTH AMERICA TEAM AT QUEEN'S

We have a dedicated team in place to support prospective students, parents and counsellors in the USA. The team is here to answer any questions you have, and guide you through the admissions process and all things Queen's.



ANYA O'CONNOR

Anya has worked in international education for over a decade. She studied English and Politics at the University of Glasgow before beginning her career in a small international college in Cambridge, England. Since then, she has held a variety of roles in education and training, travelling around the world to meet with universities, schools, students and families interested in educational opportunities in the UK and Ireland. Anya is a graduate of the Washington Ireland Program for Service and Leadership, a fellow of the British American Project and a Board Member for Tourism Northern Ireland. She is passionate about the special relationship that Northern Ireland has with North America and loves welcoming students to their new 'home from home' in Belfast.

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Peter completed his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Northumbria University in Newcastle, England, where he played college soccer and spent his summers coaching and mentoring high school students in New Hampshire. He has worked in international education for eight years, firstly in athletic recruitment and then spreading the good news about UK universities with high schools across the Middle East and North America. He spends much of his spare time enjoying the outdoors, and can usually be found roaming the Mourne Mountains or Northern Ireland's spectacular coastline.

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SUSAN McCLEARY

Susan has worked at Queen's University Belfast for nine years, focusing on International Education

over the last seven years for the International Office. Within the North America team she works closely with academic colleagues across the institution to support the development and coordination of strategic partnerships with US universities. Previously Susan worked as a Marketing Manager within the Arts and Cultural Sector, primarily within performance venues and festivals and has a huge passion for this area, especially as Belfast is renowned as the City of Festivals. Born and bred in Northern Ireland, she completed her primary and graduate studies in communication and marketing in Belfast

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US STUDENTS AT QUEEN'S

Queen's has been welcoming US students to Belfast for decades, with around 200 US students enrolling every year on a variety of undergraduate, graduate and short-term study abroad programmes. US students choose Queen's for a variety of reasons – the chance to study a focused three year Bachelors degree, the lower cost of studying and living, or reconnecting with their heritage on the island of Ireland.

KAITLIN COVINGTON

**BA English
Los Angeles, CA**

Moving internationally makes everything feel like an adventure. Tasks that used to be mundane—such as finding local grocery stores, taking public transportation, exchanging currency, hearing different accents—are all suddenly new and exciting, though sometimes rather anxiety-inducing.

For me, my adventures in Belfast didn't truly start until I heard a knock on my door one random afternoon. My neighbour, a fellow international student, brought over desserts from her home country as a welcome gift. It was this unexpected act of kindness and our mutual desire to travel that blossomed into a beautiful friendship. From then on, we became close friends, going on walks throughout the city, exploring the nearby areas whenever our schedules aligned, and sharing food from our different countries' cuisines.

Our first adventure in Belfast was to Cavehill, a 360 metre hill and roughly 4.5 mile hike with lush forests, basalt rocks and caves, and gorgeous panoramic views of the city. We loved the hike so much that we returned the next weekend with a picnic blanket and lunch, only to have an unexpected snow flurry that made us hurry back down the hill!

On our most recent excursion, my neighbour and I decided to get out of Belfast and explore the surrounding areas. With a train station located so close to our Queen's accommodation in Elms BT2, Northern Ireland is so accessible, even for two foreigners who had no idea how to get around at first. On this first adventure outside of the city, we went to Bangor in County Down to visit the ocean. Here, we took a five mile walk along a beautiful coastline path where we were able to dip our toes in the waters of the Belfast Lough and have a picnic on the white sandy beaches.

There are many opportunities to travel and explore as well as plenty of likeminded students here at Queen's who share similar interests. My adventures with my neighbour and my life in Northern Ireland are just beginning, but so far the random spring snow flurries and finding shells on the coast have made my time in Northern Ireland truly memorable.



MEGAN STITH

**BA International Politics and Conflict
Studies, LLM Human Rights Law
Chester, VA**

I came to Queen's in 2016 to study International Politics and Conflict Studies. I was drawn to this course because of the expertise, the flexibility, and the range of subjects I could study. Through my course, I have met leading activists and gotten involved in my local community, participating in events such as Pride, Mental Health Awareness Week, and International Women's Day. I ultimately chose to study at Queens because the courses are designed to allow students to tailor their learning experience to their individual needs and goals.

In coming to Belfast, I gained so much more than just a degree. I made a home here, with my favourite cafés and bars, spending all afternoon in the Botanic Gardens and Ormeau Park, and dancing the night away in Belfast's nightclubs. Belfast is the perfect size: easy to get around on foot, on bicycle, or by bus, but large enough to have an adventure every day. The bustling music scene, local businesses, and beautiful street art makes the city feel like a visit with an old friend. And if you have a travel bug, it's incredibly easy to get around the whole island of Ireland and beyond! My friends and I have travelled around the country, from the Giant's Causeway to Galway. I've been to Scotland, England, Germany, and France- all for an affordable price! But no matter where I go, my heart will always be here in Northern Ireland.

If you want to connect with current US students at Queen's, you can do so through the Unibuddy platform on the Queen's website at qub.ac.uk/study/chat-with-students

"Thanks to QUB, I have been able to pursue my learning passions and to find new ones alongside a diverse group of students, teachers, and guest speakers."

NIAMH STEWART

**BA International Relations
and Politics
Downers Grove, IL**

I decided to study in Northern Ireland after visiting Queen's and liking the course, the campus, and the city. I've really enjoyed my course and the opportunity to focus on my studies; whereas in the US I would've had to take general education and unrelated classes, at Queen's I'm able to just study international relations and politics. I appreciate the focus of my degree path and I'm a more motivated and passionate student because of it. I also love that my degree included a placement opportunity where I was able to gain real work experience with the Northern Ireland civil service! My time at Queen's has been so fulfilling, both through my coursework and through the people I've met here. The clubs and societies I joined in my first year, like orchestra and debate, have added an invaluable social aspect to my degree.

I've loved living in Belfast the past three years! It's a great 'cheap city' which means I can do and see a lot even while on a student budget. It doesn't break the bank to go out to a cafe or restaurant. The food is one of my favourite things about Belfast; super cool restaurants and plenty of sweet treats mean there's always a reason to go on a walk and explore! My favourite Belfast activities include a Friday night hockey game at the SSE Arena, checking out Hill Street Hatch's newest pop-up, and seeing a film at the QFT. I always look forward to Belfast's multiple annual events too, like Culture Night and Outburst! And outside of Belfast, Northern Ireland is absolutely beautiful and travelling into the Republic of Ireland is super easy, so there's been plenty of opportunity for further travel, like to the beautiful West Coast.

FEES AND FUNDING

We know that going to university is a huge investment, so at Queen's we do everything we can to be transparent about the costs of studying and living in Northern Ireland.

Remember – most of our majors are only three years long, so you're automatically saving a year of tuition and living costs!

