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WE'RE A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

We are ranked 43rd in the world in The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings,
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(Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2021)



OUR RESEARCH HAS GLOBAL IMPACT

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Life at Queen's University Belfast



**NORTHERN IRELAND
IS THE HAPPIEST
PLACE TO LIVE IN
THE UK**

(Lloyds Bank Happiness Index,
2020)



**BELFAST HAS
THE LOWEST
STUDENT RENT
IN THE UK**

(NatWest Student Living
Index 2020)



**BELFAST IS IN THE
SAFEST REGION IN
THE UK**

(UK British Crime Surveys
2019/20)



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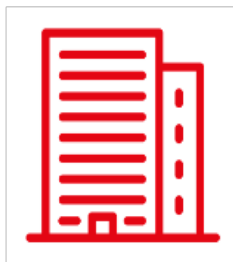


**You'll benefit
from £700M
campus
investment**



**Ranked in
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most
beautiful
historic
universities
in the UK**

(QS World Rankings 2021)



**Dedicated
accommodation
for
Postgraduate
Students**



**Ranked 1st out
of 8 Russell
Group
Universities**

(International Student Barometer
2020/21)

A CAMPUS UNIVERSITY IN THE HEART OF BELFAST

Queen's is at the
heart of the city's
culture, arts and
social scenes



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FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

The Faculty is distinguished by its academic strengths and is recognised globally for the social, economic and cultural benefit it delivers through its research.

Our researchers are working at the cutting edge, applying their insight to ambitious programmes with the potential to yield world-changing solutions to major population and planetary health challenges.



RESEARCH CENTRES

IGFS

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

CPH

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

WWIEM

WELLCOME-WOLFSON INSTITUTE FOR
EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE

PGJCCR

THE PATRICK G JOHNSON CENTRE
FOR CANCER RESEARCH

MATCH

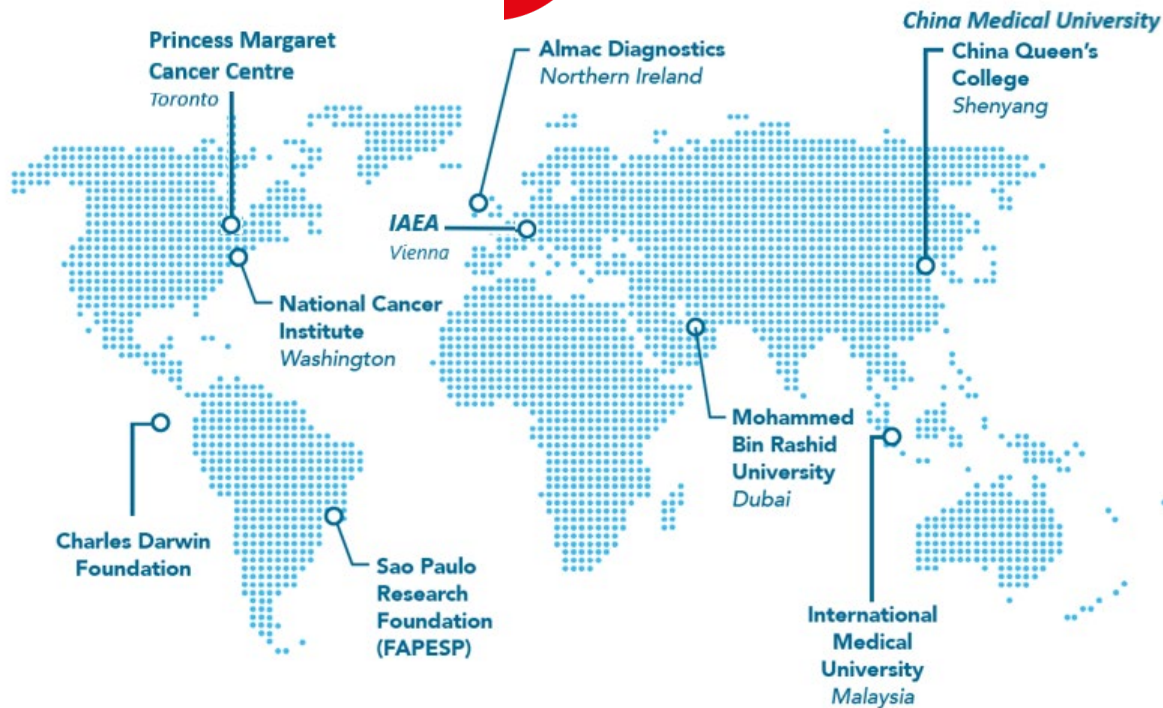
MATERIAL AND ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGIES FOR HEALTHCARE



