



**QUEEN'S
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**QUEEN'S
BUSINESS
SCHOOL**

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



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YOUR TIME AT QUEEN'S

Studying at University should be about more than just getting a degree. Your time at Queen's Business School (QBS) provides you with a range of opportunities to pursue interests, develop new skills and gain experiences that give you a different perspective on the world.

Such opportunities will enrich your studies, help you figure out what you want to do with your life, and prepare you for whatever comes next.

For many of you, the obvious next step will be in a career in the highly competitive business field. Employers are constantly demanding more from their workforce and can afford to be selective when recruiting for the most sought after roles.

To this end, we want to challenge you to add new dimensions to your studies, by highlighting some of the many opportunities available to you.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate and explore for the benefit of business and society.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be pivotal in developing principled and effective leaders; to expand research-led dialogue and engagement with business, civil society, and government; to grow international stature and esteem.

OUR VALUES

The University has five core values which are at the heart of Queen's Business School, and we seek to impart them to all who participate in the School's activities.

- Integrity
- Connectivity
- Ambition
- Respect
- Excellence

OUR ACCREDITATIONS

One of the ways QBS aims to achieve our mission and vision is through global business education accreditation and ranking processes. We are proud to participate and engage with these global bodies improving opportunities for our students and researchers.

In July 2025 QBS became part of the top 1 percent of international business schools that hold the 'triple crown' of accreditations:

- AACSB
- AMBA
- EQUIS

Our commitment to gender equality and sustainability is also recognised by Athena Swan (bronze) and PRME Champion School status since 2019. You can find out more via the link below.

go.qub.ac.uk/QBSaccreditations





INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Through your studies you will recognise that we live in an increasingly international and connected world. Employers value international experience and we want our students to have the capability and ambition to lead on a global stage.

- What experience do you have of other business environments?
- How have you developed your cultural awareness?
- How have you demonstrated your global citizenship?



COMMERCIAL DIMENSION

Gaining experience of the commercial world can help you understand the type of career you want to pursue, as well as preparing you for it. Employers value experience and commercial awareness. Conversely, a lack of experience or commercial awareness, undermines your credibility as a committed candidate and future employee.

- What experience could you gain now to give you an advantage in securing your chosen career?
- Do you understand the current business environment?
- How have you demonstrated a passion for your chosen career?
- Do you have a business idea of your own?



SOCIAL DIMENSION

As a School we seek to develop leaders who recognise the role they have to play in society.

- How will you develop as a person during your time at Queen's?
- How will you improve your personal leadership ability?
- How will you demonstrate a concern for the welfare of others?
- Have you developed your professional network?

Enhance Your Degree

QUEEN'S BUSINESS SCHOOL

AT A GLANCE

The Careers and Work Placement Team provide a support service to students through a structured Placement Programme.

Students undertake placements on the following degree programmes:

UNDERGRADUATE

As of 2021/22 all UG programmes either have an integrated or optional placement as part of the curriculum.

POSTGRADUATE

MSc Marketing and MSc International Business are currently the only programmes with an internship option sourced by the team.

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/qbsplacement
- qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk

QBS PLACEMENT BENEFITS

- Valuable work experience in a relevant business area bringing increased employability
- The opportunity to develop a range of work related skills and experience of workplace culture
- The opportunity to put academic theory into practice
- Creation of a network of industry contacts
- Personal and professional development



A Placement Programme has been running successfully within Queen's Business School for over 25 years. Preparation for placement begins in first year with an induction course educating students on the placement process. In second year students attend a number of workshops on a variety of topics including interview techniques, commercial awareness and presentation skills.

Students receive one on one support and guidance throughout their search for a placement and beyond. Students studying for a BSc are required to work for a minimum of nine months in a salaried position while MSc students can complete a twelve week project based internship in lieu of a traditional dissertation.

Undergraduate students have obtained placements with a variety of organisations including: Aviva, BDO, Citi, Citco, Deloitte, Disney, EY, FD Technologies, FinTrU, Goldman Sachs, KPMG, L'Oreal, Microsoft, Primark, PwC, Warner Bros., and Zurich Life.

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PLACEMENT FACILITIES AND EVENTS

QBS runs multiple events designed to enhance students' market knowledge and career readiness. These include placement fairs, speed networking, company visits, guest lectures and master classes.

QBS has an Employability Hub and other dedicated collaboration spaces for our students to engage with employers and career experts as well as a number of interview suites where students can enjoy 1-to-1 consultations and interview coaching.



INTERSHIPS AND WORK-BASED PROJECTS

MSc Marketing and MSc International Business students have the opportunity to apply for a minimum 12-week internship as an alternative to the traditional dissertation in Semester 3. This option is supplemented with a work-based project as a final element of the programme, allowing students to apply and review academic and theoretical principles in practice. It also provides students with real world experience, helping build their professional network, and create career opportunities.

Companies who have recruited students for internships previously include: SDG Construction, Glowmetrics, Artemis, Belfast Chamber of Commerce, Lidl Supply Chain, and Wavteq.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“The internship was a key element that attracted me to the programme. The fantastic Placement Team helped me to secure an internship with global MedTech company, Cirdan. Three years later, I’m their Marketing Manager responsible for leading all of the company’s global marketing activities.”

Rebecca Fitton, MSc Marketing

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MYFUTURE AT QUB

MyFuture is the dedicated Queen's Careers management system to help you find graduate roles, internships and placements. All Queen's students are offered a MyFuture account as part of the enrolment and registration process. Students can either download the MyFuture app or log in via the link below. Included in your MyFuture account are the following features:

- Careers, Employability and Skills (CES)
- Learning Development Service (LDS)
- Careers events listing and booking tool
- Job advertisements with intelligent job search systems. These match opportunities to your degree, year group and previous job search history.
- A PDP e-portfolio and an Academic and Career Development Planner

go.qub.ac.uk/myfuture

See also HigherEd for international careers (Internationalisation section).

GO GLOBAL

Every year over 900 Queen's students take the opportunity to go outside Northern Ireland to study or gain work-related experience. Why not be one of them?

Even if your degree doesn't integrate study or work abroad there are still loads of opportunities whatever your level and degree discipline. You can go abroad for the summer, for a semester or for a whole year - the choice is yours.

The Go Global team run a Go Global Week and a Go Global Fair each year. Find out about the broad range of opportunities available to you to spend some time studying, working or volunteering abroad.

go.qub.ac.uk/globalweek
www.goinglobal.com

FUTURE READY

The Future Ready Award (formerly known as DegreePlus) recognises and accredits Queen's students for the personal initiative and drive they demonstrate in developing skills and experiences outside of their academic programme.

Students who complete relevant experiences, led by an approved Activity Provider, will be eligible for the Award. Successful completion will be recorded on their QSIS record and they will receive a certificate at their graduation ceremony.

A full list of eligible activities can be found via the following link:

go.qub.ac.uk/FutureReady



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SU ENTERPRISE

Develop the enterprise skills you need to start your own business or secure your dream job. SU Enterprise is a student focused team that are here to help you achieve your full potential, whatever your degree pathway.

Business one to ones can help you whether you're just beginning to think about ideas for a new business or you have already started up and are trading.

Further opportunities are available for developing your creative thinking, idea generation, entrepreneurial skills and give you a chance to network and gain useful contacts.

Please see p38 for more information what opportunities SU Enterprise can offer early career entrepreneurs.

q-su.org/EnterpriseSU

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Queen's awards a number of competitive bursaries each year to support students undertaking non-compulsory Turing Scheme, Erasmus+ or international study exchanges or attending conferences, summer schools or short courses. See which scholarships and funding options you may be entitled to below:

go.qub.ac.uk/Scholarshipsandfunding

SCIENCE SHOP AT QUB

The Science Shop works across all university faculties linking the knowledge and skills of students and staff with community needs through course-based research projects and dissertations. You can make a difference by applying your knowledge, skills and experience, working within your course to address real issues facing communities today. There is a project here for you.

go.qub.ac.uk/scienceshop

QUB CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Joining a club or society at Queen's is the perfect opportunity to meet new people, keep up your interest in a passion or, even better, to find a brand new one you never knew you had! With over 220 clubs, all of them student-led, there's something for everyone.

go.qub.ac.uk/societies



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AT A GLANCE

- Programme of career events to enhance the student experience

KEY DATES

- Rolling programme of events
- Careers Fairs normally held twice a year (October & February)
- Summer NI Graduate & Recruitment Fair

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Themed weeks focusing on key skills
- Personal development courses
- Meet employers and be inspired

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/CESProgrammes

CAREER PROGRAMMES

The QUB Careers, Employability and Skills (CES) department offer a range of careers programmes that are designed to encourage you to try new things, meet new people and build relevant skills and experience, both at home and overseas.

