Creating a culture of research ambition, excellence and flexibility

Connecting cross-disciplinary research to tackle global challenges

Fostering a vibrant postgraduate and postdoctoral community

Supporting internationalisation, impact and a world-class research environment

Access to cutting-edge facilities, high-quality training and professional support

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A warm welcome from the President and Vice-Chancellor

As Vice-Chancellor of Queen’s University Belfast I am delighted that you are considering our university for your postgraduate studies.

Queen’s is a world-class international university that supports outstanding students and staff, working in world-class facilities, conducting leading-edge education and research, and which is focused on the needs of society.

At the heart of our Vision for Queen’s is our dedication to creating a vibrant and ambitious postgraduate and postdoctoral culture across the University, with significant increases in postgraduate taught, postgraduate research and postdoctoral numbers ahead.

Our postgraduate students play a vital part in the University’s dynamic and diverse learning community. Queen’s is home to students from over 80 different countries, and we pride ourselves on providing an exceptional educational experience, underpinned by world-class research and facilities.

We have just opened our new Graduate School – a dedicated hub for both postgraduate taught and research students and staff, providing tailored, state-of-the-art facilities for study and relaxation.

Our commitment to creating these types of modern dedicated facilities and support programmes for our postgraduate students is one of the reasons why they rank their overall experience of their programme at Queen’s so highly – 90 per cent (HEA Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey) and 81 per cent (Postgraduate Research Experience Survey).

From the day you arrive you will be part of the Queen’s family, with access to some of the best student facilities in the UK and Ireland, and to the many life-changing opportunities which the University and city have to offer. Our students also love being in the vibrant, modern and welcoming city of Belfast.

With an academic heritage stretching back more than 160 years, and as a member of the Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities, we inspire our staff and students to become part of a vibrant and confident community and to be pioneers of progress who change society for the better. As you embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, you will be defining your unique path into leadership. Our commitment to you is to help you develop into a global citizen who will make an impact on the world long after your time at Queen’s is over.

We look forward to welcoming you as part of the next Queen’s vanguard.

Professor Patrick G Johnston
President and Vice-Chancellor

Queen’s University Belfast: Our Vision
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Postgraduate Study at Queen’s
Why postgraduate study at Queen’s?

Queen’s has set its sights on becoming a leading global centre for postgraduate research and study. With a strong focus on encouraging students to develop critical thinking as a pathway to developing innovative and challenging ideas, we give all of our students the right equipment to go on and make real-world differences in their chosen careers and fields. Most of all, Queen’s is dedicated to fully integrating students into collaborative, interdisciplinary networks, meaning all of our students benefit from a truly global approach to study, equipping them to go on to be leaders and key influencers of tomorrow.

A vibrant postgraduate culture

Our postgraduate culture thrives on a network of students and academics with a shared vision, driving research through collaboration and networked thinking. Exceptional teaching, cutting-edge research, innovation, collaboration and engagement all come together to form one dedicated postgraduate community and is one of the reasons why we rank in the top one per cent of global universities (QS World University Rankings, UNESCO IAU 2015/16).

A university with global reach

Through international collaboration with academics and professionals, Queen’s postgraduate students enjoy an enviable, 21st-century approach to research. With increased opportunities for international mobility, new partnerships continue to develop daily that feed back into our position as an institution with true global reach.

Research that gets results

As a member of the Russell Group, Queen’s is one of the UK’s 24 leading research-intensive universities. Research excellence that gets dramatic results is a key performance indicator: with over 95 per cent of Queen’s academic staff returned for assessment, the University has 14 subject areas ranked within the UK’s top 20 with six of these in the top 10, and two in the top five (Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014)).

Award-winning teaching

With 1,670 academic staff and 2,000 support staff, and with students taught by world-leading academics (Guardian University Guide 2016) Our position is unique: by striving with the best, our students get the chance to be the best. In 2014, Queen’s lecturer Joe Duffy was named one of the UK’s most outstanding teachers. Involved in pioneering innovative teaching methods with carers and service users, Dr Duffy was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) – one of the most prestigious annual awards in higher education in the UK.

Queen’s University Belfast – Postgraduate Prospectus 2016

Discover more at www.qub.ac.uk
21st-century facilities

With an investment of £350m in infrastructure and extensive refurbishment of laboratories and other teaching resources, Queen’s has some of the best campus facilities in the UK and Ireland.

- £14.5m in international and postgraduate student accommodation
- £9m investment in the Students’ Union building
- £50m investment in the McClay Library
- £20m invested in Queen’s Sport facilities
- £4m in a state-of-the-art Graduate School

Focus on employability

Queen's postgraduates reap exceptional benefits. Unique initiatives, such as Degree Plus and Researcher Plus bolster our commitment to employability, while innovative leadership and executive programmes alongside sterling integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

93.8% of Queen's graduates are in employment or further study six months after graduation

HESA Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey, 2012/13

Heritage that matters

Established in 1845, Queen’s is the UK’s ninth-oldest university. Described by The Sunday Times as ‘Ireland’s Oxbridge’, it is underpinned by world-class research and a tradition based on exceptional standards.

Alumni include:

- Seamus Heaney: Nobel Prize for Literature, 1995
- Mary McAleese: President of Ireland, 1997-2011
- Professor James Francis Pantridge: Inventor of the portable heart defibrillator
- Liam Neeson OBE: Actor
- Mr Peter Rice: Designer and engineer
- John Stewart Bell: Influential 20th-century scientist

Key Facts

25 Queen’s subjects in the UK top 20, including:

- 1st in UK for Pharmacy
- 2nd in UK for Dentistry
- 2nd in UK for Creative Writing
- 2nd in UK for Agriculture and Forestry
- 2nd in UK for Food Science
- 3rd in UK for Accounting and Finance
- 3rd in UK for Linguistics
- 4th in UK for Celtic Studies
- 5th in UK for Iberian Languages

(Recent Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016)

19 subjects in the top 20

(The Guardian University Guide 2016)

Queen’s Anniversary Prizes

Five Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education, including Northern Ireland’s Comprehensive Cancer Services programme in 2011.
What’s next?

With the power to encourage creativity and open up new ways of thinking, Queen’s Graduate School represents a quantum leap in postgraduate provision. Set in a dedicated 21st-century space, it’s the next step in future-proofed learning.