It is common in the US for tuition fees to be tied to the amount of credits you're taking in an academic year, but at Queen's your tuition cost is tied to your major. Your credit load is fixed each year, so you won't find yourself in the position of reaching your graduation date and still needing to take (and pay for) extra credits or classes. The tuition fees you see are the actual cost you will pay.

TUITION FEES 2022-23

Below is a table of tuition fees for our courses. They are broadly split into two categories – Classroom and Laboratory fees, to represent the need for extra practical facilities and materials in some of our programmes. Exact fee rates can be found on the Course Finder pages on our website.

Annual Tuition Fees 2022-23	£ Pounds Sterling	\$ US Dollars (estimated)
Classroom based programmes (Fee Rate 1)	£18,800	\$21,500
Laboratory based programmes (Fee Rate 2)	£23,100	\$26,500
Clinical programmes e.g. Medicine (Fee Rate 3)	£34,450*	\$39,800

*Not inclusive of NHS clinical placement levy.

FINANCING YOUR STUDIES AT QUB

Queen's offers a range of scholarships to international students, with values from £2,500 up to 50% fee reductions. Awards include:

- International Office Award
- VC International Attainment Award
- Family Scholarship
- Early Confirmation Award
- Future Leaders Award
- Queen's Excellence Award

More details of available scholarships can be found at qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/International-scholarships/



Belfast has the lowest student cost of living in the UK

Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking 2021



You don't need to buy textbooks! At Queen's we have an award-winning library, where students can borrow all their required texts for free. Books generally are much cheaper in Northern Ireland, so if there is a book you really want your own copy of, you can probably pick it up for less than £50.

COMPARING COSTS WITH THE USA

Here's how Queen's lines up against similarly ranked universities in the US, before financial aid and scholarships are taken into consideration.

	Queen's University	UC Santa Cruz in-state	UC Santa Cruz out-of-state	Michigan State out-of-state	University of Miami	Northeastern University
Tuition	\$21,500	\$14,070	\$43,834	\$40,726	\$53,112	\$56,500
Cost of living	\$11,500	\$23,888	\$23,888	\$10,676	\$22,118	\$18,902
Total cost per year	\$33,000	\$37,969	\$67,722	\$51,402	\$75,230	\$75,402
Total cost	\$99,000	\$151,876	\$270,888	\$205,608	\$301,280	\$301,608

*All information sourced directly from institutional websites, accurate as of Sept 2022



US LOANS

US students can access US Federal Aid to support the cost of studying at Queen's, the same way you would if you were studying in the United States. We even have a dedicated US Loans team to help you apply – usloans@qub.ac.uk

TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE – AN EXAMPLE

Below is an example of the typical annual total cost of attendance for an undergraduate student at Queen's.

	£ Pounds Sterling	\$ US Dollars
BA International Relations (Fee Rate 1)	£18,800	\$21,500
(minus) International Office Scholarships Award	£-2,500	-\$2,900
(minus) Early Confirmation Award	£-1,500	-\$1,700
39 week housing at Elms BT9	£5,070	\$5,900
9 months living expenses estimated (including travel, food, social life, books and equipment)*	£4,845	\$5,600
Total Cost of Attendance 2023-24	£24,715	\$28,400

*Based on UK Home Office estimate of £1,015 per month, minus housing costs.

ADMISSIONS AT QUEEN'S

Applying to study in the UK is quite different to applying to colleges in the USA. There are some big differences (like choosing a major before you apply), and some small ones (like figuring out the difference between American English and British English), but this section of our guide will talk you through all the things you need to know to build a successful application to UK universities – and hopefully to Queen's!

YOUR ADMISSIONS JOURNEY

Research – choosing your major

- At universities in the UK (except Scotland!), you go directly into your major on day one. If you're a student who knows what you want to study, this gives you a great opportunity to focus on the things you want to learn about – with no required general education classes.
- This does mean that the first step in your admissions journey is making sure you pick the right course. Don't worry though, there are loads of great resources to help you choose:
 - University websites and brochures (like this one!)
 - UCAS Subject Guides (ucas.com/explore/subjects)
 - International advisors (like our very own North America team)

ADMISSIONS PHILOSOPHY AT QUB

UK university admissions are centred on the concept of academic merit and potential. With our three year degree programmes, we want to know that our students are prepared academically to meet the

challenges of their chosen subject head on – so our entry requirements focus on the capability of an applicant to succeed primarily in the classroom as evidenced in their prior academic attainment and focus of study if there are subject specific requirements. We want all of our students to be able to thrive in the learning environment we provide and our approach to admissions is designed to support this goal.

What we consider

- Your academic record – in the form of your high school transcript and any tests and academic achievements
- Your academic suitability – in the form of demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the subject area, and your personality as a student

What we don't consider

- Institutional fit – we don't consider class rankings or balance at Queen's, just individual merit of each applicant
- Demonstrated interest – we'd love it if you were able to visit the campus, join our open days or speak to our

team – but it has no bearing on your admissions decision

- Legacy – there is no weight applied to legacy candidates
- Unrelated extra-curricular activities – things like athletic achievement and musical ability are great, but if it isn't relevant to your major or your potential as student, it won't play a role in our decision making

How we assess our applicants – the components of your application

Academic background

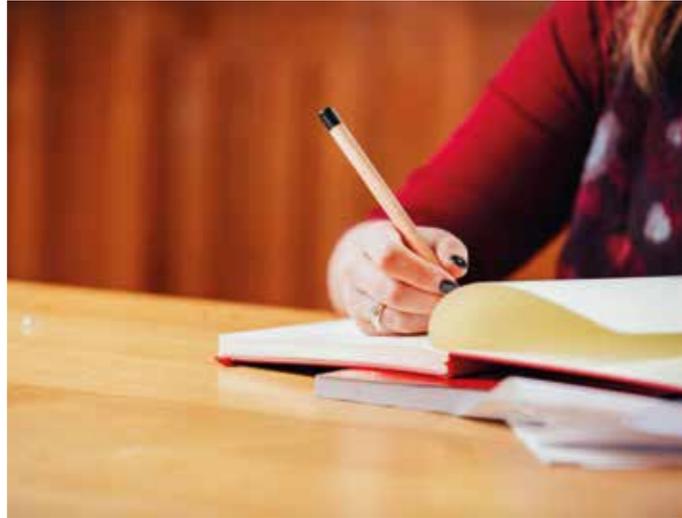
- Transcripts, exams taken and exams you plan to take – these are used to evaluate your academic suitability

Personal statement

- This is used to assess your understanding of the subject area, and for you to demonstrate why you would make a good student at QUB

Letter of recommendation

- This is a chance for your teachers or counsellor to give us a better idea of who you are as a student



HOW TO APPLY

There are two ways to apply to Queen's as an international student: UCAS and Direct Application

UCAS

- UCAS Application is the centralised application system for UK universities – similar in purpose to the Common App in the US
- All applications are done through the UCAS website (ucas.com)
- Through UCAS, you are able to apply to a maximum of five universities or courses – which is why the research stage of your admissions journey is so important.
- There is a small fee to apply – £20 for a single course, or £26 for up to five.
- The application deadline for most courses is June 30th
- The application deadline for Medicine and Dentistry is October 15th

Direct Applications

- We also accept Direct Applications for students who are not applying through UCAS to other UK universities. This is important – you can't do both!
 - The deadline for Direct Applications is also June 30th
 - Direct Applications are free!
- Common App and how it ties into UCAS**
- Some UK universities are on the Common App – but we are not. It is strongly recommended that you use UCAS to apply to the UK and stick to your five course limit – applying to extra universities through the Common App can lead to complications later in the admissions cycle if you accept multiple offers.