Stay informed of all upcoming events and programmes by following #QUBCareers on social media. Some example career programmes are highlighted on this page. For the full list of programmes please see the Find Out More section.

SHE LEADS

Delivered over 4 half days, the She Leads Programme for Women is designed to help you develop and acknowledge your potential as a confident leader. Spaces are limited and participants are required to attend all 4 sessions.

WORK SHADOWING WEEK

The annual Work Shadowing Week (usually held in March/April) is open to all students and involves up to 10 students spending a day in a participating organisation to give you an insight into working with a particular sector and observing professionals in practice.

REAL WORLD CHALLENGE

Tackle a real-world problem, then persuade the experts, while developing key employability skills in the process.

In 2024 and 2025, the challenge focused on Climate Change. A team of students meet with experts at PwC Belfast's offices to look at how industry leaders can use the ecological crisis to inform decision-making and prompt action. The programme usually lasts 4 days.

INTERNATIONALISE

QBS Student Community

Connecting QBS Domestic and International Students

AT A GLANCE

- Dedicated UG and PGT International Student Advisers
- Online Student Community Hub (QBS Connect) highlighting upcoming QBS student social events

KEY DATES

- Events and activities throughout the year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All QBS students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Induction Week
- Social Events

FIND OUT MORE

- qbsisa@qub.ac.uk
- go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet

QBS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS

Everyone is on a different journey with each person having their own strengths and areas for development. Our Advisors provide a safe, supportive environment to help international students navigate and manage any academic and pastoral issues they may face. They can offer advice on matters such as cultural adjustment, English language proficiency, and presentation skills to help students develop their own coping strategies, build their confidence and trust in their own abilities.



Ms Arlene Bustard
PGT International Student Advisor

INTERNATIONALISE

QBS CONNECT



At QBS, we are committed to ensuring that all students have a sense of community and belonging. QBS Connect, a student-led social and skills development programme, runs throughout the year allowing QBS students to stay informed and get involved in what's happening across the campus.

Work Abroad

Want to work abroad but worried about the cost?



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AT A GLANCE

- Extra help with the cost of work placement in Europe
- Can be eligible for Future Ready Award

KEY DATES

- Apply at least 8 weeks prior
- Placements of up to 12 months

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Aimed at students taking placements
- No prior experience required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain international work experience
- Increase your cultural awareness
- Enhance your employability
- Funding available

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalops
- go.qub.ac.uk/travelfunding

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Do you want to spend time working in another country whilst improving your language skills, boosting your CV, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures? Queen's students can apply for working abroad opportunities using the Go Global search tool where you can refine your search to your level of study and work style.

The UK's participation in the Erasmus programme came to an end on 31 May 2023. The replacement Turing Scheme is the UK's global programme for studying, working and living abroad, offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional development for students. Students from NI may still be able to access Erasmus funding through arrangements made by the Irish Government.



DID YOU KNOW?

Queen's work with employers and organisations locally to bring you opportunities to gain in person or virtual experience working on an international project or role while based right here in Northern Ireland. The University typically funds up to ten, 4-week summer internships for undergraduate students. Each student typically receives £1,000 bursary on successful completion of Working Globally From NI internships.

Study Abroad

Continue your learning journey in another country



INTERNATIONALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Spend up to 1 year studying in another country
- Can be eligible for Future Ready Award

KEY DATES

- Go for one or two semesters
- Closing date is normally February for European exchanges but can be earlier for international opportunities

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to most UG Students
- No prior experience required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience another culture
- Financial support available

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalops
- go.qub.ac.uk/QBSPartners
- go.qub.ac.uk/InternationalMobility

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Would you like to spend up to a year studying in another country as a recognised part of your Queen's degree? Our study abroad programmes range in length from one week to one year and you can choose to spend a semester at a European or Australian university, a year in America or spend the summer in Canada. Opportunities depend on the agreements the School has established and your degree programme.

The UK's participation in the Erasmus programme came to an end on 31 May 2023. This is due to the UK government's decision not to associate to the new Erasmus programme following Brexit. The Erasmus programme has been replaced with the Turing Scheme. The scheme is the UK's global programme for studying, working and living abroad, offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional development for students.



DO I NEED TO SPEAK A LANGUAGE?

Not necessarily – you can study in English speaking countries such as Australia or the USA, and some of Queen's partner universities will teach in English (for example in The Netherlands and Scandinavia). However, for many host universities you will have to be fluent in the language of the host country. It is recommended that you enrol on the Language Centre classes available in the McClay Library in advance of your study placement to improve your social language skills.

Highered at QBS

The only global network connecting companies, business schools and their students

AT A GLANCE

- Build your experience portfolio on a global level
- Free 24/7 platform
- Open only to business school students and recent alumni

KEY DATES

- New openings added all year round
- Sign up now so you don't miss out

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All QBS students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Access to global positions
- Tips and assessments
- Virtual career fairs and events
- Live CV Clinics
- Workplace culture country guides

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/QBSHighered

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Queen's Business School is a member of EFMD's Global Network. As a student of QBS you have free exclusive access to the Highered Global Job Platform where you can browse international job opportunities, connecting you with global companies and organizations.

The Highered platform allows you to apply directly to international companies and organizations.

The AI matching capabilities of the platform will enable you to easily identify the positions that are most relevant to you. Opportunities available include internships, graduate programmes and full-times positions across all major sectors. Additionally, you have access to an online personal assessment.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Every year there are more than 10,000 relevant positions posted from EFMD company members to the Highered Global Job Platform.

You can now login using your social media accounts. There are complimentary Master-class webinars available on a monthly bases which cover career topics to help advance your career journey.

Study USA

Gain valuable experience in North America



INTERNATIONALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Spend a year at an American college
- Over 50 places up for grabs!

KEY DATES

- 2026-27 applications open Sept 2025
- Deadline usually Nov/Dec each year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Undergraduates
- Apply in Level 2 (normally)
- Restricted to UK/EU nationals

HIGHLIGHTS

- International experience for your CV
- Study at high quality institutions
- Choose from a broad range of programmes

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/StudyAbroadOpps
- go.qub.ac.uk/britishcouncil

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Spend a full academic year at an American College or University studying business and management. Each year between 50-60 students from Northern Ireland participate in the Study USA programme which has been running since 1994.

From Washington to Wisconsin, Nebraska to New Jersey, opportunities are spread through many states - giving students the chance to experience the huge cultural and geographical diversity of the US. British Council works in partnership with over 140 institutions across the United States of America.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“Taking part was one of the most fulfilling years of my life. I started feeling unsure and nervous about what I was going to experience and I finished the year with memories of people I met, lessons I had learnt and places I had visited which have helped me to grow in confidence and give me a broader view of the way I look at the world. It was a truly life changing experience.”

Niall O'Hagan
Study USA Student of the Year

Belmont University Summer Programme

Spend 3 weeks in Nashville!

*Currently QBS Students are eligible for this programme



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AT A GLANCE

- Spend three weeks living and studying on campus at Belmont University
- Successful applicants will pay a contribution of between £450-£750

KEY DATES

- Applications usually close in February
- Anticipated travel in June

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to second year Undergraduate AHSS Students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience and explore Nashville
- Gain new perspectives
- Examine the social and economic challenges that persist in the city

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalsearchtool

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Queen's has partnered with Belmont University to offer AHSS students an exciting opportunity to apply to the 3-week long Summer Programme. The Belmont University programme will help to broaden your horizons, enrich your degree and support your skill development for future employability.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The programme has proved to be very popular operating through a competitive application process.

To apply students will need to complete an application form which includes a 200-word personal statement describing how the programme will add value, enhance skills and support career aspirations.



FUTURE READY AWARD

Students will automatically receive the Future Ready Award upon graduation through the completion of the programme.