Our postgraduate vision

From the minute you sign up for a postgraduate programme at Queen’s, you will be supported through teaching and supervision that ensures you achieve your full potential. You will be challenged to stand out, innovate and lead the way.

We’re creating a postgraduate community built on excellence – an intellectual hub of activity that thrives on inclusiveness and that will transform lives and inspire futures.

“If we’re always talking to the same people, we may never end up saying anything different in terms of solutions. Through the extraordinary possibilities of the transdisciplinary, and thinking that is disruptive, divergent, challenging and unbounded, we open up new ways of thinking”

Professor Margaret Topping
Dean of The Graduate School
Tackling global challenges

Our mission at Queen’s is to provide exceptional postgraduate education and carry out leading-edge research, focused on the needs of society. We are committed to improving the world around us, from discovering new treatments for life-threatening diseases to protecting the lives and livelihoods of some of the poorest people on the planet. Our research is instrumental to the development of links with industry and institutions worldwide, and informs many of our postgraduate programmes.

We enjoy strong industry links that forge real life experience for our students here and across the world, and nurture postgraduate students who are confident and ready to take on the world.

Our vision of innovation as a new model of employability is not just about tackling global challenges but also about creating a culture of entrepreneurship, creating global opportunities.

A vibrant postgraduate community

From the minute they start at Queen’s, postgraduate students will find themselves integrating into the culture of The Graduate School. By fostering interaction at all levels, we ensure that all students’ ideas and opinions are valued.

At the heart of this is a focus on transdisciplinary postgraduate programmes.

Postgraduate and postdoctoral students will expand their knowledge through conversations across different disciplines, taking them out of their working silos, creating confidence and giving the ability to articulate new ideas.

State-of-the-art hub

Queen’s Graduate School, opened in the newly restored and remodelled Lynn Building, was designed in the Victorian Gothic style and originally opened as a library in 1858.

As a university that values the future needs of our students, it’s an enriching environment for students to prosper and affirms our promise to nurture talent and excellence.

With such a dedicated facility for the leaders of tomorrow, students who go on to pursue postgraduate study will be rewarded with excellence and innovation in a 21st-century environment.

This extensively refurbished space has new meeting rooms, study areas and social spaces creating a vibrant hub for intellectual exchange and collaboration.

Integrating the needs of Masters students and PhD researchers, The Graduate School caters for the differing needs of lab-based, international, full-time and part-time students, as well as students with disabilities.
Developing future leaders

We are committed to ensuring our graduates stand out from the crowd by providing exciting, high-quality, transdisciplinary training and development programmes.

We nurture Queen’s students to become thinkers who push beyond conventional boundaries, who are able to reflect critically on what education is for.

We want to create future leaders by creating an environment of possibility, of achievements that have not yet been anticipated; who, above all, will be trained as future leaders and innovators, and who will have the edge in the global employment market.

The William J Clinton Leadership Institute at Queen’s brings together leading academics and business experts to develop leadership, innovation and entrepreneurial skills, through the provision of optional executive programmes available to all our postgraduates.

The University fosters collaborations with leaders across business, government and the voluntary sector, both locally and globally, to create mentoring relationships and networks, and we enjoy international partnerships with other Graduate Schools.
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Research with Global Impact
Queen’s research strategy 2015-2020

Vision
Our aim is simple: to be distinguished by our academic strengths and recognised globally for the social, economic and cultural benefit we deliver through our research.

Ambition
We hope to promote excellence, provide the environment for talent to flourish, and encourage contributions from all our students.

Connected
Through cross-disciplinary partnerships, our research addresses global issues and attracts the most talented international staff and students.

Community
By fostering a vibrant postgraduate and postdoctoral community for our students and drawing them into our wider research culture, we provide the highest-quality learning environment.

Queen’s is joint 8th in the UK for Research Intensity.
Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014)

The University has won five Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Further and Higher Education – for world-class achievement in cancer research, green chemistry, environmental research, palaeoecology and law.

As a member of the Russell Group of 24 leading UK research-intensive universities, it is committed to maintaining the highest standards of research, education and knowledge transfer.

It is a global player with over 1,000 researchers and 60 research groupings across 20 research-led Schools and Institutes.

No 1 in the UK for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships.
Queen’s University Global Research Institutes

Many of the biggest problems facing society today cannot be addressed by individual researchers or small teams in single disciplines. Building on our disciplinary strengths, Queen’s is fostering large-scale cross-disciplinary research groupings that will have the expertise and capacity to tackle challenges of major societal significance.

During 2015-16, we are formally launching our first Global Research Institutes:

- The Institute for Global Food Security
- The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice
- The Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology
- The Institute for Health Sciences

These are flagships for interdisciplinary research at Queen’s, bringing together expertise from across our Schools and Faculties to deliver excellent research and real impact in areas of societal need.

Our Global Research Institutes are at the centre of a major five-year programme of activities under the banner of Connecting to Tackle Global Challenges, which also includes the development of a number of Pioneer Research Programmes in promising areas of nascent interdisciplinary collaboration, and a University-wide Global Challenge Networking Programme led by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Enterprise and Postgraduate Affairs.

Research Excellence Framework 2014

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) assesses the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The REF is a process of expert review that grades the quality of research.

Queen’s is joint 8th in the UK based on research intensity.

Over 75 per cent of research activity at Queen’s was judged to be internationally excellent or world-leading.

14 of the individual areas of research assessed were ranked in the top 20 in the UK, with six of these in the top 10, and two in the top five.

Queen’s has out-performed the sector on research impact, with almost 60 per cent of areas achieving 100 per cent of their return ranked at 3* or 4*.

Our performance in REF has underlined the breadth and depth of research excellence at Queen’s. With a rise of three places in the research power rankings since the last Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008), Queen’s has confirmed its standing as a leading global research intensive university.

Other world leading centres include:

**ANSIN laboratory**
ANSIN, an international research centre – set up in partnership with major international partners including Seagate – is becoming a hub for an expanding area of research at Queen’s: advanced materials. We have now been named an Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Centre for Doctoral Training, producing coveted, high-quality graduates to support the needs of this new technology.

**The Astrophysics Research Centre**

The Astrophysics Research Centre is internationally renowned for its work and rate of discovery in this research field. It has partnered with leading astrophysicists across Europe in the quest to study and discover new planets.