UCAS – YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND!

The UCAS website is a fantastic resource for all stages of your admissions journey. From helping you to decide on a major, to useful tips and videos explaining how to write a great personal statement – it's full of great advice about how to build a successful application for studying in the UK. Check it out at ucas.com





ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AT QUB

The grades required for admission to our undergraduate degree programmes will vary to your chosen course of study. The Course Finder on our website show detailed requirements for every course – normally expressed in the terms of three A-Level grades. At Queen's, we accept a combination of qualifications which can be used to meet our academic entry requirements.

Most students submit 3 APs to meet the Queen's entrance requirements. However, we also accept the following qualifications:

- SAT 1
- ACT test
- Honors/College level courses
- IB Higher Level

An SAT 1 or an ACT test can be used in lieu of one AP. Likewise, we will accept one Honors or College level course in lieu of an AP. At a minimum, students are therefore required to submit at least one AP. Where there are subject specific requirements to be met (e.g. A-Level Chemistry is a requirement for entrance to BSc Chemistry), students must submit a cognate AP test such as AP Chemistry.

In some circumstances we may consider two Honours/College level/Dual Enrolment classes in place of two AP tests. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and does not apply if subject specific requirements are in place.

Worked Example

For example, if the requirement for a QUB course is BBB at A-Level, the following combination is possible.

Two AP tests with minimum Grade 4

Plus one from:

- Honors/College level course with minimum Grade B+
- SAT I test with a minimum score of 1290
- ACT test with a minimum score of 27

You can use the table below for US qualifications and grade requirements which we deem comparable to UK A-Levels.

Some Important Things to Note:

- Subjects cannot be counted twice – if you're taking AP US History, you cannot also submit an Honors class in US History.
- You do not need to have taken the tests before you apply – we can issue offers based on tests you are planning to take in your Senior year.



A-Level Grade	A	B	C
Advanced Placement (AP)	5	4	3
SAT I	1350 (min 700, 650)	1290 (min 620, 650)	1250 (min 620, 620)
ACT	28	27	26
Honors/Dual Enrolment course	A+	B+	C+
IB Higher Level	6	5	5

MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

For Medicine and Dentistry, we require:

- A High School Graduation Diploma with a minimum GPA of 3.5/4.0
- Four AP tests with scores of 5,5 (Chemistry and Biology), 5,4.
- Mathematics to GCSE equivalent standard – normally Grade 12 in High School
- GCSE Physics or equivalent is also required for Medicine.

For students taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma, we require:

- 36 points overall
- Grades 6,6,6 in Higher Level Subjects including Chemistry and Biology
- Mathematics and English (and Physics for Medicine) at Standard Level, or Grade 11 if not taken as part of the IB.
- Points obtained for the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge can count towards the total

Graduates may also be considered - a minimum of an Upper Second Class Honours degree or CGPA of 3.3 on scale of 4 (78%) would be required, and applicants must also have the appropriate background in the relevant science subjects to satisfy the course entry requirements.

Applicants for Medicine must also undertake the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) www.ucat.ac.uk

Remember – applications for Medicine and Dentistry close October 15th

and the University will normally interview international applicants. For Dentistry, shortlisted applicants will be interviewed via an online process.

HOW TO GET A FASTER DECISION

There are a few ways you can help us make a faster decision on your application:

- Submit all your test scores and planned tests when you apply. UCAS can be a little tricky – if you can't find a space on the application, send it directly to us at intl.student@qub.ac.uk

You can send scores directly using our College Board codes – ACT: 7799, AP/SAT: 7753

UNDERSTANDING YOUR OFFER

Once you've submitted your application, it's over to us to process it. If you are successful in getting an offer from Queen's, it will be one of two things:

A Conditional Offer

This is by far the most common type of offer students receive in the UK. It will be an offer letter guaranteeing your place at QUB, subject to you meeting conditions which will be outlined in your offer letter. Typically they will be for you to meet the entry requirements – so hitting your target grades in your APs, for example. It may also be conditional on an interview or audition, but it will all be laid out in your offer letter. If you meet the conditions – you're in!

An Unconditional Offer

If, at the point you apply, you are deemed to have met the entry requirements, you may be issued an Unconditional Offer. If you are lucky enough to get an Unconditional Offer – your place at Queen's is guaranteed, you just need to accept!

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET YOUR OFFER

If you've applied through UCAS, you'll be able to view the decisions as they come in through your UCAS Hub account. This is where you registered and made your application to us. Your UCAS Hub account is your go to place for information on the status of your offer with us at Queen's. Once you have all your responses (Unconditional Offers, Conditional Offers or Rejections), you'll need to make a Firm (or first ranked) choice and an Insurance (or second ranked) choice. You will be required to reject any other offers, other than those two choices.

Your Firm choice should be the place you most want to go, and your Insurance choice is a back-up – in case you don't meet the conditions for your Firm choice. If you've applied directly to Queen's, we'll have emailed you with your offer letter. You just need to reply to our admissions office to let them know if you'd like to Accept or Reject the offer.

More details are on the website at qub.ac.uk/Study/Undergraduate/offer-holders/your-application-what-next/



STEPS TO UNIVERSITY

We want to make your journey to becoming a student at Queen's as easy as possible. In the following section, we'll tell you all you need to know about the application process, your funding options and meeting our entrance requirements to make sure you're suitably prepared for your chosen course(s) at Queen's.

We'll also let you know about key events like our Open Days, which allow you to get a sense of what life at Queen's is really like, as well as our events for potential students, which give you a chance to find out more about the courses that interest you.

ENROLMENT AND REGISTRATION

Details of arrangements for enrolment and registration will be sent to your home address in late August/early September. This will include your Queen's University

email account, student number and credentials for logging on to Qsis, the University's Student Information System. During registration, you must provide documentary proof of your qualifications and an approved form of photographic identification eg a current passport. International students will be required to provide passport and satisfactory visa information before they can enrol. All students will be asked at enrolment to confirm that they will abide by the Terms and Conditions which are sent to them as part of their offer of a place at the University.

