Since the outbreak of COVID-19 we all find ourselves working in new and creative ways. The Graduate School is embracing a range of delivery models ~~for~~ its programmes and workshops and is here to support you in any way that it can. You can contact our dedicated team via the GS reception in person Monday to Friday 9.00-5.00, via phone 02890972585 or via email graduateschool@qub.ac.uk. The University has also complied Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs, which are updated on an ongoing basis. This includes information on funding for researchers.

The Graduate School works with postgraduate students, staff and external partners to offer opportunities for our vibrant postgraduate community to come together to learn, network and gain the skills that make our graduates stand out in a competitive professional environment. This Code of Conduct has been established to set out the respect and professionalism expected of all Queen’s postgraduate students with respect to their personal, professional and academic skills development and learning, and the responsibilities undertaken by the Graduate School to make this a welcoming, valuable and impactful experience for all postgraduate students. This Code of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the Postgraduate Development Programme Guidelines.

For virtual delivery, the Graduate School is using a number of different University approved platforms. Students will not have their data added/uploaded to any external platforms unless consent is received, either in the form of written consent or by logging onto the system themselves, taking into consideration their privacy policy. Please see Queen’s University Student Privacy Notice for more details.

Definitions:

• Late cancellations of attendance: cancelling fewer than 48 hours before the scheduled date and time of the training course

• Non-attendance: failing to attend a course on which a place has been booked

• MyFuture: University system used for students to book onto and cancel training and development courses

1. **Graduate School Responsibilities**

• The Graduate School monitors waiting lists for courses, and endeavours to respond to areas of high demand.

• The Graduate School will send a reminder email prior to the course or 1-2-1 commencing. For courses and 1-2-1s booked through MyFuture, this is automatically generated 24 hours prior to the course commencing.

• Where the Graduate School is made aware of reasonable adjustments or other learner support to help full engagement and participation, we will discuss with you the best way that we can accommodate your learning. Please let us know if you wish to discuss adjustment which may support you by emailing pg.skills@qub.ac.uk

• We will undertake evaluations of courses that we offer, and continuously look at how we can improve based on your feedback.

• For training provided by the Graduate School via Microsoft Teams, participants will be added to a Team the day before the event is scheduled to take place.

• If the event is being delivered on an alternative platform, links or generated codes will be sent to participants in advance of joining virtual events.

Where a workshop or activity is being held face to face you will be informed via email from MyFuture. You are asked to keep informed of up to date guidance using the QUB covid link

**Course Cancellation by the Graduate School**

• If insufficient numbers of students have registered for a scheduled course, the Graduate School reserve the right to cancel the course up to 48 hours prior to the scheduled start time. Registered students will be notified by email and given the opportunity to book a place on an alternative date, if possible. Students will be offered the opportunity to speak to a member of the Graduate School team about other opportunities for developing or practising that skill.

• In exceptional circumstances (e.g. Facilitator illness or extreme weather conditions) a course may have to be cancelled with fewer than 48 hours’ notice. On these occasions the Graduate School will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to students registered for a course, by sending an email, and the course will either be re-scheduled or places offered on an alternative date if possible.

1. **Postgraduate Student Responsibilities**

Course Attendance

* When you register for a course you are committing to attend the full duration. If you leave the course while the course is ongoing, your attendance may not be registered. Postgraduate Research students may not receive training credit for courses which they do not attend in full.

• You are expected to arrive on time for the scheduled start time of the course whether it be in person or virtual. The Facilitator reserves the right not to allow a student to join a course if it has already commenced. If you are allowed to participate, it is your responsibility to ensure your attendance is marked at reception/or by notifying [pg.skills@qub.ac.uk](mailto:pg.skills@qub.ac.uk)

• Postgraduate students are responsible for ensuring that they have appropriate authorisations to attend a training and development course. Postgraduate research students should discuss in advance with their supervisor. Postgraduate Taught students should discuss with any module convenors if there is a conflict between module and training course timing.

• Changes to course arrangements and details of pre-course work will be communicated to registered students via their University email address. It is the responsibility of course registrants to check their email regularly to ensure they receive pre-course information.

• Some courses require pre-course work to be completed and you must ensure that you undertake this work in preparation for the course. Please note the Facilitator reserves the right not to allow a student to join a course if they have not completed the required pre-course work.

• You are expected to arrive in time for the scheduled start time of the course. The Facilitator reserves the right not to allow a student to join a course if it has already commenced. If you are allowed to participate, it is your responsibility to ensure your attendance is marked at reception/or by notifying [pg.skills@qub.ac.uk](mailto:pg.skills@qub.ac.uk).

• Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or on silent. If you need to make call, there are normally breaks scheduled during the course programme, or discuss your need with the course facilitator.

• All facilitators and staff members must be treated with respect at all times.

• If you are unable to attend a course or 1-2-1 appointment, you must give 48 hours’ notice of the cancellation, by cancelling your place from your MyFuture booking. You can email pg.skills@qub.ac.uk if you are unable to access the system.

♣ To cancel your place please login to MyFuture, go to Events and "Cancel book" (make use of Search to help you locate the event).

♣ To cancel your 1-2-1 appointment, go to Book Appointments and Calendar - Book an Appointment – Book Appointment tab on the right of screen – Ellipsis on right of screen and select \*Cancel\*

Virtual Events:

• As a participant in this event or programme, we ask you not to record, either through the platform or through a screen capture on your own device, save or use any of the student/other participant personal data without their written consent. Through fully participating and engaging in virtual events you will develop as an individual, getting as much as possible of the sessions as well as giving you the opportunity to support others in their development. Many of our programmes and workshops may involve group work, and we require all participants to work collaboratively for this to run effectively and in a way that will be beneficial to all.

• Please note some lectures may discuss challenging subject matter or topics.

**In-person events**

* For in person events we want to reduce food waste and letting us know if you are unable to attend will help us with this ambition. Do we want to add in about being limited numbers for in-person events.
* As a community and as individuals, it is important everyone continues to play their part in protecting against the spread of Covid-19. Please ensure you are following the protective measures put in place throughout the Graduate School building.

Any student who registers for a Graduate School course accepts their responsibilities within the Professional Code of Conduct. Students with any queries about the course arrangements, logistics, wishing to identify specific needs or encountering difficulties with course booking should contact pg.skills@qub.ac.uk or telephone 028 9097 2585.

We would like to hear from you if there are elements of our provision which are not meeting your expectations. Any issues relating to training and development opportunities within the Graduate School may be raised initially with Claire Regan (c.regan@qub.ac.uk), PG Engagement and Events Officer. We hope we can resolve or address the issue at this point, but you are able to use the University’s Student Complaints Procedure if you are not satisfied with our response. PG Engagement and Events Officer. We hope we can resolve or address the issue at this point, but you are able to use the University’s Student Complaints Procedure if you are not satisfied with our response.