**Queen’s University Ionic Liquid Laboratories (QUILL)**

‘The most important British innovation of the 21st century’: the accolade given to scientists from Queen’s in recognition of research helping the oil and gas industry to become safer and more environmentally friendly. QUILL Director Professor Ken Seddon was named the UK’s top chemist in Times Higher Education’s listing of the world’s Top 100 Chemists of the Past Decade.

**The Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT)**

CSIT is the UK’s leading Cyber Security research Hub. The centre was recently awarded ‘Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research’ status by GCHQ.

**The Northern Ireland Advanced Composites and Engineering Centre (NIACE)**

The Northern Ireland Advanced Composites and Engineering Centre (NIACE) is a £6m research centre which is playing a leading role in meeting the needs of the manufacturing sector in Northern Ireland and beyond.

In addition to these outstanding Research Centres, Queen’s has recently been awarded two highly competitive **Doctoral Training Centres**:

The new £11.2m **Northern Bridge project**, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Centre, is part of a national network of Doctoral Training Partnerships which brings together the cutting-edge expertise and exceptional resources of Newcastle University, Durham University, Queen’s University Belfast and their partners for the training and development of outstanding Arts and Humanities postgraduate researchers.

The new £8.1m **EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Photonic Integration for Advanced Data Storage at Queen’s**, in collaboration with the University of Glasgow and under the auspices of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), will help address a skills shortage in the photonics industry and help develop new products and systems to address the expanding data storage needs of today’s fast-moving digital world.
A global collaborator

Queen’s is committed to playing its part in improving the world around us. From new treatments for life-threatening diseases to protecting the lives and livelihoods of some of the poorest people on the planet, the University has links with more than 250 universities and 700 companies around the world. Our research is instrumental to the development of links with industry and institutions worldwide.

Science without Borders

Involving research collaborations and student exchange programmes, Queen’s is part of the worldwide Science without Borders Scholarship Programme. Actively encouraging increased international collaboration with leading institutions in Brazil, this ground-breaking initiative offers Brazilian students the chance to study PhD sandwich courses and full PhDs in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and creative industries at Queen’s.

Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences

Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC), the world’s largest healthcare free zone, and Queen’s University Belfast, are working in partnership to develop the Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences (MBR-UMHS) and its College of Medicine. Dubai Healthcare City will work closely with Queen’s to devise and implement a strategy that addresses the healthcare education, training and research needs of Dubai and other regional communities.

Petronas

In Malaysia, our successful collaboration in green chemistry with the petrochemical giant Petronas has led to cleaner fuels. The technology developed at QUILL, our world-famous ionic liquids laboratory, led to our scientists receiving the Royal Society of Chemistry Teamwork in Innovation Award in 2014.

Harbin Institute of Technology

The Intelligent Grid Interfaced Vehicle Eco-charging (iGIVE) system provides a ‘smart grid’ for charging electric vehicles in a given town or city, one that monitors energy use at charging points at various locations and reacts according to demand. This will provide a more efficient, flexible and environmentally friendly service for a large number of vehicle users.

The research is a collaboration between Queen’s and three other bodies, under the leadership of Professor Kang Li.

China Medical University – Queen’s University Joint College

The opening of China Medical University-Queen’s University Joint College (CQC) – a partnership between Queen’s School of Pharmacy and China Medical University (CMU) – brings together a top-ranked Health Sciences University in the north of China with a long-standing relationship with the University’s School of Pharmacy.

Infosys

Queen’s University’s partnership with Infosys brings together the world’s most prominent IT organisation and the University’s Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT), to conduct joint research into helping advance global cyber security.

Global research impact

Ambitious Studies into the Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis

Researchers led by Professor Stuart Elborn are leading the world in the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF). It led to a transformative new drug, the first approved therapy that corrects the basic defect in CF – described by the US Food and Drug Administration as “an excellent example of the future of personalised medicine... part of a revolution in how we will treat patients in the future.”

Protecting against HIV AIDS

Inspired to tackle the HIV crisis in Africa, Professor Karl Malcolm helped develop a vaginal ring device that slowly releases small quantities of potent anti-HIV drugs continuously over many weeks. If the product is successful, it will provide women for the first time with a safe, easy-to-use and long-acting method for reducing their risk of sexually-acquired HIV infection.

Guardians of the Galaxy

Professor Alan Fitzsimmons and his fellow researchers spot hundreds of so called Near-Earth Objects every year, allowing scientists to predict their paths for the next 100 years to see if they will pose a danger to our home planet.

Holding food suppliers to account

Professor Chris Elliott, Director of the Institute for Global Food Security, received a BBC 2015 Food & Farming Award, for being a ‘Food Game Changer 2015’. Professor Elliott undertook a major review in response to the 2013 horsemeat scandal, investigating how to improve the culture of the UK’s food supply chain. Professor Elliott’s recommendations were all accepted by the Government, including the establishment of a new Food Crime Unit.

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Key Information
McClay Library

The award-winning McClay Library blends the best features of a traditional library with the latest technology. Designed with students in mind, the Library is both a centre for learning and a place to collaborate. With 2,200 reader seats in a mixture of formal and informal spaces, the Library offers places for quiet study and significant provision for group work.

Each day, nearly 10,000 students take advantage of the extensive book and journal collections, reader spaces, computer workstations and group study rooms. The Library also provides a significant number of PCs and has wireless access throughout.

The University’s Special Collections and a substantial short loan collection of undergraduate reading materials cover the arts, humanities, social sciences, and science and engineering. In addition, there is a modern Medical Library at the Royal Victoria Hospital site with supplementary facilities in the Biomedical Library on the Lisburn Road.

The McClay Library offers extensive opening hours, including a period of 24-hour opening in the weeks before and during examinations.

The iconic CS Lewis Reading Room, a serene reading space, is the Library’s magnificent centrepiece: decorated with glass-engraved quotations from the Belfast author’s works, it is also home to a hand-carved replica of the famous wardrobe door from ‘The Chronicles of Narnia’.

For more information: go.qub.ac.uk/thelibrary

Training and support

Library staff are committed to supporting students in their use and exploitation of printed and electronic resources, and Subject Librarians provide extensive training and support to new students.