1

CHECK OUT OUR OPTIONS

You may have a set career in mind – so start by looking at what courses are the best for you. But if you don't know just yet, that's fine. In that case we suggest you find something you want to study. Remember that all Queen's degrees have our dedication to graduate employability built in!

2

COME TO OUR OPEN DAYS*

There's no better way to get a feel for Queen's than by coming to see us. Open Days are your best bet – you'll be able to see the campus, our accommodation, our Students' Union and our study facilities, but also speak to lecturers and current students about what it's really like to live and study here.

*If you can't make any of our Open Days, we'd be happy to arrange a campus visit for you – just get in touch.

3

APPLY

If you want to study here – and we hope you do – then apply via UCAS from early September 2022*.

4

COME TO OUR POTENTIAL STUDENT EVENTS

After you've applied for a course(s) at Queen's, we'll invite you to one of our potential student events, where you'll meet Queen's staff and students and chat about your course(s) of interest.

5

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Accept your offer by making Queen's your Firm choice. You won't regret it – just ask our current students!

6

APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

A guaranteed place in Queen's accommodation with living options including same-sex living, no-alcohol living and quiet living (T&Cs apply, application must be completed by 30 June 2023, see website for further details). The online application opens in January 2023.

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RESULTS

The most nerve-wracking stage – your exams may be a distant memory, but the Big Day is here. We wish you all good luck – and if you get the results you need, then we'll see you soon.

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WELCOME TO QUEEN'S

You'll register for your course in September 2023. During your first weeks, we'll extend the famously warm Northern Ireland welcome through informal workshops, parties, quizzes and other fun events – just to help break the ice and make settling in that bit easier. Freshers' Week, before classes start, is your chance to find out about all the clubs, societies and extras that launch you into your new life, and of course to make friends, relax and enjoy yourself!

A-Z OF DEGREES

To help you make informed decisions, it is important to find out as much information about your chosen course as possible. Visit our online course catalogue qub.ac.uk/courses and explore more information about course content, entry requirements, duration, fees, contact hours, assessment, and career prospects. You will also benefit from hearing current student experiences as well as employment and earning facts relating to your course of choice.

A

Accounting BSc
 Accounting (Major) with French BSc
 Accounting (Major) with Hispanic Studies BSc
 Actuarial Science and Risk Management BSc
 Aerospace Engineering BEng
 Aerospace Engineering MEng
 Aerospace Engineering Sandwich BEng
 Aerospace Engineering Sandwich MEng
 Agricultural Technology BSc
 Agricultural Technology with Professional Studies BSc
 Anthropology BA
 Anthropology and English BA
 Anthropology and French BA
 Anthropology and History BA
 Anthropology and International Relations BA
 Anthropology and Irish BA
 Anthropology and Philosophy BA
 Anthropology and Politics BA

Anthropology and Spanish BA
 Applied Mathematics and Physics BSc
 Applied Mathematics and Physics MSci
 Archaeology BA
 Archaeology MSc
 Archaeology and History BA
 Archaeology and Irish BA
 Archaeology with French BA
 Archaeology with Portuguese BA
 Archaeology with Spanish BA
 Archaeology-Palaeoecology BSc
 Archaeology-Palaeoecology and Geography BSc

B

Biochemistry BSc
 Biochemistry MSci
 Biochemistry with Professional Studies BSc
 Biochemistry with Professional Studies MSci
 Biological Sciences BSc

Biological Sciences FD
 Biological Sciences MSci
 Biological Sciences with Professional Studies BSc
 Biological Sciences with Professional Studies MSci
 Biomedical Science BSc
 Broadcast Production BA
 Business Economics BSc
 Business Information Technology Incl Professional Experience BSc
 Business Management with Placement BSc

C

Chemical Engineering BEng
 Chemical Engineering MEng
 Chemical Engineering Sandwich BEng
 Chemical Engineering Sandwich MEng
 Chemical Sciences FD
 Chemistry BSc
 Chemistry MSci
 Chemistry Sandwich BSc
 Chemistry with a Year in Industry MSci



Chemistry with Study Abroad MSci
 Civil Engineering BEng
 Civil Engineering MEng
 Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry MEng
 Civil Engineering Year in Industry BEng
 Common and Civil Law (Major) with French LLB
 Common and Civil Law (Major) with Hispanic Studies LLB
 Computer Science MEng
 Computer Science Incl Professional Experience MEng
 Computer Science Professional Experience BSc
 Computing and Information Technology Incl Professional Experience BSc
 Criminology BA
 Criminology and Social Policy BA
 Criminology and Sociology BA
D
 Dentistry BDS
 Drama BA
 Drama and English BA

E

Economics BSc
 Economics (Major) with Finance BSc
 Economics (Major) with French BSc
 Economics (Major) with Spanish BSc
 Economics and Accounting BSc
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering BEng
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering MEng
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering Sandwich BEng
 Electrical and Electronic Engineering Sandwich MEng
 Energy, Environment and Sustainability FD
 English BA
 English and Film Studies BA
 English and French BA
 English and History BA
 English and Irish BA
 English and Linguistics BA
 English and Philosophy BA
 English and Politics BA
 English and Sociology BA

English and Spanish BA
 English with Creative Writing BA
 Environmental and Civil Engineering MEng
 Environmental and Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry MEng
 Environmental Management BSc
 Environmental Management with Professional Studies BSc
 European Planning MPlan
F
 Film and Theatre Making BA
 Film Studies and Production BA
 Finance with a Year in Industry BSc
 Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition BSc
 Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition MSci
 Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition with Professional Studies BSc
 Food Quality, Safety and Nutrition with Professional Studies MSci
 French BA
 French and History BA
 French and International Relations BA
 French and Irish BA



French and Politics BA
 French and Portuguese BA
 French and Spanish BA

G

Geography BSc
 Geography with a Language BSc

H

History BA
 History and International Relations BA
 History and Philosophy BA
 History and Politics BA
 History and Sociology BA
 History and Spanish BA
 Human Biology BSc

I

International Business (Major) with French BSc
 International Business (Major) with German BSc
 International Business (Major) With Mandarin BSc

International Business (Major) with Portuguese BSc

International Business (Major) with Spanish BSc

International Relations and Conflict Studies BA

International Relations and Irish BA

International Relations and Politics BA

International Relations and Spanish BA

Irish BA

Irish and History BA

Irish and Politics BA

Irish and Spanish BA

L

Law LLB
 Law (Major) and Politics LLB
 Law Senior Status LLB

M

Marine Biology BSc
 Marine Biology MSci
 Marine Biology with Professional Studies BSc