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PARTNERSHIPS



IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
MALAYSIA



UHN Princess Margaret Cancer Centre



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POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Food Safety and Nutrition
- Microbes and Pathogen Biology
- Ecosystem Biology and Sustainability

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

- Cancer Research and Cell Biology
- Experimental Medicine
- Public Health
- Medical Education

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

- Nanomedicine and Biotherapeutics
- Pharmaceutical Materials Science and Formulation
- Drug Delivery and Biomaterials
- Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance
- Healthcare Delivery and Medicine Optimisation

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

- Maternal and Child Health
- Chronic Illness and Palliative Care
- Education and Practice



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME

TAILORED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

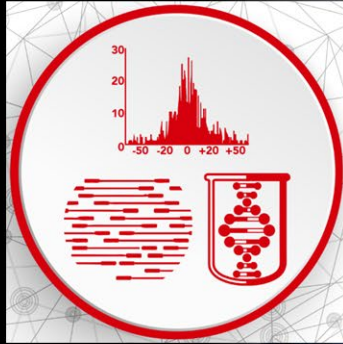
- Optional taught classes
- Opportunity to attend research seminars and conferences
- Peer-mentoring, careers workshops, academic mentoring
- Specialist practical research skills training
- Engagement with biotech and pharmaceutical companies
- Innovation, business and entrepreneurial skills training
- International research collaborations



Faculty Core Technology Units



ADVANCED INFORMATICS



GENOMICS



MASS SPECTROMETRY



ADVANCED IMAGING



BIOLOGICAL SERVICES



CLINICAL RESEARCH

INTRODUCTION TO CORE TECHNOLOGY UNITS
SPECIALIST PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING

English Language and Academic Skills Support



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT
FOR PGR STUDENTS**

Mr Justin O'Hagan



**PGR LEARNING
DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

Dr Gillian Cruickshank



Subject-specific English language
Reading, writing, speech development
Proof reading
Academic skills support
Research management
Literature review and referencing
Oral and poster presentation
Preparing for Annual Progress Review
Thesis writing and viva



Steps To Apply



Step 1: Check you meet the entry requirements

Check that you meet, or expect to meet the academic requirements and if applicable, the English language entry requirements for your chosen programme on our website: www.qub.ac.uk

Depending on your chosen area of research, professional qualifications or experience may also be taken into consideration.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
School of Biological Sciences | PhD

Entry Year
Academic Year 2022/23

Entry Requirements
2.1

Overview

Course content

Projects (28)

Entry Requirements

Fees and Funding

Apply

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

The minimum academic requirement for admission to a research degree programme is normally an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or ROI HE provider, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Further information can be obtained by contacting the School.

International Students

For information on international qualification equivalents, please check the specific information for [your country](#).

English Language Requirements

Evidence of an IELTS* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required (*taken within the last 2 years).



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Step 2: Consider Funding

If you are not in receipt of financial support, you should ensure that you are fully aware of the financial commitments and that you have the necessary resources to cover the cost of fees and maintenance for the duration of your studies.

Information on tuition fee rates and procedures for the payment of fees can be found on our website: www.qub.ac.uk



How To Find Funding

Fully funded PhD projects or studentships are usually well advertised; however, you should be prepared to spend some time researching your options and checking the details of any project you are interested in.

Our funded projects are usually listed on our PhD projects page:

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-research/phd-opportunities/>

How To Find Funding

Funding may be available from external funding bodies such as trusts and charities, research foundations, government agencies, the private sector or your home government.

The Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding is a popular resource helping all postgraduates, regardless of subject or nationality, to find PhD funding.

<https://www.postgraduate-funding.com/>

Employers are always keen to develop their employees through training. Medical, legal and technology driven businesses may be interested in sponsoring you for your PhD.