For more information, visit the Library website at www.qub.ac.uk/lib

Language Centre

Employers’ demands for linguistically competent graduates have been growing dramatically. To meet this demand, Queen’s offers all its students the opportunity to acquire skills in a foreign language and to improve their career prospects. This is evidenced by the state-of-the-art multimedia Language Centre on the ground floor of the McClay Library equipped with the revolutionary CAN-8 VirtualLab™ system.

Accommodation

www.stayatqueens.com

Queen’s offers some of the safest and best value-for-money contemporary student accommodation in the world as well as providing support, help and guidance on settling into student life in Belfast.

“Safest region in the UK”

(British Crime Survey, 2014)
There are two accommodation options for postgraduate students:

**Willow Walk**

Willow Walk is purpose-built student accommodation ideally suited to the needs of postgraduate and international students. Located on the perimeter of Elms Village, just 800m from the main campus, the accommodation offers a mix of studio, one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments, each with their own front door.

The apartments are modern and spacious, each study bedroom has a double bed and shared bathroom facilities. Willow Walk faces onto a spacious garden with lawn, trees, shrubs and flowerbeds. It has its own common room with computer access, a TV lounge and luggage and bicycle stores.

**Mount Charles**

Mount Charles is located adjacent to the Lanyon campus, a few minutes’ walk from the main buildings, including the McClay Library, campus restaurants and coffee shops. This accommodation is perfect for those who prefer traditional ‘house’ properties to be shared with other like-minded students.

**Families/dependants**

The University has a wide range of accommodation options that are suitable for students travelling with family members or dependants; please contact us to discuss your requirements for suitable housing prior to applying.

**Queen’s University Students’ Union**

One of the top five students’ unions in the UK, and the largest single campus Union in Ireland, Queen’s Students’ Union is a mecca for Queen’s students who make use of it every day of the week.

With seven full-time, elected Student Officers (including the Students’ Union President) committed to representing the needs of all students at Queen’s, the Union is run by students, for students.

As well as a hub for entertainment and clubs and societies, it boasts a number of social spaces, its own café and a bookshop supplying texts for all degree subjects. It also has beautician and technology services, as well as a handy shop stocked with essentials, from food and snacks (including meal deals) to stationery, Queen’s clothing, magazines, newspapers and more.

The Union also offers a range of student support services and provides advice on developing business ideas and volunteering opportunities through its Student Development facility.

**Queen’s Sport**

The state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre (PEC) is one of the most advanced sport and fitness facilities in the UK and Ireland, and complements a new multimillion pound outdoor facility.

Queen’s Sport was used as one of the official training camps for athletes competing in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The PEC has a thriving and vibrant sporting culture, offering students a choice of over 50 different sports clubs and an opportunity to join a number of Academies promoting recreational and community-based initiatives.

For more information, visit [go.qub.ac.uk/sports](go.qub.ac.uk/sports)

**Culture and arts at Queen’s**

Queen’s University Belfast is proud to be a driving force in Northern Ireland’s recent cultural, artistic and economic renaissance, celebrating the innovation and creativity of its people and enhancing its reputation as an international centre of learning.

The University showcases the best of the local and international arts scenes, and also houses Northern Ireland’s only art house cinema in the Queen’s Film Theatre, as well as the award-winning Naughton Gallery.

Queen’s runs a host of annual cultural and artistic events. The Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry reinforces the University’s reputation as a world literary force, while the Brian Friel Centre for Theatre Research at Queen’s provides a world-class studio theatre for performing arts students.

For more information, visit [go.qub.ac.uk/whatson](go.qub.ac.uk/whatson)
It's official: Belfast is the UK's **most affordable student city**. According to the Huffington Post, based on the 2015 Student Living Index, students in Belfast spend the least on groceries (£16) while their rent prices are the cheapest at £46 per week. It's no surprise then that **Belfast is the happiest city in the UK** (Instagram 2014).

Belfast is all about big-city chic with small-city living, and in recent years the city has grown into a vibrant cosmopolitan capital on a par with some of the greatest cities in the world. Awash with enthusiasm and evolving daily, it's an exciting and vibrant place full of restaurants, museums, cafés and artisan galleries.

**Quarters**

Belfast is divided into quarters. They are: Cathedral Quarter; Queen's Quarter; Linen Quarter; Titanic Quarter; and Gaeltacht Quarter. Both the Titanic Quarter and the Cathedral Quarter, the newest additions to the city, mix urban sophistication with the famous, down-to-earth Northern Ireland ‘craic’.

**Entertainment**

Belfast boasts a wide range of entertainment venues including an arena, concert halls and an opera house, as well as more intimate theatres and clubs. Together they play host to stand-up comedy and theatrical performances, international music artists, such as the Foo Fighters, U2, Lady Gaga, Emeli Sandé and Florence and the Machine, as well as world-class music festivals such as Belsonic and Tennent's Vital.

**Belfast: one of the top 10 hottest destinations in Europe**

*(CNN, 2013)*

*“With feelings of optimism and life pulsing through the city, Belfast makes for an energising getaway”*

*(Tripadvisor’s Traveller’s Choice Awards 2015)*
Retail therapy

Belfast offers shoppers a mix of big-name stores, designer boutiques, innovative arts and crafts shops and rejuvenated markets. City centre shopping centres such as Victoria Square and Castle Court offer a wide selection of High Street shops to suit all tastes. There is also a variety of vintage, charity and low-cost outlets throughout this stylish city.

Food and drink

On a par with bigger European cities, Belfast offers the finest European and world cuisine. From Michelin-starred restaurants to budget cafés, Belfast offers something to suit every taste and budget. Historic pubs, stylish bars and hip clubs ensure Belfast lives up to its reputation as a ‘treasure’ with an ‘incredible atmosphere’ (National Geographic Traveller, 2012).

“Food-lovers are in a wealth of choice when it comes to restaurants in Belfast, with places to suit every budget” (World Travel Guide, 2014)

Queen’s Quarter

Queen’s University’s historic, city-based campus is set in south Belfast, is at the heart of Belfast’s culture, arts and social scenes, and is just a 15-minute walk from the vibrant city centre.

The University’s own Students’ Union regularly plays host to bands and other entertainment. Film fans will also be impressed by the range of multiplex cinemas throughout the city, as well as the University’s own full-time cinema, the Queen’s Film Theatre (QFT), which presents the best in classic and new world cinema.

The Ulster Museum is close to the campus and hosts a number of significant art collections as well as contemporary exhibitions.