Marine Biology with Professional Studies MSci

Mathematics BSc

Mathematics MSci

Mathematics and Computer Science BSci

Mathematics and Computer Science MSci

Mathematics and Statistics and Op Research BSc

Mathematics and Statistics and Op Research MSci

Mathematics with Finance BSc

Mathematics with French BSc

Mathematics with Spanish BSc

Mechanical Engineering BEng

Mechanical Engineering FD

Mechanical Engineering MEng

Mechanical Engineering Sandwich BEng

Mechanical Engineering Sandwich MEng

Medicinal Chemistry BSc

Medicinal Chemistry MSci

Medicinal Chemistry Sandwich BSc

Medicinal Chemistry with Industry MSci

Medicine MB

Microbiology BSc

Microbiology MSci

Microbiology with Professional Studies BSc

Microbiology with Professional Studies MSci

Mlba (UM) Liberal Arts MLibArts

Music BMus

Music and Audio Production BA

Music and Sound Design BA

Music Performance BA

P

Pharmaceutical Biotechnology BSc

Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (Sandwich) BSc

Pharmaceutical Sciences BSc

Pharmaceutical Sciences (Sandwich) BSc

Pharmacy MPharm

Philosophy BA

Philosophy and Politics BA

Physics BSc

Physics MSci

Physics with Astro-Physics BSc

Physics with Astro-Physics MSci

Physics with French BSc

Physics with French MSci

Physics with Medical Applications BSc

Physics with Medical Applications MSci

Physics with Spanish BSc

Physics with Spanish MSci

Planning, Environment and Development BSc

Politics BA

Politics and Spanish BA

Politics, Philosophy and Economics BA

Product Design Engineering BEng

Product Design Engineering MEng

Product Design Engineering - Sandwich BEng

Product Design Engineering - Sandwich MEng

Professional Nursing (Adult) BSc

Professional Nursing (Children and Young People) BSc

Professional Nursing (Mental Health) BSc

Professional Nursing Learning Disabilities Nursing BSc

Psychology BSc

S

Social Policy and Sociology BA
 Social Work BSW
 Social Work Relevant Degree Entry BSW
 Sociology BA
 Spanish BA
 Spanish and Portuguese BA

Structural Engineering with Architecture MEng

Structural Engineering with Architecture with a Year in Industry MEng

T

Theoretical Physics BSc
 Theoretical Physics MSci

Z

Zoology BSc
 Zoology MSci
 Zoology with Professional Studies BSc

YOUR HOME FROM HOME

Studying at Queen's is a fantastic experience. It's even better when you know you're living somewhere safe, comfortable and affordable. We can offer you the all-important space to live and enjoy undergraduate life to the full.

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

Queen's currently has over 3,400 places in our student accommodation, which means you can take advantage of the most affordable purpose-built student accommodation in the city while undertaking a world-class education and making friends for life.



ACCOMMODATION FEES

(based on 2023-24 prices)

Cost per week

Standard bedroom with shared facilities: prices from £85

En suite single room: prices from £130

Exclusive one-bedroom apartment: prices from £195



ELMS BT1 AND BT2

 City centre, close to city retail areas, cafes and restaurants.

 Single en suite bedrooms in three- to six-bed apartments and studios.

 15 minutes walk to campus

 Less than five minutes from city centre

 From £140pw

ELMS BT9

 Standard and majority (70%) en suite rooms

 Residential (modern, comfortable and secure)

 50 three-storeyed purpose-built blocks; 10-11 bedrooms per floor with shared common room and kitchen

 Lifestyle options of quiet living, no alcohol and single sex

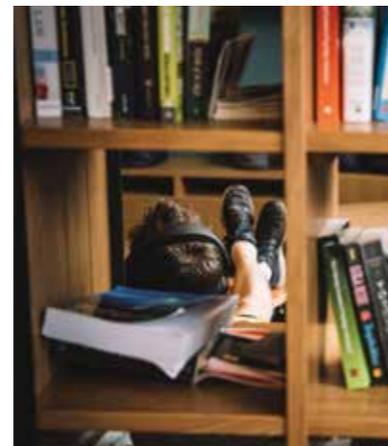
 15 minutes walk to campus

 25 minutes walk to city centre

 From £110pw

YOUR OPTIONS, AT A GLANCE

- Single or mixed gender accommodation
- Residences suitable for couples and families
- En suite or shared bathrooms
- Studio, one- to six-bedroom apartments
- Standard and en suite room options
- Lifestyle options of no alcohol, single sex, quiet living



KEY FACTS ABOUT STUDENT HOUSING AT QUEEN'S

- Students can choose from 39 or 51 week contracts – to cover either the whole year or just the academic year if you apply before the end of June
- You don't have to move out over the holidays – your room is yours for the duration of your contract
- Our housing options are self-catering – we don't have meal plans at Queen's, but every student residence comes with a fully stocked kitchen



ONE ELMWOOD: THE HEARTBEAT FOR LIFE AT QUEEN'S

Your student years are about getting so much more than a degree, they're about making friends for life, finding new passions, developing skills, and having experiences you'll remember forever.

OUR BRAND NEW STUDENT CENTRE AND STUDENTS' UNION

From talking to like-minded people, to getting support when you need it, you'll find everything you need in One Elmwood.

There's advice on careers from our dedicated employability team; a comprehensive range of free, flexible, and responsive support services from Student Wellbeing; support from the Learning Development Service and the Widening Participation Unit; financial support; access to Disability Services; and visa and immigration help from our International Student Support Team.

An open-plan, modern space, One Elmwood is efficient, cheap to run, sustainable, and a net-zero-ready building, future-proofed for generations to come. It's equipped with gender neutral toilets; accessible toilets; baby changing facilities; parenting rooms; and quiet rooms for reflection.

The new Students' Union is a vibrant social hub with the newly revamped Mandela Hall, Union Bar, the Union Shop, outdoor terraces, multiple hang out spaces and tech friendly study spaces right where you want them. The Union Bar - let's call it your local - has an outdoor terrace, great food, pool tables, quizzes, and music.

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



STUDENT SERVICES: SUPPORT FROM REGISTRATION TO GRADUATION

SU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Why not make the most of your time at Queen's by joining one of our 165 societies or 55 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: Q-SU.org/clubsandsocs

Arts, culture, and language

Learn a new language and more about a foreign culture or simply meet up with students from the same part of the world as you. Our multicultural societies include the African and Caribbean Society, the Chinese Students Association, and the South Asian Students Society. In our inclusive campus environment, you'll have the opportunity to meet other students with shared interests and make new friends from across the globe.

STUDENT SERVICES: SUPPORT FROM REGISTRATION TO GRADUATION

One Elmwood brings together student services and the SU so everything you need is in one place. So, if you ever need some help, you'll know exactly where to find it.

One Elmwood has a dedicated careers and employability team. From one-to-one careers advice to focused skills development, you can access a range of employability programmes including off-campus industry visits, insights into management and leadership and interactive skills workshops. Get full access to up-to-date resources and networks so you can take advantage of opportunities including work experience and placements.

qub.ac.uk/careers

Student wellbeing

The Student Centre is home of our Student Wellbeing Team. Always on hand, they offer a friendly and comprehensive range of support services that are free, flexible, and responsive, when you need them. From meetings with a wellbeing adviser to student wellbeing events and even one-to-one counselling sessions, they are always there for you.