Global Taster Programmes

Explore the world and shape your future!

AT A GLANCE

- Spend a short 'taster' period abroad
- Includes summer schools, immersion programmes, study visits, and simulation weeks with international partners
- Small student contribution of between £250-500 depending on opportunity

KEY DATES

- Applications usually close in Jan-Feb
- Usually 1-4 weeks in June-August

WHO'S IT FOR?

- UG: Opportunities for each year group
- PGT: MSc International Business; MBA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased independence and enhanced cultural awareness
- Overseas experience on CV

FIND OUT MORE

- Contact Wendy McKnight
(w.mcknight@qub.ac.uk)

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

At QBS, we strongly believe that learning goes beyond the classroom. Each year we aim to offer students a diverse range of exciting opportunities to visit, study and experience different countries. These short-term experiences, which can be in person or virtual, help students to step out of their comfort zone and try something new, gaining a sense of independence and achievement, and hopefully kick starting an international learning journey. Highlights from 2025:

- UG Level 1: 3-week academic/cultural programme at Copenhagen Business School.
- UG Level 2: Narxoz University's Summer Global Immersion programme combining business topics and field trips.
- MSc International Business & MSc Marketing: NEOMA Business School, Paris for a 3-day study tour that focused on 'Doing Business in France'.
- MBA: A one week Simulation Event at IAE Business School in Argentina.

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THEY SAID WHAT?

“What an experience! I never thought I would spend 10 days in Almaty, Kazakhstan, learning about topics that have global impact. I had an unforgettable time, immersing myself in a different culture, making lifelong friendships and memories along the way. It has helped me to broaden my international awareness and adapt to a different environment. I highly encourage everyone who is interested in a period abroad to apply. You won't regret it!”

Jason Wong
Narxoz Summer Immersion Programme

Other Summer Schools

Go somewhere new this summer!

*Currently QBS Students are eligible for these schemes

AT A GLANCE

- Attend summer courses across Europe hosted by some of our international partners

KEY DATES

- See specific scheme for application deadlines

WHO'S IT FOR?

- See specific scheme for eligibility criteria
- Students may be eligible for AHSS JETSET award

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a few weeks learning in a new country gaining new perspectives
- Make friends and develop your global network

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalops

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Example opportunities are listed below, but these are not an exhaustive list.

ANTWERP UNIVERSITY

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

EXCELIA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

RENNES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

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SKEMA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. A 1-week course, covering 2 business modules, delivered in person onsite.

UTRECHT SUMMER SCHOOL

Open to all students, Queen's offers up to £1,400 in funding for 20-30 Undergraduate students to complete a 1-2 week course in the Netherlands. Students from a widening participation background can also avail of a further £150 funding towards the travel costs.



Washington Ireland Programme

Be one of the next generation of leaders



INTERNATIONALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Year long programme of service and leadership development

KEY DATES

- Closing date November
- Year long programme with 8 weeks in Washington

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Orientation and service to your community - 30 hours
- Summer semester in Washington
- Community Service and Advocacy across Northern Ireland

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalopps
- wiprogram.org

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

For the past 20 years, the Washington Ireland Program (WIP) has supported the peace and reconciliation efforts in Northern Ireland and Ireland. Identifying young people with a commitment to service and a track record of leadership, the programme builds their skills through work experience, educational opportunity, and hands-on citizenship both at home and in the USA.

Through these efforts, WIP is building the next generation of leaders that will achieve a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Northern Ireland and Ireland. Each year, WIP selects 30 talented students to join their growing community of leaders and influencers by completing a year-long programme of service and leadership development.



WASHINGTON
IRELAND
PROGRAM
FOR SERVICE & LEADERSHIP



THEY SAID WHAT?

“I’m really excited and I hope that through this experience I will develop skills to be able to support Northern Ireland move forward from a post-conflict society to one that celebrates diversity, and that puts equality of all people at the fore. I hope to gain a deeper understanding of how change happens, learning from those who have been at the heart of making that difference.”

Robert Murtagh

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Project Children

US Internship Programme



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AT A GLANCE

- Spend the summer working in the USA
- Food, accommodation, return flights and weekly stipend included
- Students contribute a small fee and cover visa costs

KEY DATES

- Applications normally open in March
- Duration 7 weeks

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay with an American host family
- Immerse yourself in US culture
- Network of co-ordinators and host families throughout 20 US states

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalopps
- projectchildren.org

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Now running for nearly 30 years, Project Children provides an international program to students in the US during the summer. Immerse yourself in US culture by staying with an American host family and working for a US company in your field of study.

The Project Children Summer Work & Travel Program provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for students from Northern Ireland and Ireland. Their seven week 'cultural exchange' program runs each summer, and gives students the chance experience life in the US.



The programme has two components:

- Experience the US working environment by interning with a US company for 7 weeks.
- Experience the US way of life by living with an American host family.

Projects Abroad

Volunteer projects based in 30 destinations



INTERNATIONALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Gap Years, Summer Placements, Work Experience, Internships, Career Breaks

KEY DATES

- Open all year round

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Prices include all of your food, accommodation, travel and health insurance
- Large variety of projects
- Host family accommodation

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/StudentVolunteering
- projects-abroad.co.uk

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Projects Abroad is an international volunteer organisation offering placements across the developing world. Volunteers choose from a range of different projects including teaching, care, conservation, medicine and healthcare, business and language courses. Projects Abroad pride themselves on flexibility and the ability to cater to volunteers' individual needs. They understand that you don't want a one-size-fits-all experience.



The options with Projects Abroad really are endless. Unlike most volunteer organisations, they employ full time staff wherever they work. This allows them to run projects continuously throughout the year. It also means they are completely flexible with start and end dates, so could easily fit into your schedule. With Projects Abroad, you decide when you want to go and for how long.

Mitacs Internships

Fancy 12-weeks in Canada next summer?



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- A 12-week internship that increases your knowledge of and explores hands-on research in your field of study

KEY DATES

- Application deadline in July

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Full-time undergraduates
- Students on an integrated Masters are also eligible
- Have recently completed 1st year of a 3-year programme or 2nd year of a 4-year programme
- Be able to spend 12 consecutive weeks between May and October

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully funded 12 weeks in Canada

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalsearchtool

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Go Global have teamed up with Mitacs and Universities UK International to offer three undergraduate students the opportunity to complete a fully funded 12-week research internship in Canada during the Summer of 2024 in a variety of academic disciplines from science, engineering and mathematics to the humanities and social sciences.



Students should submit a Cover Letter expressing both their interest and suitability for the 12-week Research Internship (max 500 words).



*Please note that although this will be a fully-funded opportunity for the successful candidates, some of the fees will be incurred by the selected students upfront and reimbursed upon arrival in Canada.

AT A GLANCE

- A paid international internship

KEY DATES

- Duration: from 6 weeks to 1 year
- Rolling closing dates

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All programmes

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the world and get paid!
- Or, have a virtual internship instead!

FIND OUT MORE

- iaeste.org

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

IAESTE (The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) serve 3000 employers and 1000 academic institutions through career-focused professional internships in more than 100 countries worldwide. With IAESTE, you can do a paid industry placement relevant to your studies.

Traditional internships offer you the chance to live and work in a foreign country, gain valuable experience, enhance your CV, make new friends from all over the world and have a truly life-changing experience.

Remote internships offer the chance to gain experience for those that for one reason or another cannot travel. They offer the same real work and expectation but you can do them from the comfort of your own home.

An exciting array of traineeships open up each year to undergraduate and graduate students. This is an invaluable opportunity to kick-start your career in your chosen field.



IAESTE

Use the online search to look roles in economics, business, management, marketing and more. Or why not join the student led committee at QUB – new members always welcome!

THEY SAID WHAT?

To find out more about what are the placements like, you can review a sample of student testimonials at iaeste.org/trainee/student-testimonials.

Think Pacific

Supporting projects in Fiji virtually!

AT A GLANCE

- Virtual summer internship with an award-winning volunteering organisation based in Fiji
- Fully funded scholarship opportunity – normally £495
- Choose from 10 career fields

KEY DATES

- Applications usually close in March
- 4-week, 8-week or 12-week options

WHO'S IT FOR?