“Queen’s University Belfast: one of the world’s most beautiful universities” (Huffington Post, 2014)
Introduction

This section outlines the different tuition fee arrangements for students from Northern Ireland, those from England, Scotland and Wales (Great Britain), and those from the rest of the European Union. Information for international students from outside of the European Union is available on the following page. The standard tuition fees for postgraduate students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or the rest of the European Union, commencing a course in 2015-16, are as follows:

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It should be noted, however, that different fees may be agreed for certain courses. Prospective students should contact the Student Helpline on +44 (0)28 9097 3223 for the cost of a particular course, or refer to www.qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

The tuition fees for postgraduate students from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or the rest of the European Union, enrolling for the first time at Queen’s in 2016-17, will be set in late 2015.

Tuition fee payment options

A number of options are available, in relation to the payment of tuition fees. Students can either:

- sign up to a Direct Debit and make a minimum 25 per cent payment at enrolment, followed by three further bi-monthly payments in November, January and March.
- pay the full tuition fee on enrolment, or
- provide evidence that a sponsor will pay fees on their behalf. Students must provide an official letter confirming this fact at enrolment. Students will remain liable for the full fee until this letter is presented to the Student Finance Office. Where a sponsor has not paid the fees due by 31 January, the outstanding debt will revert to the student.
- apply to the Student Loans Company for a fee loan. Please note that a fee loan is only available for a number of specific postgraduate taught courses, namely the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), the MArch in Architecture, the MSc in Sustainable Practices in the Built Environment (Urban and Rural Design), and the MSc in Planning and Regeneration.

Please also note that 25 per cent of the tuition fee liability, due at enrolment, is non-refundable. For full details of the University’s Withdrawal Policy, please refer to the Student Finance Framework located at www.qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees.
Paying by Direct Debit

A minimum amount of 25 per cent of full tuition fees must be paid at enrolment, with the balance being covered by the Direct Debit scheme. This 25 per cent payment is non-refundable. The bank account holder must complete a Direct Debit mandate and return it to the Student Finance Office by early October 2016. The Direct Debit scheme is only available to those who have a current account with a UK bank which is registered for the Direct Debit scheme.

Paying full fees at enrolment

Payment can be made at enrolment either online, in person, or by phone, using a credit or debit card. Payment can also be made by cheque or bank transfer. Cash payments are restricted to a maximum of £300 and can ONLY be made at the Student Finance Office. For full terms and conditions of the payment options, please contact the Student Helpline on +44 (0)28 9097 3223 or, for further information, refer to www.qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

Failure to pay fees

Failure to pay tuition fees, or make appropriate arrangements to pay tuition fees, by the relevant deadline, will result in the student being suspended. Students should note that if registration has been suspended, they may not proceed to the next year/stage of their programme nor, if applicable, graduate until that debt is repaid.

International postgraduate tuition fees

The payment of deposits for postgraduate taught courses is compulsory for international students. Details of any required payment will be communicated by the Admissions and Access Service. If the student’s visa application is successful, but the student chooses not to accept his/her place at the University, the deposit will not be refunded. The standard tuition fees for international postgraduate students, commencing a course in 2015-16, are as follows:

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Postgraduate Research

| FR1 (classroom)               | £13,280 |
| FR2 (laboratory)              | £17,035 |
| FR3 (pre-clinical)            | N/A     |
| FR4 (clinical of Medical and Dental courses) | £31,470 |

Premium courses

| International MBA             | £19,500 |
| MSc Accounting and Finance   | £15,500 |
| MSc Computational Finance    | £16,500 |
| MSc Economics                | £15,500 |
| MSc Finance                  | £15,500 |
| MSc HR Management            | £15,500 |
| MSc International Business   | £14,500 |
| MSc Management               | £14,500 |
| MSc Marketing                | £15,500 |
| MSc Risk Management and Financial Regulation | £15,500 |

The international students’ tuition fees for 2016-17 are set in late 2015.

Note: standard international postgraduate fees are listed by fee rate, but different fees may be agreed for certain courses. Prospective students should contact the Student Helpline on +44 (0)28 9097 3223 to ascertain the banding and the cost of a particular course, or refer to www.qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees. The methods of payment are as outlined on page 35.

Funding for postgraduate study

The majority of funding available is for full-time postgraduate research.

Applicants are advised to explore fully the funding opportunities for studying in the UK, for example, international students may find funding is available from sources within their own countries. Some closing dates can be a year before commencing studies, so please ensure to apply in good time. Possible sources of funding are available at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate and www.qub.ac.uk/internationalscholarships

The funding set out in this section includes funding available from the University and from some external sources. The information in this section is intended to highlight some sources of funding: it is not a comprehensive list of funding sources.

Applying for funding which is available from the University is part of an integrated, online, postgraduate admissions process. An offer of a place at Queen’s does not constitute an offer of financial support.

For 2016 entry, Faculties and Schools in the University will be setting their own deadlines for postgraduate applications for admissions and studentships and scholarships. Applicants who wish to apply for postgraduate funding available from the University for 2016 entry should refer to the relevant Faculty and School websites for information. Details may be found at www.qub.ac.uk/home/SchoolsDepartments
Applicants from the UK and other EU countries

Note: where it states 'UK residents', please note that qualifying residency and citizenship/nationality criteria apply. For further details, please refer to the expanded eligibility criteria available at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) postgraduate research studentships

www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

Studentships funded by DEL are offered in a wide range of subject areas across all Faculties and Schools.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees only.

DEL Co-operative Awards in Science and Technology (CAST) postgraduate research studentships

www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

These studentships are for specific research projects in collaboration with an industrial sponsor.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees only.

Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) postgraduate research studentships

www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

A number of EPSRC research studentships may be available for research in eligible areas. Details will be advertised at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate and on the relevant Faculty/School website at www.qub.ac.uk/home/SchoolsDepartments.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees only.

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) postgraduate research studentships

A number of studentships may be available for research degrees in arts and humanities subject areas. Details of the AHRC Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership and AHRC Centre for Doctoral Training in the Celtic Languages will be advertised at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate and on the relevant Faculty/School website at www.qub.ac.uk/home/SchoolsDepartments.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees only.

