



## EMPLOYABILITY LAUNCHPAD

Kickstart your employability skills with Queen's Graduate School, where Thinkers, Leaders, Communicators and Innovators who are Future-Ready are nurtured.

Congratulations on securing your place on a Master's programme at Queen's University Belfast. You've taken the first step on your path to future success. Completing a Master's degree at Queen's will set you apart in a globally competitive job market, because in your rapidly changing world, we provide not only subject expertise, but also professional skills which will future-proof you for any sector. The 'Employability Launchpad' Programme will give you a headstart, so join us on a 12-week programme which will equip you with skills you need to adapt with agility to a world where it is no longer 'business as usual'.



INNOVATORS



LEADERS



COMMUNICATORS



THINKERS



FUTURE-READY

This programme is designed to provide you with the fundamentals of your employability toolkit. You'll build a network of peers and before you join us in person in Belfast, you'll have developed a personal and professional development plan, and there's an opportunity to win a scholarship to complete an internationally recognised professional qualification alongside your Master's degree: the CMI Level 7 Certificate in Strategic Leadership and Project Management [managers.org.uk](https://managers.org.uk)

We look forward to meeting you at the Graduate School, the gateway to your postgraduate journey and to your future success!

[qub.ac.uk/graduate-school](https://qub.ac.uk/graduate-school)

**RUSSELL  
GROUP**

## THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be offered to Master's students who are due to start their course at Queen's in the next January intake. It will be delivered virtually between September and December 2020.

## PROGRESSION AND RECOGNITION

All students who complete the programme will be recognised through the award of a Graduate Plus accreditation.



**Queen's was ranked 1st out of the top 100 UK universities for its Entrepreneurial Impact Ranking (Octopus Ventures, 2019)**

Progression routes are available into a wide range of other programmes such as Master Your Leadership, CMI Level 7 modules and IMPACT: Social Innovation. The Graduate School will provide you with a roadmap into these and other opportunities when you arrive in Belfast in January 2021.

Follow us now on social media to find out what Queen's Graduate School can do for you @QUBGradSchool; and if you have any questions about the Employability Launchpad Programme, please contact the Queen's team in your country.

## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK

You will benefit from a tailored support framework that will help you create a developmental plan with key milestones.

- Pre-programme completion of a 360 degree skills audit
- Small group consultations on skills needs
- Completion of digital learning journal throughout the programme
- Virtual cafes with current postgraduate student mentors
- In-country (physical or virtual) meet-ups with alumni
- Tweet/Instagram your learning to @QUBGradSchool (#KickstartYourCareer) for a chance to win weekly prizes for the best post
- CMI Scholarship competition for best learning journal (worth £1000)
- Follow-up small group consultation on achievements and next steps

## CORE PROGRAMME

**Pre-Programme Welcome Event**  
Welcome, induction and a virtual 'Taste of Belfast'

### Weekly Masterclasses

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| Week 1  | Preparing your Digital Toolkit                                       |
| Week 2  | Developing your Global Mindset in the "New Normal"                   |
| Week 3  | Personal & Professional Skills Development                           |
| Week 4  | Key Academic Skills  |
| Week 5  | Project Management for Work and Study                                |
| Week 6  | Critical Reading and Writing for Work and Study                      |
| Week 7  | Creative Thinking and Problem Solving                                |
| Week 8  | Business Communication and Presentation Skills                       |
| Week 9  | Design Thinking and Innovation                                       |
| Week 10 | Understanding your Personality Type for leadership and collaboration |
| Week 11 | Developing your Leadership Skills                                    |
| Week 12 | Collaborative Working in Teams                                       |

**Post-Programme Event**  
Virtual celebration and award of Certificates, announcement of CMI scholarship winner; and session on What's Next?

## JOIN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

You will also have opportunities to interact with the current Queen's postgraduate population through our virtual community and skills events. These include:

- Academic Writing for non- Anglophone students
- 'Shut Up and Write' writing bootcamp
- Virtual Coffee Catch-Up: learn 'what to expect' from current students and staff
- Mindful Meditation
- Postgraduate Book Club
- Innovation After Hours/ Fireside chats with business founder
- Thought Leaders in business and academia tell their stories
- Research Scholar Workshops