- 5x scholarships available for QBS students (UG and PGT)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Contribute to Fiji National Development Plan and UN SDGs
- Connect with socially conscious students and professionals

FIND OUT MORE

- www.thinkpacific.com/qub/

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Virtual internships are internships completed remotely from your home. You'll be connected with real life projects supporting communities, organisations and charities in the Fiji islands as well as providing insightful mentoring, coaching and support to help you contribute to global issues.

The programme consists of 5 key stages:

- **Discovery** - you learn about Fiji, your organisation, self-leadership and how you support Fiji's National Development Plan
- **Discussion** - engage in discussion with NGO staff and fellow students to deepen your understanding
- **Decide** - decide which project you will focus on as you create campaigns, reports or resources
- **Design** - create your project, that might mean designing reports, powerpoints, research or online campaigns
- **Deliver** - present your project to Think Pacific's senior management team and partner organisation

INTERNATIONALISE



Queen's Global Leadership Programme

Learn within a multicultural leadership group



INTERNATIONALISE

AT A GLANCE

- International Employability Programme

KEY DATES

- Duration 10-12 days (On campus and in international location)
- Attendance at all sessions is compulsory for the programme

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all undergraduate students

HIGHLIGHTS

- International trip (location varies) to meet with Queen's Alumni and other professionals
- Design Thinking Training

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/globalleadership

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Now in its seventh year, over 100+ QUB students have previously visited international locations such as Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, New York/Washington DC, Toronto and Boston. The aim of this programme is to enable students to develop leadership skills which will support Queen's and the wider community.

In 2025, the programme took place in the Netherlands, with a maximum group size of 25 Undergraduate students. These students came together to address the challenge "How might students contribute to Queen's becoming a Net Zero University by 2040?"



*Please note, the programme may be subject to change.

- January - On campus team workshops to learn the principles of Design Thinking
- January to March - Team research project group work
- March - On campus workshops to ideate and prototype a solution
- June - Trip to TBC location to visit 8-10 companies and attend a networking event

Rian Immigrant Centre

J1 work and travel visa programme

AT A GLANCE

- Help to gain US work experience

KEY DATES

- Duration of up to one year
- Check website for details

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Final year students
- Recent graduates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunity to live, work and travel in the US.
- Paid internship with a US. employer

FIND OUT MORE

- riancenter.org
- j1iwt@riancenter.org

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Rian Immigrant Center (formerly Irish International Immigrant Center) in Boston, has for many years delivered top quality Learning Exchange Programmes for many Irish/NI students and graduates. Rian J1 sponsors the year long J1 Graduate and J1 Intern visas to the United States, and since 2008 has helped over 3000 students and graduates of Irish/NI Universities to live and work in their area of study in the US.

If you are a current final year student at QUB, or have just graduated, and want to get an outstanding piece of US. based work experience on your CV, then the J1 Graduate visa is the way to achieve that goal. Rian J1 will process your application, give support and advice on travelling to the US. and will use their network of business contacts to help you secure a great paid job in your area of study. They also process applications for QUB students with US. based placements already pre-set as part of your course. The J1 Graduate visa is a once in a lifetime opportunity to live and work in the US.

INTERNATIONALISE



Other Opportunities

Have fun and improve lives.

AT A GLANCE

- Students can volunteer for a number of opportunities outside of the university.
- These may not count towards a Future Award, but rewarding nonetheless.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Help improve the lives and living conditions of others
- Learn practical skills!
- Make new friends
- Option to extend travel

FIND OUT MORE

- habitatni.co.uk
- go-nyquest.com
- campamerica.co.uk
- campleaders.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Every day, Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair their home in 70 countries around the world. Get involved: use your hands and your voice for change, in our community and around the world.



CAMP CANADA

NYQUEST Camp Canada recruits from around the world for summer camp jobs in Canada. Not only are they the only summer camp placement agency based in Canada, but they receive excellent reviews and testimonials, and awards for their work to support camp staff.

INTERNATIONALISE

CAMP AMERICA

Established in 1969, Camp America is the biggest international summer camp staff provider, recruiting thousands of young people each year to work on hundreds of amazing summer camps across the USA. Camp America is a cultural exchange programme that gives young people the chance to participate on a nine-week placement in the USA.

CAMP LEADERS

With return Atlantic flights, food, accommodation and visa assistance included, it'll be the best summer you'll ever have. Their award winning customer service means Camp Leaders can offer you full support throughout your application. Not only will you make loads of friends, but you'll have an experience to wow any future employer - from leading teams to working under pressure, you'll come away from camp with more relevant experiences than you'll be able to talk about in a single interview.

COMMERCIALISE

QBS Connect

Inclusion | Development | Connection

AT A GLANCE

- Student-led cultural and socially inclusive activities aimed at strengthening personal and professional development

KEY DATES

- Paid team roles advertised on Q-Work in August/September
- Activities run all year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all QBS students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet employers and alumni
- Get valuable experience in events, marketing, communications and project management

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet
- q-work.co.uk

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Facilitated and supported by the School, QBS Connect relies on the input of a small paid team of students who are responsible for promoting activities and events throughout the year that help you feel more connected with fellow students, the wider University and beyond.

QBS Connect enables students to access activities and events designed to develop essential skills outside the core curriculum. Alumni, professionals and other stakeholders will be involved in delivering events that can:

- Help you enjoy the University experience through new connections
- Open up new perspectives on other cultures and traditions
- Strengthen key skills that help set you apart when you leave University

COMMERCIALISE



If you would be interested in applying to become a member of the student-led team who helps to develop and deliver the QBS Connect programme of events, you can apply directly through the application link on Q-Work, or by registering your interest with our Business Engagement and Employability Manager, Karl Webb (k.webb@qub.ac.uk).

QBS Study Tours

Insight to Business

AT A GLANCE

- Find out about what it's like to live and work in another city

KEY DATES

- September & Easter

WHO'S IT FOR?

- BSc Finance (Peer Mentor Scheme)
- BSc Actuarial Science
- Students seeking placements

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get valuable tips from recruiters
- Find out about recruitment opportunities
- Network with employers

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/CESProgrammes
- qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk
- mark.farrell@qub.ac.uk (Actuary)
- aine.gallagher@qub.ac.uk (Finance)

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Study tours, work shadowing, and site visits are a great opportunity for you to gain insights into different business sectors, enhance your commercial awareness, and learn about recruitment opportunities and practices. You have the opportunity to network with recent graduates and senior professionals, gain an insight into work cultures, people, and environments. You will also find out about summer internships, insight weeks, placements, and graduate opportunities.

Different opportunities arise throughout the year facilitated by Careers, Employability, and Skills (CES) and the QBS Careers and Work Placement Team.

Specific London Study Tours are planned for BSc Finance and BSc Actuarial Science to companies such as JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS, Macquarie, and FCA.

COMMERCIALISE



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ A brilliant experience. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would highly recommend the trip. It helped me gain an insight into Trading, Actuarial, and Accounting opportunities helping me decide on what I would like to apply for.”

Finance Student
QBS Study Tour

Queen's Student Managed Fund

Learn how to research and make investments



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Help manage a investment portfolio worth £85K

KEY DATES

- Committee applications in September
- Runs all year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Ideal for those studying finance but open to all students
- No prior experience required
- Roles for everyone: student executive, sector head, senior/junior analyst

HIGHLIGHTS

- Davy Stock Pitching Evening
- Bloomberg Market Concepts
- Learn from peers

FIND OUT MORE

- a.hanna@qub.ac.uk
- go.qub.ac.uk/qubsmf

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Queen's is one of only a handful of UK and Irish Universities offering you the chance to manage a real-money investment fund. Working in sector teams, under the guidance of an experienced sector head, students use the FinTrU trading room to conduct fundamental equity research and manage a portfolio. With a range of roles, from junior analyst to CEO, the Fund has a role to suit you.

With an emphasis on peer learning and mentoring, the supportive environment is designed to encourage students to develop their skill set and enhance their employability within the highly competitive financial services industry. Activities include training, use of Bloomberg, stock pitching, and portfolio construction.

So if you think you might be the next Warren Buffet, or just want to learn more about investing, why not join the Queen's Student Managed Fund!