Leverhulme Interdisciplinary Network on Cybersecurity and Society (LINCS) postgraduate research studentships

www.qub.ac.uk/research Centres/iscts/Study/PhDscholarshipopportunities2015/LevehulmeLINCSPhDscholarshipopportunities

A number of studentships may be available for research into the technological and societal aspects of cybersecurity.

UK residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees plus maintenance.

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) postgraduate research studentships

DARD funds research courses relevant to the agricultural, horticultural, forestry, fishing or food processing industries. Applications can be made directly to DARD at www.dardni.gov.uk/postgraduate-study.

NI residents: fees plus maintenance.
Other UK residents: fees only.
Other EEA (including EU) residents: fees only.

The Wellcome Trust and National Institutes of Health postgraduate research studentships

www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Funding-schemes/PhD-funding-and-undergraduate-opportunities/WTD027399.htm

A limited number of Masters scholarships may be available to encourage outstanding students from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to undertake postgraduate study and experience life in the other Irish jurisdiction.

Applicants from countries outside the EU

University International postgraduate research studentships

University-funded studentships for international (non-EU) students may be available for postgraduate research into specific strategic research areas. Details are available at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate or on the relevant Faculty/School website at www.qub.ac.uk/home/SchoolsDepartments.

Non-EU residents: normally fees plus maintenance.

Applicants from all countries

British Chevening Awards
www.chevening.org/apply

British Council
www.britishcouncil.org

Royal Commission 1851
www.royalcommission1851.org

Applicants from the USA

Fulbright Scholarships
www.fullbright.org.uk

Mary McNeill Scholarship
www.qub.ac.uk/schools/IrishStudiesGateway/ProspectiveStudents/MADiplomaIrishStudies/Sourceoffunding/
Many US students opt to finance their studies at Queen’s through US Federal Loans. Queen’s is approved by the US Department of Education for participation in the Title IV Federal Loans programme. US Federal Loans are generally available to eligible students who will be undertaking Bachelors, Masters or PhD programmes at Queen’s, except for medical and nursing programmes.

Graduate students, or dependent undergraduate students and their parents, can normally borrow up to the full cost of attendance of their programme (including tuition, subsistence and airfare).

Full details are available at www.qub.ac.uk/isso and for further guidance, please contact the US Federal Loans Administrator at usloans@qub.ac.uk

Applicants from Brazil and Mexico

Applicants to the University from Brazil are eligible to apply for the Science without Borders (PhD) award and those from Mexico can apply for the CONACYT award.

go.qub.ac.uk/international

For more information, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)28 9097 5088 or email international@qub.ac.uk

Applicants from developing/ Commonwealth countries

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship scheme for postgraduate taught study

At Queen’s, subject to availability of funding from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, there will be up to five scholarships allocated for eligible taught postgraduate students on one of the following one-year courses: the MSc Leadership for Sustainable Development; the MSc Leadership for Sustainable Rural Development; the MSc Advanced Food Safety and the MA Conflict Transformation and Social Justice. The scholarship covers the student’s tuition fees, a maintenance grant and travel costs. No funding is available for dependants. Only students from developing/ Commonwealth countries are eligible to apply. Details at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

A range of scholarships and fellowships are available for citizens of developed and developing Commonwealth countries.

www.cscuk.dfid.gov.uk

Aga Khan Foundation Awards

For outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies.

www.akdn.org/akf_scholarships.asp

Applicants from Australia

General Sir John Monash Awards

www.monashawards.org

For further information on funding, contact The Graduate School at graduateschool@qub.ac.uk or check the information provided at www.qub.ac.uk/postgraduate

Note: this information is correct at the time of going to press.
Postgraduate research

A research degree offers you the opportunity to develop your research skills and prove yourself as a researcher. Queen’s is committed to the enhancement of research training and teaching and offers postgraduate research opportunities across all fields of study.

PhD/MPhil/MD

The normal minimum requirement for admission to a PhD/MPhil/MD is an Upper Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Specific entrance requirements by programme can be obtained by contacting the relevant School/Institute.

Registration is on a full-time or part-time basis, under the direction of a supervisory team appointed by the University. You will be expected to submit your thesis at the end of three years of full-time registration for PhD, or two years for MPhil/MD (or part-time equivalent).

PhD by Published Works

Applicants must be academic members of staff at Queen’s, who have been a member of staff for a minimum of one year prior to application.

Registration is normally on a part-time basis, under the direction of an adviser appointed by the University. You will be expected to submit your published works, with a 10,000-word critical analysis, within one year.

For further information, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/phd-published-works

Professional Doctorates

The University offers Professional Doctorates in a range of subjects. Details are listed within this prospectus.

Higher Doctorates

Applicants to a Higher Doctorate must have a significant link to the University, normally by being a graduate of the University or a current academic member of staff. Typically applicants will also have a minimum of 10 years research experience at a Postdoctoral level.

You will be expected to submit a copy of the published works, with a 3,000-word summary document, within one year.

For further information, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/higher-doctorates

Welcome and induction programme

All new postgraduate research students are invited to attend a series of welcome and induction events delivered centrally and at School level.

The welcome and induction events provide research students with the opportunity to talk to representatives and to meet with students and academic staff from their own and other disciplines to share their expectations of research study.

For further information, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/phd-published-works
Skills training and development

The development of transferable skills is considered an integral part of the experience of being a postgraduate research student. The Postgraduate Researcher Development Programme (PRDP) offers all research students a choice of training courses and development activities aimed at providing you with the skills to complete your higher degree and enhance your employability. The funding bodies for postgraduates consider the development of these skills as an essential part of training for careers both in academic and non-academic work environments.

For further information on the Postgraduate Researcher Development Programme, please visit www.qub.ac.uk/prdp.

Funding is available for student-led initiatives. These are training-related activities developed and delivered by research students for research students. These initiatives can involve organising a conference, research seminar or some other research event. To date these initiatives have proven to be very effective in encouraging students to identify their skills requirements and develop their own training.

Postgraduate taught courses

Masters degrees

The normal minimum requirement for admission to a Masters degree is a Second Class Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Entrance requirements vary by course and you are advised to consult the individual course entries in this prospectus.

You may study for a taught Masters degree over a period of not less than one calendar year on a full-time basis, or not less than two calendar years on a part-time basis. In some cases you may be required to register for a Postgraduate Diploma and then be permitted to continue the coursework for the Masters degree if you reach a satisfactory standard in the Postgraduate Diploma.