Student Finance

Money worries are part and parcel of student life, so you'll find help about financial support, should you need it. The student finance team oversee financial enrolment of all students, assessment and collection of tuition fees and related charges, the administration of University Bursary Schemes and administration of the Student Support Fund.

International Student Support

Our International Student Support Team is here to help you make the most of your time as an international student. You'll find professional advice about visa and immigration matters, from the time you apply to Queen's, right through to joining us as a student. They're also on hand to provide helpful advice, introduce you to a network of support services and help you settle into life in Belfast.

Disability services

At Queen's, we want to ensure that students with a disability or long-term condition have access as far as reasonably possible to all aspects of university life. The disability services team are committed to creating an environment where students feel comfortable in disclosing their disability or long-term condition. Find out about the full range of services at qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc

HELLO FROM OUR STUDENTS' UNION TEAM

HOME OF THE STUDENTS' UNION

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.



EMMA MURPHY
Students' Union
President



AIDAN MORAN
Campaigns and
Engagement



BETH ELDER
Education



KIERON PORTBURY
Equality and
Diversity



JAMIE-LUKAS CAMPBELL
Postgraduate

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.

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 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.

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 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.

JOIN THE CLUB

Meet new people, have fun and make the most of your time at Queen's by joining one of our 220 plus clubs and societies. There's a wide range to suit everyone, including sport, gaming, creative, cultural, academic and charitable groups – or if you can't find one that suits you, you can even start your own! Over 15,000 students are members of our student-led clubs and societies. Remember, there are many reasons to join our clubs and societies, and many students find participation a central part of their downtime. They give you a little bit more: more fun; more time to be part of something; more time to find out about you.



ARTS, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Learn a new language and more about a foreign culture or simply meet up with students from the same part of the world as you. Our multicultural societies include the African and Caribbean Society, the Chinese Students Association and the South Asian Students Society. In our inclusive campus environment, you'll have the opportunity to meet other students with shared interests and make new friends from across the globe.

MEDIA AND GAMING

Enjoy all things gaming with the Dragon Slayers Society, compete across the UK as part of the Queen's Esports team, make your mark in the world of film or music, or host your own radio show with Queen's Radio society.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER ENHANCEMENT CLUBS

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

CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

Argue your point with the Literific Debate Club, or if your passion is politics then you can join one of many political societies at Queen's. Alternatively, help raise money and awareness for a number of great causes by volunteering for one of our charitable and environmental clubs.

MAKE IT COUNT

Being part of a club or society 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.



Jocelyn Hill, Queen's Sailing Club



Queen's Musical Theatre Society



Rachel Darragh, Queen's Dance Society



Photo: Patrick Cartwright, Queen's Surf Club

MEET THE PRESIDENTS

The Robotics Society is one of the most exciting societies at Queen's. From Programming classes to cool robot wrestling competitions, we're involved in all kinds of exciting activities. We welcome students with all skill levels in robotics – you don't need to have a STEM or Computer Science background to join us.

The Robotics Society delivers group projects and opportunities for self-development along with fun activities and workshops for our members.

So, if you want to build up skills for your CV, make new friends and find a new hobby, the Robotics Society is the place for you. We grow, develop and learn together while make some great uni memories you'll have for life.

Nitant Pratap
(Chairperson, Robotics)

Queen's Music Society is open to all students who wish to either start or continue playing a musical instrument alongside their degree.

We offer a wide range of ensembles, groups, performances and social events such as formals and karaoke nights for all our members. Our band scheme, which matches up musically minded students around campus, has been a great success.

As chair of the committee, I have seen first hand how our society has helped members develop new musical skills and has allowed people to meet a range of new friends.

Abbey Gillespie
(President, Queen's Music Society)



SPORTING ACTION

Since our foundation in 1845, sport has played an important part in the Queen's student experience. We're one of the premier sporting universities in the UK and Ireland and our Gameplan and Active Campus initiatives set the goal of sport for all - whatever the level.

EMPOWERING WELLBEING AND ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH SPORT

Whether you are interested in keeping active, trying a new sport, being part of a team or representing Queen's, you can be part of our Gameplan.

We aim to provide everyone with the opportunity to be part of the Queen's Sport Gameplan through world-class sporting participation programmes that will connect you with other students in an environment where you feel safe, supported and happy to exercise and enjoy sport.

We realise the important role sport can play in supporting your physical, mental and social wellbeing. With on campus sports facilities and gym membership to suit your budget and with over 50 student sport clubs to choose from, there is something for everyone.

We are proud to promote an Active Campus with initiatives and programmes that are open to all abilities and we empower you to find your level and find your game at Queen's Sport.

We host a weekly ParkRun at our Outdoor Sporting Facility at Upper Malone and our annual Deep RiverRock 5K race, which attracts thousands of recreational runners. We have also recently launched an Active Campus initiative with sporting activities and programmes to suit everyone - no matter what your fitness level.

SPORTS FANS

Belfast offers a wealth of choice for sports fans and spectators, whether you fancy a night at the rugby, a Belfast Giants ice hockey game, a soccer match or a fastpaced Gaelic football or hurling match. The Belfast City Marathon attracts 20,000 participants from around the world every year.

A BALANCED STUDENT ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

Being a student athlete at Queen's is very different from NCAA colleges in the US. Our athletes are first and foremost high performing students, with a support structure dedicated to ensuring success inside and outside the classroom.



The Physical Education Centre (PEC)



INDOOR FACILITIES

QUEEN'S SPORT (PEC)

Located next to the main campus you'll find the hub of Queen's Sport - the Physical Education Centre (PEC). Here you'll have the opportunity to exercise using state-of-the-art fitness and exercise facilities. Guided by knowledgeable and friendly staff, we can get you started and keep you going, whatever your level of fitness. We are open from 6.30am to 10.00pm on weekdays and 9.00am to 6.00pm on weekends.

Over 10,000 students use Queen's Sport indoor facilities each year. We offer peak and off-peak student membership packages with flexible payment options. Student memberships give you access to:

- Queen's Sport Bookings and Fitness Apps
- State-of-the-art cardio fitness areas with 200+ machines
- Functional training and weights areas with six power cages and Olympic lifting platforms
- 75+ weekly exercise classes
- Face-to-face and Online classes
- Four exercise and dance studios
- Six-lane, 25m swimming pool, diving pool and sauna
- Two multi-sports halls
- Indoor climbing and bouldering walls
- Eight squash courts
- Two handball/racquetball courts
- 12 badminton courts
- Three outdoor 3G pitches

QUEEN'S SPORT @ BT1

The state-of-the-art fitness and exercise facility in our city centre accommodation in Belfast City Centre includes:

- Cardio fitness machines
- Multi-purpose training rig
- Functional training and weights areas

Membership of Queen's Sport is included in all Queen's student accommodation packages.