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ Being part of the QSMF has made me much more employable and helped me stand out in applications to global firms. I would highly recommend the QSMF to any student with an interest in the financial markets as it's a unique opportunity not available at many universities. ”

Sean McKelvey
Consumer Discretionary Sector Head

CFA Research Challenge

Put your financial research skills to the test

AT A GLANCE

- Produce an equity research report and pitch it to industry professionals
- Compete as part of a team of 5

KEY DATES

- Selection process starts in October
- All Ireland final usually March/April

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Experience essential (academic or commercial); ideal for those studying Finance and related subjects

HIGHLIGHTS

- Professional mentoring for the team
- A chance to grill company executives
- Travel to Dublin and maybe onto the European and Global finals!

FIND OUT MORE

- cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The CFA Institute Research Challenge is an annual, global competition that provides university students with hands-on mentoring and intensive training in financial analysis. Working under the guidance of an industry mentor, the team must research and analyse a publicly traded company and then write a research report on their assigned company with a buy, sell, or hold recommendation.

The team must also pitch their investment thesis at the all Ireland finals in Dublin. If successful, the winning team will then proceed to compete in the European, and maybe even the global finals!



CFA Institute

COMMERCIALISE



THEY SAID WHAT?

“The CFA Research Challenge was a fantastic learning experience. It was challenging and team work was essential. It's a unique opportunity to combine industry practice and academic knowledge, while competing against some of Ireland's best students. Networking with Ireland's leading financial professionals was richly rewarding.”

Megan O'Hanlon
BSc Finance

Stock Market Challenge

Interested in a career in Finance?

AT A GLANCE

- Simulate stock market environments

INDICATIVE DATES

- Normally held in February each year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students from all disciplines

HIGHLIGHTS

- Compete for top prizes including industry insight opportunities
- Networking Opportunities

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/StockMarket

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Facilitated by the Careers, Employability and Skills service at Queen's and Global Investor Simulations, the trading game is open to students from all levels and disciplines and simulates the highs and lows of the trading room floor. It is held annually in February and is an opportunity for students to gain real-world experience of analysing markets and making investments.



COMMERCIALISE



Students compete for top prizes including insight experience with participating employers including PwC, Deloitte, First Derivatives, FinTrU and FSComm.

The Graduate School

Get future ready



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Join the vibrant postgraduate community to learn and network

KEY DATES

- Check website for each activity
- Early registration advised!

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Masters and Doctoral Students

HIGHLIGHTS

- A chance to go beyond your studies
- Stand out in the job market
- Meet students from other disciplines

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/graddev
- graduateschool@qub.ac.uk

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Graduate School will support you to be a Thinker, Innovator, Leader, and Communicator who is Future-Ready. In addition to the programmes highlighted on this page, they also host events and run programmes on academic skills, enterprise and innovation, and researcher development.

MASTER YOUR LEADERSHIP

Master Your Leadership helps postgraduate taught students develop and enhance their personal skills and grow their networks in a rapidly changing world. Leadership in this new virtual world is about promoting collaboration and motivating yourself and others. This programme will help you to develop the skills and behaviours needed to take on these new leadership challenges.

MAKE IT HAPPEN

SU Enterprise offers up to £1,500 'Make it Happen' programme funding to support eligible postgraduate students in kick-starting a business idea.



CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

The focus of these 3 workshops is on building participants knowledge and understanding of tools and techniques used in Creative Problem solving and Design Thinking.

Each workshop has a basis in “learning by doing”. The theory for each workshop will be introduced and then, through a series of interactive exercises and tools, participants will be provided with a fully hands on experience of learning the tools.

Santander Internships and Work Placements



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Largest international programme of its kind developed by a commercial enterprise.

KEY DATES

- Advertised through MyFuture

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain work experience with an SME or the banking industry
- Internships include financial assistance

FIND OUT MORE

- qub.ac.uk/alumni/Santander
- go.qub.ac.uk/santander

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The scheme is aimed at students who have an interest in banking, or a desire to develop their skills in preparation for employment once graduated. Activities will include Product Knowledge Learning, shadowing the Branch Manager on Risk/Control checks, reviewing policies, observing customer interviews and directly communicating with potential customers in the branch.

The SME internships at Queen's work with local SME enterprises and community and voluntary sector organisations to provide paid internships ranging from two weeks to ten weeks in duration.

The Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Award is divided into two categories: undergraduate and postgraduate. The winners will not only receive a cash prize, but can use the bank's services to help them start up their proposed business.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“The Santander Universities Entrepreneurship award certainly gives huge credibility to my business and will hopefully enable me to take BellaMoon to the next level.”

Irene Breen
MBA student

Winner of Santander Universities
Entrepreneurship Competition



QBS Enterprise

Develop your business ideas with QBS

AT A GLANCE

- Dedicated entrepreneurial space for QBS students and alumni regardless of programme or pathway available during QBS Student Hub operating hours
- Option of 'Year in Enterprise' instead of placement to allow time to develop your business idea with a scholarship available of £13,000 per student

KEY DATES

- Interviews for 'Year in Enterprise' scholarship usually take place in April for commencement at the start of the next academic year

FIND OUT MORE

- For more information on the application process please visit the webpage below:

go.qub.ac.uk/QBSyearinenterprise

QBS ENTERPRISE

A dedicated entrepreneurial hub, known as 'QBS Enterprise' provides workspace, a privacy booth, and integrated collaborative technology for entrepreneurial activities. The facility is open to QBS students and alumni in the development or early-start phase of their enterprise. Additional private meeting rooms and tele-conferencing facilities are available within the Student Hub.



YEAR IN ENTERPRISE

As a QBS student, you have the potential to spend a placement year developing your own business idea based in the QBS Enterprise space located on the first floor of the Student Hub. Limited scholarships of £13,000 per student available.

Support available includes:

- **QBS Entrepreneur in Residence** - provides advice and guidance as you progress with your business idea
- **Business Discovery Workshops** - helping you to get creative and turn challenges into opportunities
- **Dedicated Work Spaces** - spaces for you to think and grow in QBS Enterprise and SU CoWork in One Elmwood
- **Community Collider Events** - connecting you with likeminded students across the University

COMMERCIALISE

SU Enterprise

Develop your commercial awareness



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Develops entrepreneurial mindsets through short courses, competitions, and support staff

KEY DATES

- Programmes and competitions run throughout the year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students with a business idea, no matter what stage

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dedicated staff to help you develop your business ideas
- Access to programmes and competitions to raise funds
- Access to dedicated workspaces and experts in the entrepreneurial field

FIND OUT MORE

- www.qubsu.org/EnterpriseSU/

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

SU Enterprise have a range of programmes and activities to help develop entrepreneurial skills, including accessing business start-up funding prizes. A few of these are detailed over the next few pages.

Additional services include:

- **Business 1-2-1s**- Students who wish to start their own business can arrange a 1-2-1 with a SU Enterprise Advisor who will chat to them about their activity and signpost them towards relevant funding and pitching competitions
- **Resources**- Students can access handy resources designed to help provide guidance on starting a business
- **Newsletter**- Students can sign-up to receive a monthly newsletter outlining upcoming events, competitions and inspiring student stories



QUB CONSULTING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP SOCIETY

This society is open to all QUB students across the University regardless of disciplines. Members have the opportunity to take part in real life consulting projects with start-ups and larger businesses. Sponsorship is currently provided by Grant Thornton.

Members have the chance to put their creativity and entrepreneurial drive to work through various competitions whilst also receiving support to help them succeed with funding worth up to £10,000 as well as consultancy help and additional resources. Through events and activities, the society provides networking and development opportunities such as workshops, deep work sessions at the Students' Union, fireside chats, and guest speaker events with some of Ireland and the UK's leading CEOs and entrepreneurs.

go.qub.ac.uk/qubcesociety

TECHSTARS

QBS has linked up with Techstars, a pre-seed investor that provides access to capital, mentorship and other superb support programmes that has helped make it the largest startup network in the world.

Techstars host a 'Startup DeepTech Weekend', which is an intensive three-day event dedicated to fostering innovation within the deep tech industry. The event provides valuable networking opportunities and mentorship sessions, helping attendees refine their business pitches. The weekend culminates in a pitching competition, where teams present their projects to a panel of judges, aiming for support and feedback on their ventures.

www.techstars.com

THE FREELANCER CLUB

SU Enterprise has teamed up with the leading freelance experts, Freelancer Club, to grant Queen's students access to their award-winning platform, an unrivalled suite of online courses, masterclasses and resources, to help students better understand freelance business and earn money from their skills in a matter of weeks.