Working away from the University

You may be permitted to carry out some of your research away from Queen's. You will need to satisfy the University that you will maintain appropriate contact with your supervisor, and have access to appropriate facilities, during any periods spent away, and you may be required to spend a specified period of time in residence at the University. You will be subject to the University’s normal training and monitoring requirements.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates

The University offers postgraduate study for diplomas and certificates in a wide range of subjects. Entrance requirements vary by course and you are advised to consult the individual course entries in this prospectus. It may be possible for you to transfer registration from a Postgraduate Diploma to a Masters degree after the written examination at the end of Diploma coursework or alternatively, after completing the Diploma.

Useful links

Queen’s Applications Portal (direct link): go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply
Queen’s Postgraduate Admissions Policy (direct link): go.qub.ac.uk/PGAdmissionsPolicy
Postgraduate study at Queen’s: www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/PostgraduateStudies/StudyatQueens/
Steps to Postgraduate Study: postgradsteps.hefce.ac.uk
Discover more at www.qub.ac.uk

Unconditional offer of a place to study on a one-year Postgraduate Taught course, are required to pay a deposit towards their tuition fee. For a small number of Postgraduate Taught courses, all offer-holders (home/EU and international) are required to pay a deposit.

Applying to Queen’s

Applications for admission to the vast majority of postgraduate programmes are submitted online via the Postgraduate Direct Applications Portal (go.qub.ac.uk/pgapply). The online system also allows application for funding where appropriate.

The online application should not be used for the following programmes which have separate application procedures, detailed on the appropriate School/Institute webpage:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Studies (Institute of Professional Legal Studies: www.qub.ac.uk/lpsl)
- Professional Doctorates in Psychology (School of Psychology: www.qub.ac.uk/psy)

General information for prospective students is available at go.qub.ac.uk/pgstudy. For further help and advice on the admissions procedures, please contact:

Admissions and Access Service
Queen’s University Belfast
Belfast BT7 1NN
+44 (0)28 9097 5081
+44 (0)28 9097 5151
postgrad.admissions@qub.ac.uk

Acceptability of qualifications for admission

For admission, an Honours degree from a UK or Republic of Ireland Higher Education Provider, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is normally required. Only qualifications that have been awarded by accredited institutions, recognised by the University, will be accepted. If you are an international student with a query about the acceptability of your academic qualification, you should refer to the ‘Your Country’ section of the University’s website (go.qub.ac.uk/YourCountry) for advice on comparability with UK qualifications.
Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

The University operates a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) scheme which recognises relevant prior learning for admission and/or credit purposes.

For some courses, admission under Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be permitted and, if applicable, this will be indicated under the individual course entry. Please visit go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy for the University’s RPL Policy and information on application procedures.

English language requirements

If your first language is not English, evidence of an acceptable level of proficiency will be required. In addition, applicants who are non-EEA nationals must satisfy the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes. This evidence should be in the form of a Secure English Language Test (SELT), or another English language qualification acceptable to the University which examines all four elements of language learning – listening, reading, writing and speaking. As a guide, the University accepts the following qualifications as meeting the English language requirement for direct admission to postgraduate programmes. IELTS and TOEFL tests should be taken within the past two years:

- British Council/University of Cambridge IELTS Test (Academic)
- TOEFL Internet-Based Test
- IGCSE English as a first language (syllabus 0522/0530)*
- IGCSE English as a second language (syllabus 0510/0511)*
- Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)
- Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
- The University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) GCE O-level English Language (syllabus 1119/1120/1123/1125/1127/1128)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic
- City & Guilds International ESOL (IESOL) Diploma
- INTO English Test

*Applicants holding IGCSE will need to request a Certifying Statement from Cambridge International Examinations – details can be found on their website at www.cie.org.uk/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-secondary-2/cambridge-igcse/recognition/

Other English language qualifications may be accepted. Further information is available at go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs.

Details of the English language requirements for entry to each postgraduate taught and research programme can be found in the individual programme descriptions.

Applicants with a disability, special needs or medical conditions

If you have declared a disability, special needs or a medical condition at the time of application and you receive an offer, you will be provided with a questionnaire, which you should complete and return to the Disability Services unit.

The information you provide will be treated as sensitive and kept strictly confidential. It will only be used to plan for your individual support requirements, ensuring that your transition to Queen’s is as smooth as possible (see also page 51).

If you need any advice about disclosing disability, or the arrangements which we can make, please contact:

Disability Services

t +44 (0)28 9097 2727
ev disability.office@qub.ac.uk

Applicants with a criminal record

It is the policy of the University to consider applications for admission on their individual merit in the light of all available information. The primary selection criteria are those related to the qualifications, skills, abilities and personal qualities of an applicant. The University will investigate the criminal record of a new applicant only if the primary selection criteria for the programme have been met. The University acknowledges the key role of education in the rehabilitative process and a criminal record will not debar an applicant unless the nature and seriousness of the offence in question are incompatible with:

- the study programme applied for
- the ultimate professional or vocational goal, or
- participation in an academic and social setting and the University’s responsibility to ensure a safe and neutral environment

Regulations concerning admission of applicants who have a criminal record are available on the Admissions and Access Service website at www.qub.ac.uk/ado.

Admissions appeals and complaints procedure

If you consider that your application has not been dealt with fairly, you should contact the Admissions and Access Service in the first instance.

Registration

If you are accepted for a programme of study, you must provide original documentary proof of your academic qualifications (and English language qualifications and/or certified English translations where appropriate). You will also need to bring photographic identification (passport or driving licence) with you to registration. International students will be required to provide passport and visa information. Details of arrangements for enrolment and registration will be provided in your Welcome Brochure.
IT training and support

New ways of doing things is all part of being an undergraduate and orientation sessions outlining the IT and Library facilities and services are readily available. These include an introduction to the University's virtual learning and email services, as well as other important ways to get campus savvy.

The McClay Library houses the IT Shop, which provides a range of IT accessories such as memory sticks and can even be used to purchase a laptop or netbook computer. The IT Helpdesk provides advice and support on how to get the best out of University and personal IT equipment.

For those who still haven't got to grips with all the benefits IT has to offer, the University has a range of training resources to help develop the IT life skills required for study. Good IT skills can lead to gaining an internationally recognised IT qualification – the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL).