Queen's was ranked 1st out of 8 UK universities for sporting facilities

(International Student Barometer 2020/21)



OUTDOOR FACILITIES

UPPER MALONE

Champions have been made, trophies won and accolades heaped onto thousands of students throughout Upper Malone's existence.

We have heavily invested in our outdoor facilities, and the new Arena Pitches and Clubhouse is the only facility in the UK and Ireland to showcase rugby, Gaelic games, hockey and soccer all at one site, with an additional 16 floodlit grass and synthetic playing surfaces.

QUEEN'S BOAT HOUSE

Extensively upgraded in 2015, the Queen's Boat House is home to the Men's and Ladies' Boat Clubs, who have an excellent pedigree through performances at Senior and Novice levels in Ireland, Great Britain and on the international stage.



ATHLETE SUPPORT

SCHOLARSHIPS

We support talented athletes towards their potential through our specialist scholarships, such as the Elite Athlete Programme, which offers a support package including up to £2,000 per year for tuition fees and £3,000 per year for living and travel costs. Our Scholarship programmes are just one of many ways you can enhance your experience at Queen's through the Degree Plus scheme.

ACADEMIES

Queen's Sport work with student clubs, governing bodies and alumni networks to develop our sporting academies. Currently there are five academies - Rugby, GAA, Soccer, Rowing and Hockey - with more than thirty five teams and six hundred students competing each year as part of our Performance Pathway.

We created these academies to provide a high performance culture within each sport, but also to promote recreational and community initiatives. Many sporting legends have graced the Queen's jersey with pride. We've named Rugby and GAA Academy Scholarships in honour of:

- Sean O'Neill (Gaelic Football)
- Jack Kyle (Rugby)
- Henry Downey (Hurling)

There are also Hockey, Rowing and Soccer Academy scholarships distributed annually.

In recent years, Queen's have supported athletes competing in top-level competitions in over twenty countries, including Olympics, Paralympics, World University Championships, European Athletics Championships and US Open Swimming Championships.

SPORTS BURSARIES

Our Sports Bursaries provide support for those non-academy athletes who are developing in their chosen sport. They also support students to compete nationally and on the world stage.



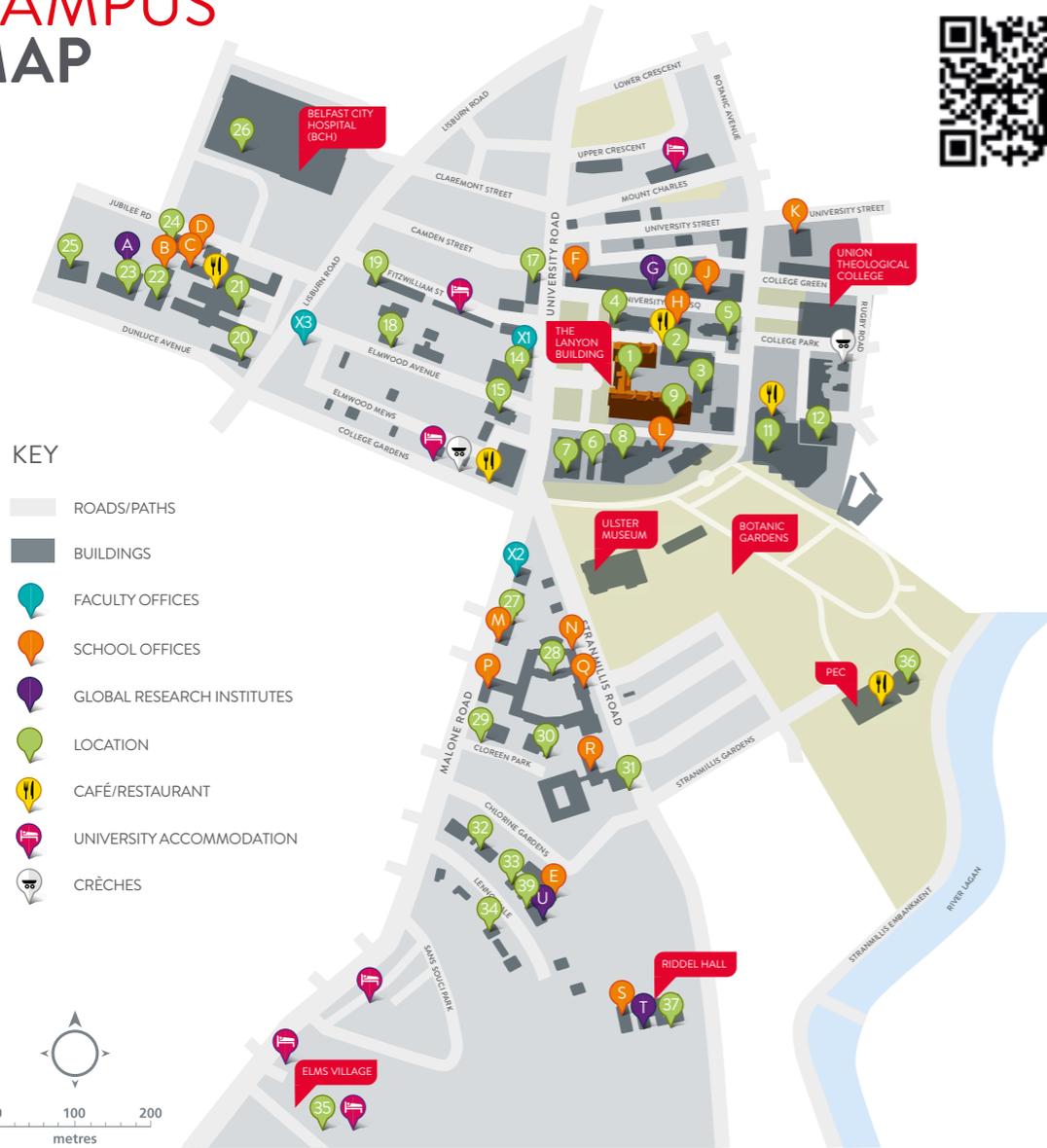
Further Information

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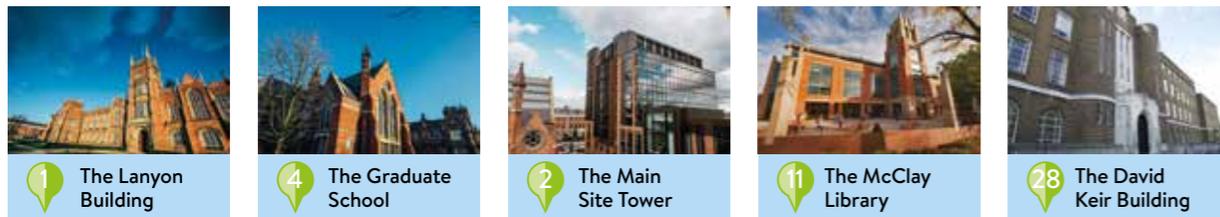
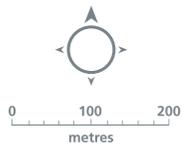
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CAMPUS MAP