Students can apply for a year's free membership by contacting SU Enterprise via email su.enterprise@qub.ac.uk.

Membership allows access to the 'Freelance Business School', the Freelancer Club's Discussion Board, and useful resources including downloadable legal template and guides as well as access to 'free to apply' jobs and collaborations.

go.qub.ac.uk/FreelancerClub

InnovateHer

Develop viable business ideas and business models



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- InnovateHer is a unique support programme for female students to encourage entrepreneurial thinking

KEY DATES

- Various opportunities through the academic year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all female students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your creative thinking skills
- Network with successful female entrepreneurs and business women
- Gain essential skills and knowledge for entering the professional world

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/innovateherSU
- innovateher.co.uk

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

InnovateHer brings female QUB students together over a course of 12 sessions where they will work in cross disciplinary teams to develop business ideas and models.

Two site visits to local businesses are incorporated in the programme as well as workshops taking place in external organizations for example, Entrepreneurial Spark and PwC. Learn and network with female entrepreneurs and business women, as well as professionals from marketing, finance, intellectual property, idea generation and business planning and development.

The programme culminates in a pitch to a panel of judges with four prizes for the best business idea and best business pitch.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ This was a great program and I wish I would have been part of it sooner. I got the opportunity to make some great friends in the process. It is refreshing to see so many women in business and it has definitely boosted my confidence level of what is and is not a viable business plan. I'm glad so many of the speakers reiterated a point that has been the Achilles heel of why I was scared to venture out on my own...don't be afraid to fail. ”

InnovateHer participant

QUB Dragons' Den

The Dragons are waiting!



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Come into the Dragons' Den with your business idea

KEY DATES

- Advertised through SU Enterprise

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk away with everything you need to launch your business
- Ramp up your business skills through pitching, networking and training
- Meet ambitious and successful entrepreneurs
- Master the boardroom pitch through training and first-hand experience

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/dragons
- q-su.org/EnterpriseSU

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Come into the Dragons' Den – where you could win a £25,000 prize pot, including £3,000 from the Engineers in Business Fund, hot-desking space in 'SU CoWork' at One Elmwood, and access to specialist mentoring and support.

All this is ready and waiting to be pried from the Dragons' talons - everything you need to breathe fire into your new business!



Students will enter via an application form to be submitted directly to Enterprise SU.

From these, twenty ideas will be selected and short-listed to come and give a 2-minute 'elevator pitch' to the panel of judges.

Finalists will then be short-listed to come and do a final 10 minute pitch at the Dragons' Den event.

The finalists are also eligible for a Future Ready Award.

QQuest Accelerator

Accelerate your startup



COMMERCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Time, support and financial backing to ensure the market need exists for your business

KEY DATES

- Normally between June and November

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students or recent graduate (within 7 years)

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 day Bootcamp and mid-programme training sessions
- Share of £50k funding pot available to apply for upon completion of the programme

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/QQuestprogramme

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A bespoke programme, run by QUBIS in partnership with SU Enterprise and The Helix Way, offers students and graduates funding, expert training, mentoring and coaching from the team at the Helix Way and our alumni network to help progress ideas to commercialisation.

Each business will receive a £1,500 monthly stipend from June to November to cover living costs (total £9,000 per business). It is expected that this money be used responsibly.

Participants must comply with reporting and attendance requirements to continue receiving financial support.



This programme can open up doors to investment, networks, IP expertise and further opportunities and has been transformative in helping start-ups succeed in recent years.

Delivery will be mixture of in person and online. All dates will be available prior to commencing the programme.

Applicants should be prepared to work full time on your business during the programme and attend all workshops and sessions.



AT A GLANCE

- Social enterprise society at Queen's

KEY DATES

- Events all year round

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Support from QUB academics and business leaders
- Develop self reflection and self reliance skills
- Network with executives and recruiters at Enactus competitions

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/enactus

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Enactus Belfast is a social enterprise society at Queen's and is currently in the top five Enactus teams in the UK.

The community of students, academics and business leaders are committed to utilising the entrepreneurial skills and hard working spirit of their members to empower the individuals they work with in Northern Ireland and around the world.

Enactus Belfast runs both social and commercial projects, with the commercial projects providing them with essential funds to ensure that they are sustainable for years to come.

Across the globe there are over 80,000 students involved in Enactus. In the UK alone there are over fifty Enactus University societies and every year they come together in London to present their work over the past year with the hope of going on the represent the UK in the Enactus World Cup.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ Enactus is a fantastic society to get involved in while at university. No matter what your degree course is, there's something for everyone. It's one thing to learn about something from a book but when you can get involved in something that creates real social change - that's where you really learn. We are always on the look out for new members to get involved and I encourage anyone to get in touch to find out more about how they can join the team - you won't regret it! ”

Enactus VP

Mentoring & Skills Development

Get help to find the right career path for you

COMMERCIALISE

DATA DUO MENTORING

Data Duo Mentoring at QBS brings together current MSc Business Analytics students and industry professionals to develop a mutually beneficial relationship, shaping leaders in business analytics.

Develop a relationship with an experienced business professional to help you start making your mark on the working world. Get advice on developing your career, building a professional network, and niche industry guidance. Use your valuable insight to help a professional to create an attractive working environment for young people, develop their digital and social media knowledge, and guide them on upcoming trends.

Each mentoring relationship will be two-way, so that both parties benefit. A mentoring cycle will last three months.

go.qub.ac.uk/DataDuo

QBS ALUMNI MENTORING

Mentoring programmes aim to help enhance students' understanding of the world of work, themselves, and their potential work environments.

BSc Finance students targeting roles in London can apply to be paired with an industry mentor. Drawn from the School's alumni network, your mentor can help you to navigate the highly competitive recruitment processes, from insight days to internships and graduate roles. For more information, contact aine.gallagher@qub.ac.uk.

A more general scheme is also open to undergraduate Economics students. Keep an eye on mentoring opportunities through QBS Connect (go.qub.ac.uk/qbsmentors).

CAREERS, EMPLOYABILITY & SKILLS

Careers, Employability and Skills can help you plan your route from study to employment. As well as offering personal guidance, information and advice, they run a range of programmes to help you develop your ideas, formulate your career plan and achieve your goals. Check out the range of available services and opportunities using the links below:

go.qub.ac.uk/careers
go.qub.ac.uk/careersQBS

QBS CAREERS SERVICE

QBS has a dedicated team of careers experts, responsible for developing and implementing a full range of careers education, information, advice and guidance. As well as being delivered within the context of your studies, you have the opportunity to avail of bespoke careers guidance at our Coffee and Careers sessions that take place regularly in the Student Hub. Keep an eye on the QBS Connect intranet page for details!

SOCIALISE

PRME

Contribute to the work of the UN!

AT A GLANCE

PRME is the largest organised relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.

PRME PRINCIPLES

- Principle 1 | Purpose
- Principle 2 | Values
- Principle 3 | Teach
- Principle 4 | Research
- Principle 5 | Partner
- Principle 6 | Practice
- Principle 7 | Share

FIND OUT MORE

For more information in relation to PRME please contact the Director of ERS, Dr Laura Steele.

- laura.steele@qub.ac.uk
- unprme.org

PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Queen's Business School is a Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Champion institution, reflecting our commitment to thought and action leadership on responsible management education. Working through Seven Principles, PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic, social responsibility, and sustainability goals. In accordance with the objectives of PRME, we are committed to ensuring that our students not only develop their business acumen but are equipped with the knowledge and capacity to become the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

How do we achieve this? Ethics, responsibility, and sustainability are embedded across the programmes offered, research undertaken, and activities engaged in at QBS. As well as our QBS subject specific association groups, in this section we've identified some student opportunities on offer that embody the PRME Principles.

SOCIALISE

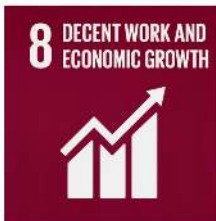
PRME

Principles for Responsible Management Education

THEY SAID WHAT?

“Developing responsible leaders has never been more important, and we view it as a core aspect of our role at QBS. PRME, along with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, gives us a global framework in which to do that.”