PGR Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Amount	Eligible Students	Application Process
Early Bird Reward (EBR)	£1500 discount in tuition fees	All new International Students with unconditional offer holders not later than 90 days before the start date given in their offer letter	email proof of payment to internationalscholarships@qub.ac.uk
QUB Loyalty Scholarship	20% discount on Year 1 fees only	Queen's University alumni, Exchange, Study Abroad, International Summer School or AHSS Winter School Students	Complete form which is sent to offer holders
QUB Family Scholarship	20% discount on Year 1 fees only	Queen's University alumni, Exchange, Study Abroad, International Summer School or AHSS Winter School Students	Complete form which is sent to offer holders

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Step 3: Identify a research theme and potential research supervisor(s)

Our world-class academics provide research students with excellent supervision.

If you're considering a research degree, you will need to identify a research theme and a research supervisor.

To identify a research theme, find the school and research theme relevant to your area of interest. Familiarise yourself with our staff profiles via:

www.go.qub.ac.uk/PhDSupervisor



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Step 4: Get in Touch

Prepare a research overview and email it to the team at: askmhls@qub.ac.uk.

At this stage, it would be useful to identify which research theme you are interested in and your potential supervisor(s).

We will make contact with a supervisor on your behalf which may require additional communication via phone, email or skype with the designated supervisor.



Developing your research project

Contact prospective supervisors

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-research/find-a-phd-supervisor/>

Contact Faculty Hub

askmhls@qub.ac.uk

Arrange an informal meeting

Discuss general research interests or specific project

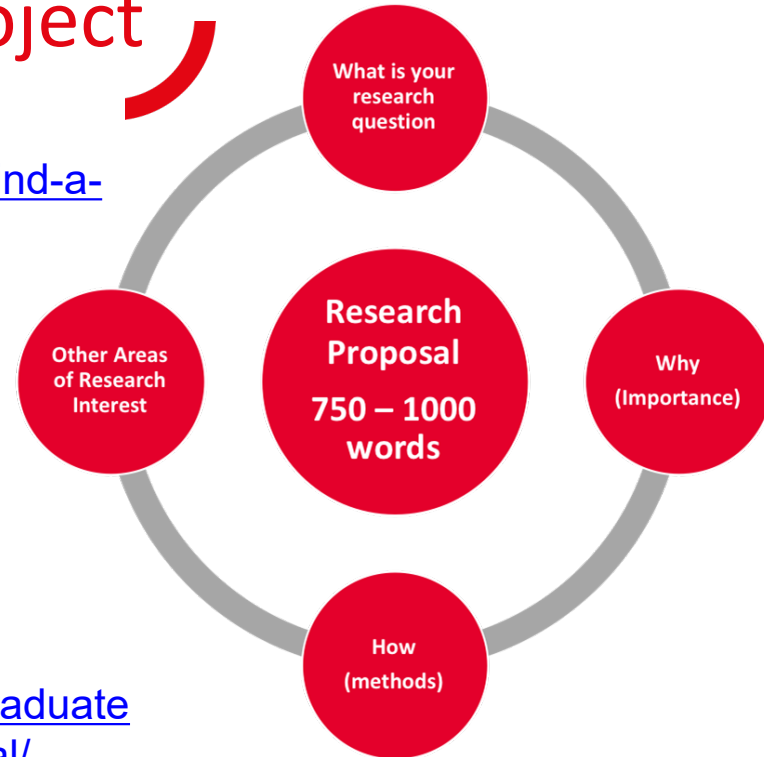
Develop your proposal with supervisor

Discuss specific ideas and requirements

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/PostgraduateStudy/Postgraduate-research/pgr-steps-to-apply/writing-a-research-proposal/>

Submit formal online application

<https://dap.qub.ac.uk/dapprd/portal>



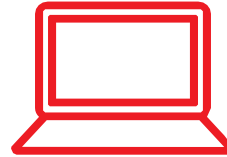
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Step 5: Gather Supporting documentation

To make sure your application is processed in the fastest possible time, you must scan and upload supporting documents along with your application. We may not be able to make a decision on your application until we have received all your relevant documents.



Step 6: Apply Online

Applications should be submitted online via the Postgraduate Applications Portal . New applicants will need to register via the Portal to create an application account.

Apply online via: www.qub.ac.uk

Thank You

For any further enquiries, please
contact askmhls@qub.ac.uk



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