- KEY**
- ROADS/PATHS
 - BUILDINGS
 - FACULTY OFFICES
 - SCHOOL OFFICES
 - GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES
 - LOCATION
 - CAFÉ/RESTAURANT
 - UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION
 - CRÈCHES



FACULTY OFFICES

- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences **X1**
- Engineering and Physical Sciences **X2**
- Medicine, Health and Life Sciences **X3**

SCHOOL OFFICES

- Arts, English and Languages **F**
- Biological Sciences **E**
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering **N**
- Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science **M**
- History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics **J**
- Law **H**
- Mathematics and Physics **L**
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering **R**
- Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences **B**
- Natural and Built Environment **Q**
- Nursing and Midwifery **C**
- Pharmacy **D**
- Psychology **P**
- Queen's Management School **S**
- Social Sciences, Education and Social Work **K**

GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice **G**
- The William J Clinton Leadership Institute **T**
- The Institute for Global Food Security **U**
- The Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology **(Titanic Quarter)**
- The Institute of Health Sciences **A**

LOCATION

- Academic and Student Affairs **3**
- Administration Building **3**
- Ashby Building **31**
- Biological Sciences **39**
- Canada Room/Council Chamber **1**
- Careers, Employability and Skills **14**
- Centre for Cancer Research **23**
- Chrono Centre **19**
- Clinical Research Facility **26**
- Computer Science **27**
- Counselling Service **14**
- David Bates Building **12**
- David Keir Building **28**
- Development and Alumni Relations **1**
- Disability Services **14**
- Drama and Film Centre at Queen's **10**
- Dunluce Health Centre **20**
- Elms Village **35**
- Elmwood Building **18**
- Elmwood Hall **15**
- Elmwood Learning and Teaching Centre (ELTC) **16**
- Estates **3**
- Finance **3**
- Great Hall **1**
- Graduate School **4**
- Harty Room **5**
- Health Sciences Building **25**
- Human Resources **3**
- Information Services **11**
- Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) **33**
- International Office **1**
- INTO Queen's **32**
- Jobshop **14**
- Lanyon Building **1**
- Library **11**
- Main Site Tower **2**
- Marketing, Recruitment, Communications and Internationalisation **1**
- McClay Research Centre **24**
- Medical Biology Centre (MBC) **21**
- Naughton Gallery **1**
- Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC) **30**
- Occupational Health **34**
- One Elmwood Student Centre and Students' Union **14**
- Peter Froggatt Centre (PFC) **2**
- Pharmacy Building **24**
- Physical Education Centre (PEC) **36**
- Physics Building (New) **8**
- Physics Building (Old) **9**
- Queen's Film Theatre (QFT) **10**
- Registrar and Chief Operating Officer **1**
- Research and Enterprise **17**
- Riddel Hall **37**
- Safety Services **3**
- Sonic Arts Research Centre (SARC) **29**
- South Dining Hall **6**
- Student Centre - One Elmwood **14**
- Student Plus **1**
- University Health Centre **14**
- Vice-Chancellor's Office **1**
- Welcome Centre **1**
- Whitla Hall **7**
- Whitla Medical Building **22**
- Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine **23**



WHAT NEXT?

OPEN DAYS

To get a taste of Queen's, visit our Open Days. Activities will include tours of the Elms accommodation, subject-specific talks and displays and clubs and societies demonstrations.

Register now for updates on our Open Days 2022: qub.ac.uk/Study/Undergraduate/open-days

Private visits are also available for prospective students who are unable to make the Open Days.

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DISCOVERY SESSIONS

Passionate about a subject but not sure how to turn it into reality? Not sure what you want to study? Our on demand Discovery sessions are tasters to get you inspired.

qub.ac.uk/virtual-open-day/discovery-sessions



STUDENT LIFE EVENTS

If you would like to find out more about what life is really like as a student at Queen's, then please register for one of our interactive virtual events.

qub.ac.uk/Study/Undergraduate/online-undergraduate-events



TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

See what life at Queen's and Belfast is like for yourself.

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SUBJECT EVENTS

Find out more about your course of choice, hear from academics and ask questions about programme content at one of our subject webinars.

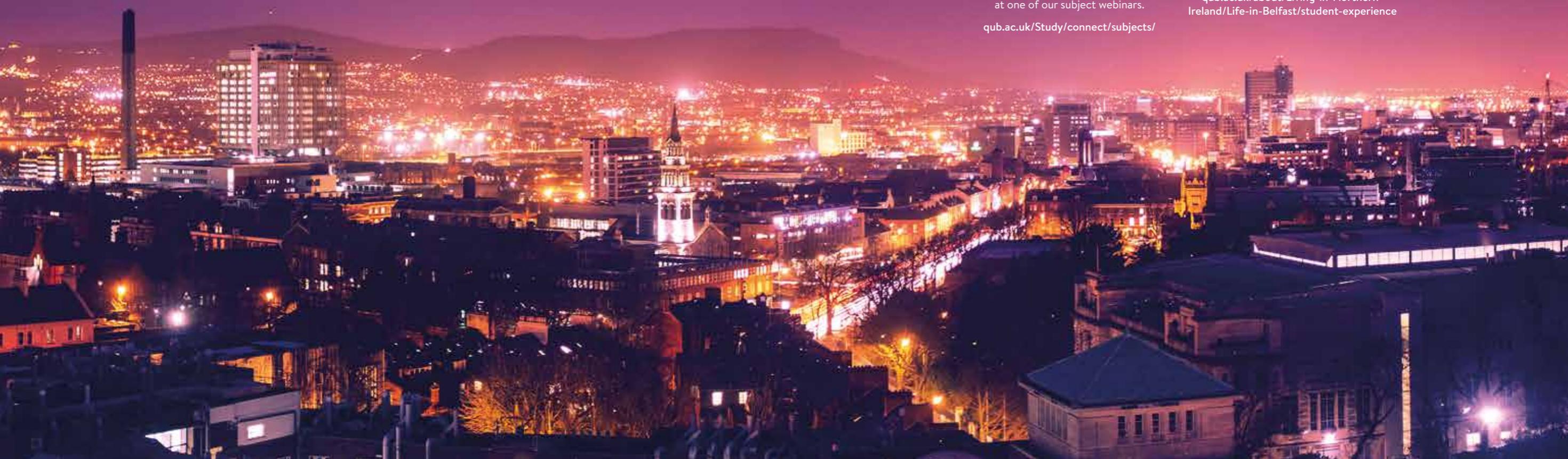
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HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

Get a first-hand experience of studying and adapting to life as a student.

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