Dr Laura Steele
Director of ERS



PRME Student Writing Competitions

AT A GLANCE

- Enter up to 3 categories of student writing competitions centred around the UN Sustainable Development Goals

KEY DATES

- Submission deadline usually February

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All UG and PGT students at PRME UK and Ireland Chapter Member Schools

HIGHLIGHTS

- Monetary prizes for top 3 submissions in each category
- Opportunity to share ideas and research with sustainable management experts

FIND OUT MORE

- laura.steele@qub.ac.uk
- www.unprme.org.uk

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

In collaboration with Oxford Brookes Business School, the PRME UK and Ireland Chapter run the Responsible Business and Management Student Writing Competition.

Entries are invited on a broad range of topics related to responsible business, management and leadership themes and consistent with PRME's support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



SOCIALISE



Students can enter 3 categories:

- **Undergraduate students** - text based essays and reports
- **Postgraduate taught master's level students** - text-based essays and reports
- **Both Undergraduate and Postgraduate taught master's level students** - Alternative media category (blogs, websites, storyboards, presentations, visual essays, videos, podcasts etc.)

Splash Projects

Combining local impact with experiential learning

AT A GLANCE

- Experiential team building challenge incorporating leadership development
- Be involved in a physical build on behalf of an organisation in the local community

KEY DATES

- QBS Postgraduate Induction Week (September)

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All QBS Postgraduate students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Leave a lasting legacy in the local community, focusing on the needs of our society as part of the QBS vision
- Develop new skills through physical activities whilst connecting with peers

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/SplashWebsite

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

QBS has partnered with Splash Projects to deliver an innovative experiential team building challenge that incorporates leadership development for our postgraduate students.

All postgraduate students will be enrolled in this project which takes place during Induction Week. Programme groups will participate in the build project for one day each across the week-long project. Students will receive a pack prior to induction week with more information.

In October 2025, students and QBS staff worked in teams to build a sensory area, for the local charity Compass Advocacy Network (CAN). CAN support young people and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities, autism, and mental health issues to be able to realise their potential in work, social, and community activities. The sensory area has helped CAN achieve their vision for the farm, creating a space where people feel safe, valued, and supported.

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When surveyed, 100 percent of students said that the experience improved their self-confidence, improved their communications skills, and enhanced their ability to work effectively as part of a team.

“ It’s always nice to know that the work you’re doing is having an impact, especially on a charity as important as CAN. It’s nice that we have the opportunity to have that impact and come out and be able to give back to the local community ”

QBS Student Volunteer

Global Business Student Changemaker

Virtual collaboration for good

AT A GLANCE

- Participate in an intensive interdisciplinary virtual Global Sustainability Project Bootcamp
- QBS has 20 fully funded spaces (£364)

KEY DATES

- Multiple virtual bootcamp date options that run during each term

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all UG and PGT QBS students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Be recognised as a 'Changemaker' and join a globally diverse community
- Receive a Digital Badge of Completion for CV and LinkedIn
- Access to a series of exclusive highly interactive virtual events

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/HTCTWQBS

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

QBS has 20 fully funded spaces on the Global Business Student Changemaker Programme run in partnership with the Global Business School Network (GBSN) and How to Change the World.

The virtual Global Sustainability Project Bootcamps are intensive, three day experiences that are team based. Each of the three days consists of a 6hrs of synchronous workshops, which includes both teamwork, and individual and team meetings with experts and community representatives.

In addition to the 6hrs of synchronous workshops, most Learners report spending between 1hr and 3hrs of additional time each day of the Bootcamp working individually and or with their teammates.



**HOW TO CHANGE
THE WORLD**

Interdisciplinary | International | Intergenerational

SOCIALISE



“The How to Change the World Bootcamp was such an enriching programme to participate in. I was unsure what it would entail, but I was put into a really interesting and creative team. I felt lucky that one of the locations discussed was Boston where I come from and I could incorporate some first hand experience into our project. Our group won Best Proposal overall for the location as well. Thanks to QBS for the opportunity.”

Desiree Dusseault
Queen's MBA Student

Peer Mentoring

Students supporting students



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- The opportunity to make a difference to the lives of new students as they make the transition to Queen's

KEY DATES

- Normally recruited from Jan to March

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students
- Become a mentor from Level 2

HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your communication, study and personal skills
- Work as part of an enthusiastic team and make lasting friendships
- Develop strategies for dealing with both personal and academic issues

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/mentor

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Peer Mentoring at Queen's offers you, as a new student, the opportunity to access guidance and advice from students who have already completed Level 1.

In level two, you can become a Peer Mentor. It's subject-based and mentors are selected by School staff and trained by the Learning Development Service. Subject-based undergraduate peer mentors are trained to support incoming first years with transition and, in some cases, provide a level of academic support through the facilitation of study groups.

All mentors are trained in one to one and group communication skills, facilitation skills, coaching skills and generic study skills support.



Students' contribution and engagement with the scheme is monitored by the School/discipline Academic Lead. Peer mentoring aims to make the transition to University smoother and less daunting.

Student Ambassadors

Act as an ambassador for your university



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Welcome guests on to campus and highlight the facilities the university has to offer

KEY DATES

- Apply through MyFuture

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Accompany the Recruitment team to school talks to deliver student focused presentations about studying at QUB
- Support on campus events such as Open Days, Taster Days, Residential and Teacher events
- Learn more about QUB history

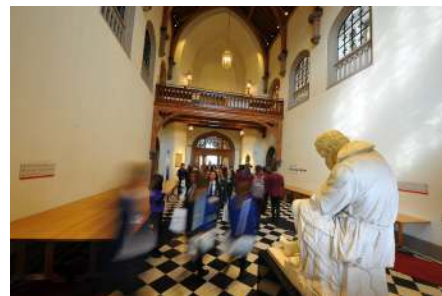
FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/StudentAmbassador

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Becoming a Queen's Student Ambassador will allow you to get involved with many different types of activities, developing skills you already have as well as gaining new ones.

Successful candidates will be invited to represent Queen's at a range of corporate events, participate in many activities, and assist with student recruitment fairs throughout their time at Queen's, and as a Queen's graduate.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Being a Student Ambassador is a deeply rewarding opportunity, you'll obtain:

- Paid work opportunities
- Full training to build your knowledge and skills
- Networking for future career opportunities
- Attendance at social events
- Those who complete the programme will receive the Future-Ready Award (previously DegreePlus)

Student Representatives

Represent students at University meetings



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Contribute to decision making at QUB

KEY DATES

- Nominations to become a School or Course Representative open in October

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Help develop the learning partnership between staff in your school and students in your cohort
- Suggest, develop and implement solutions related to creating a more vibrant campus life
- Let students contact you about issues they want to raise

FIND OUT MORE

- change@qub.ac.uk
- q-su.org/studentvoice/

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Are you aware of issues academic or otherwise that concern your fellow students and you? Do you want to belong to a body that can make a real difference and can impact upon the decision making processes of the University? Then you should put yourself forward for membership of the Students' Union Council.



All students are entitled to stand for the Council, which is elected annually in October and is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Students' Union. The Council effectively manages the Union President and the six Vice Presidents.

If you want to gain experience of democratic structures, governance arrangements, committee work and debating, membership of the Students' Union Council is the ideal choice for you.

Handy Helpers

Volunteer projects to help students and society



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Take part in a wide range of one-off volunteering opportunities in the local community

KEY DATES

- Open registration

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Variety of opportunities
- Make a difference to your local community
- Make new friends
- Build your skills

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/helpers

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Handy Helpers, co-ordinated by Queen's Student' Union responds to the needs of the local community through student volunteering projects such as community gardening, logistical support at events, community litter-picks, decorating charity premises and supporting social activities for older people.

The Handy Helpers initiative has been the driving force behind the regeneration in a number of areas in Belfast. Student volunteers cleared area's, planted hundreds of plants and painted surrounding walls and fences, transforming a dead space into a welcoming area for residents and students to enjoy together.



Student volunteer efforts have not only improved the physical environment of those living, studying and working in South Belfast but have brought significant social, economic, cultural and mental health benefits to students and society.

At the first Handy Helpers event you attend, you will receive a loyalty card which will be stamped at every Handy Helpers activity in which you participate. At 3, 5 and 10 stamps you will be given a small reward for being an awesome volunteer. We don't want to give away too much, but some of the rewards include vouchers, hoodies and travel mugs. But the best reward of all is that you will be making a positive, tangible difference in your local community.

Homework Clubs

Raise the educational attainment and aspirations of children and young people



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Gain hands on experience tutoring and working with young people.

KEY DATES

- Applications at the start of each semester

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Make a valuable contribution to your community
- Register for a Prestige Award
- Eligible for Future Ready Award
- An optional opportunity to attend specialised awareness workshop on areas such as special educational needs

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/homework

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Would you like to help local children and young people improve their study skills, build their confidence and raise their aspirations about further and higher education?

The Homework Clubs Programme gives Queen's University volunteers the chance to provide homework support to children and young people who live in areas of educational underachievement. These pupils may not have the opportunity to complete their homework at home which can lead to underachieving in school, low confidence and limited future opportunities.



Student volunteers interact with the children/young people on a social level by engaging in meaningful conversations and by organising recreational activities as well as homework tutoring, which subsequently aids their own personal development, raises their social insight and improves their employability prospects.

Homework Clubs is a perfect opportunity for you to make a positive change in your community, get involved in something rewarding and gain hands-on experience for your personal and professional development.



AT A GLANCE

- Support students in academic skills workshops, lectures, seminars and throughout the university application process

KEY DATES

- Apply through in MyFuture

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit schools to tell pupils about university life
- Empower children with the knowledge and vocabulary associated with QUB
- Opportunity to participate in a short summer residential experience, staying at Elms Village at Queen's

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/WPUAcademy

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Queen's Academy is designed to raise the aspirations of young people who are most able but least likely to progress to Higher Education. Queen's University students have the opportunity to get involved by mentoring young people and participating in the junior or senior academy programmes.

Junior academy mentoring involves being an ambassador for the University, passing on knowledge and experience of university life. Senior academy mentoring involves passing on subject and course knowledge to potential applicants.

Mentoring as part of the academy requires a positive and enthusiastic attitude to higher education that will in turn help to raise the aspirations of participants. Training will be provided as part of this Future Ready (previously DegreePlus) opportunity.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ It helped me on different ways to study. It helped me to see what the student life is like. ”

Queen's Academy participant

Belfast Hills Partnership

Practical Environmental Conservation



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Carry out ecological and conservation work in the Belfast Hills and surrounding areas

KEY DATES

- Various seasonal events through out the year

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your understanding of sustainability, and help drive environmental change
- All training is provided
- Spend time outdoors making a difference

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHills
- go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHillsFutureAward

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Learn new skills, help the local environment, improve your physical and mental health and have great craic while doing it! You can discover and explore areas of nature throughout Belfast, including some hidden gems, whilst earning a Future-Ready Award.

Activities are seasonal and include tree/hedge planting, tree nursery work, wildflower meadow creation, litter lifts, invasive species management and wildlife surveys.

Training is provided, so all abilities and backgrounds are welcome. Everyone who is capable of a little light work and enjoys spending time outside can join.



The role is flexible, so volunteers can decide how much or little time they commit with activities taking place usually on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Whether you're a seasoned conservationist or a complete novice, don't be shy, get involved!

Remote Opportunities

Help society globally from the comfort of your own home



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- For many activities, all you will need is internet access and some free time

KEY DATES

- Open to applications at any time

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Engage in a range of projects around the globe from home
- New opportunities added throughout the year

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/RemoteOpportunities
- Contact su.volunteer@qub.ac.uk

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Volunteering is not only about what you can give back to your community, but also what you get out of it, including building great skills and training that you can use on your CV. You can do anything from helping tutor disadvantaged children, help map rural landscapes to help aid workers, to helping a local charity set-up their website, all from the comfort of your own home!

Queen's promotes volunteering opportunities that we hope will provide you with a rewarding and enriching experience. There are currently around 29 volunteering opportunities identified by the University for you to review and join!



KEY DATES

- Sign up at the Freshers Fair
- Society formals (dates vary)

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

- go.qub.ac.uk/accsoc
- facebook.com/QUBAccSoc
- accounting-society@qub.ac.uk

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

- go.qub.ac.uk/ecosoc
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FINANCE & ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

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- finance-soc@qub.ac.uk

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

- go.qub.ac.uk/mansoc
- facebook.com/QUBMgtSoc
- mgtsoc@qub.ac.uk

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

The QUB Accounting Society seek to organise events for students to bring them closer together and interact throughout the academic year with their peers. This allows students to build relationships with those in their class and also network with potential businesses. We liaise with all the Big 4 Accounting firms to host events and bring students opportunities to get to know employers. This can lead to internships and possible job offers.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Studying Economics, or simply interested in one of the most important social sciences of our age? Then join the Economics Society! With many events to choose from such as Kilkenomics (the economics and comedy festival in Kilkenny), The Trinity Economics Forum in Dublin (Ireland's largest student run economics forum), guest speakers, socials (including quizzes, mini-golf, and bowl-ing), competitions and much more!

FINANCE & ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

The QUB Finance and Actuary Society is a subject-society. We are not exclusive to Finance and Actuary students and welcome other QBS students! We hold exciting events so you can make new friends and meet people on your course. Popular events include the annual Mystery Tour and a fabulous Formal.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

The QUB Management Society offers a wide range of academic, professional, social, and personal opportunities to members from all QBS disciplines through the strong relationships we have formed with QUB Clubs, Societies, Organisations, Staff, Local Businesses, and Graduate Employers. Opportunities range from industry-leading guest speeches, networking events which solidify student bonds with professionals and entrepreneurs from all backgrounds, updates on placements, internships, and graduate jobs.



Elite Athlete and Academy Scholarship

All it takes is all you've got



SOCIALISE

AT A GLANCE

- Top performing athletes in 2023-24 accessed two tiers of support:
 - *Tier 1 = £2k towards academic fees, £3k stipend and access to full suite of services
 - *Tier 2 = £3k stipend and access to full suite of services

KEY DATES

- Applications normally open in July and close in September

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

HIGHLIGHTS

- Quality coaching
- Fitness & skill development
- Academic mentoring

FIND OUT MORE

- go.qub.ac.uk/eliteprogramme

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Elite Athlete and Academy Scholarship Programmes are designed to develop and nurture student athletes at Queen's. Currently there are five academies - Rugby, GAA, Soccer, Rowing and Hockey - with over 35 teams and 600 students competing each year. Add this to the thousands of students active in clubs and societies and sporting alumni worldwide creates a unique collegiate spirit and values base that embodies all that is good about Queen's.

Each academy has set sports specific criteria for students to meet with over 100 Academy Scholarship places available each year. There is a pathway developed that facilitates the Student Club into the Academy and then on to the Elite Athlete Programme.

Queen's University recognises that combining high level sport and higher education can be difficult. The University is fully supportive of elite athletes who manage themselves well and are proactive in organising their sport and their studies.



THEY SAID WHAT?

“ I have been supported by the University through the Elite Athlete Programme which provided me with the background team and support who helped me rise from the national level of my sport to the international stage, whilst still being able to achieve a high level degree from a world class institution. ”

Andrew Mellon
BSc Business Economics
Elite Athlete participant

Over To You

What will you do?

WHAT NEXT?

Whatever your interests, we hope you have been inspired to get more out of your time at Queen's Business School. There are so many opportunities there isn't room to fit them all in one brochure, so keep watching out for new events and activities. From travel, to work experience, to sports, to volunteering, the choice is yours. What will you do?

STAY CONNECTED

Keep up to date with the latest QBS news and events by following us on social media.

Find all our handles below:

go.qub.ac.uk/QBSsocialmedia

ALUMNI

At Queen's Business School, we take great pride in our global alumni network of over 21,500 graduates spanning more than 80 countries.

Our goal is to help you stay connected, for life.

Whether it's sharing knowledge accessing exclusive alumni benefits and services, expanding your professional network, or giving back by mentoring and inspiring current students, we're here to support and celebrate your journey beyond graduation.

go.qub.ac.uk/QBSalumni

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All information correct at the time of writing. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the content of this brochure, you are encouraged to directly contact the activity providers to get the latest information. Deadlines may change.

Some activities may have to be withdrawn for unexpected reasons. While most opportunities are open to the majority of students, restrictions relating to your programme may apply.



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Conference

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