Student support services

Student support services are at the heart of the Queen's experience. We look after the health, emotional well-being, education, study needs, financial security and career prospects of all our students. At Queen's, pastoral care is part of a dedicated programme that serves students in providing support, encouragement and advice, so a friendly and informed view is always available.

go.qub.ac.uk/support

Student Guidance Centre

The Student Guidance Centre is the first place to visit for student information, support, advice and guidance. Services available include:

- Careers, Employability and Skills service
- Counselling Service
- Disability Services
- Income and Student Finance
- International Student Support
- Learning Development Service
- Student Administration

For more information, see www.qub.ac.uk/studentinfo

Support for students with disabilities

Queen's welcomes and encourages applications from all students with disabilities and specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. While it represents a personal decision, all prospective students are encouraged to disclose any disability or medical condition, which may require support during your time at university. Disclosing your disability does not affect the application process, but ensures your individual requirements can be addressed from the beginning of your studies.

Disability Services co-ordinates a range of services to support students with disabilities, including School and exam support, accommodation requirements and assistance with applications for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

For more information, see www.qub.ac.uk/disability
Student welfare

The Student Welfare Team works to make you aware of where you can go for help, connecting the different people concerned about your wellbeing and promoting ways to keep yourself well – physically, mentally and academically.

The Counselling Service is staffed by qualified and experienced Counsellors who can help you to work through any personal, academic and emotional difficulties that are impacting on your studies.

For more information, see www.qub.ac.uk/counselling

Students’ Union Advice Centre

Queen’s Students’ Union provides essential advice, whether academic, financial or welfare related. Whether worried about money, having trouble getting to grips with studies or just needing someone to talk to, the Advice Centre is always on hand to listen and either help, or find a range of approved services that can.

Located on the second floor of the Union, expert Advisers are dedicated to providing all Queen’s students with free, confidential and independent advice.

For more information, see www.qubsu.org/AdviceCentre

Childcare at Queen’s

The University offers a range of childcare support. This includes full-time day care in three créches for up to 98 children aged two months to four years, out-of-school care for 32 Primary School children aged four to 11 years, and a summer activities scheme for children aged six to 14 years. Childcare créches on campus are open from 8.15am–5.45pm Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year.

For more information, see www.qub.ac.uk/directories/StudentPlus/ChildcareatQueens

Religious representatives

Chaplains and other religious representatives are appointed by the University to represent and serve students and staff. Currently, 12 faiths and denominations are represented at Queen’s. There are four Chaplaincy Centres, with three full-time Chaplains and other staff located near the Students’ Union and close to the main campus.

For more information, see go.qub.ac.uk/relreps

University Health Centre at Queen’s

The University Health Centre at Queen’s is a General Practice providing student-focused national health services and University-funded, non-NHS services for Queen’s students.

Staffed by a friendly team, it is located on the doorstep of the main campus, beside the Student Guidance Centre and close to student residences.

For more information, see www.universityhealthcentreatqueens.co.uk
A global institution

As a university with global reach, over 1,700 international students from nearly 100 countries currently study at Queen’s. The majority from outside the European Union come from China, Malaysia, the United States, the Indian Sub-Continent, Taiwan, Brunei, the Middle East and Canada. Significantly, Queen’s international students go on to effect change in fields as diverse as medicine, civil engineering and music all over the world, and in doing so grow dynamic links across the globe.

As a result, the list of active graduate associations in Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Malaysia, Jordan, Canada and the United States is growing all the time.

With a strong focus on education and research, Queen’s is a strong player in the global community and collaborative agreements are in place with institutions across the world including East China University of Science and Technology, China Medical University, Amity University (Noida, India), Manipal University (Manipal, India), University of Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Malaya (UM), Dubai Health Care City, Vanderbilt University and the University of Notre Dame.

Preparation for university study at Queen’s

INTO Queen’s University Belfast is a college of the University providing a range of academic preparation and English language courses to help you prepare for future study at Queen’s. At the INTO Queen’s Centre you will find premium facilities, an inspiring learning environment and staff dedicated to the highest standards of teaching and personalised student support.

As a member of the University, from your first day you will join an international student community that shares your ambition to excel in your education and go on to establish a successful career.

Care and quality

INTO Queen’s students are full members of the University and have access to all the academic, welfare, social and sports facilities of the University and a high level of student support and care is given to each student. In 2015, 97 per cent of INTO Queen’s students were satisfied with their student experience.
English language preparation

The University offers excellent English language programmes delivered through INTO Queen's University Belfast. A range of English language, English writing and study skills courses are currently available or can be provided subject to appropriate demand. Special English language summer schools are also provided.

You may apply for the English for University Study or the Pre-sessional English course by completing and submitting an application form. Forms can be downloaded from www.intohigher.com/queens/apply

Alternatively, for further information or for an application form, please contact us on +44 (0)28 9097 6850, or email into@qub.ac.uk

Academic preparation programme

The Graduate Diploma programme is a full-time academic programme designed to provide international students, who do not qualify for direct entry to the University, with a pathway to selected Masters programmes in Queen's University Belfast. The Graduate Diploma programme has been designed in partnership with Queen's academic staff and is quality-assured by Queen's University Belfast.

Two Graduate Diploma pathways are available:
• Graduate Diploma in Management
• Graduate Diploma in Finance

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma programme and meet the specific grades for entry will be guaranteed entry to a designated postgraduate degree programme in Queen's University Belfast.

The Graduate Diploma programme is taught over three terms, with assessment taking place throughout the programme.

Students can enrol on the Graduate Diploma pathways in Management and in Finance in September and January each year. Both start dates lead to the University's September intake for postgraduate programmes.

Students with lower levels of English (below IELTS 5.5 or equivalent) may wish to take a term or more of the English for University Study programme before beginning the January and September intakes of the Graduate Diploma. The Graduate Diploma is therefore the first step towards obtaining a postgraduate qualification from a leading UK university.

The Graduate Diploma in Management offers assured progression to the following postgraduate degree programmes:
• MBA (International MBA)
• MSc Construction and Project Management
• MSc Human Resource Management
• MSc International Business
• MSc Management
• MSc Marketing

The Graduate Diploma in Finance offers assured progression to the following postgraduate degree programmes within Queen's:
• MBA (International MBA)
• MSc Accounting and Finance
• MSc Construction and Project Management
• MSc Finance
• MSc Risk and Investment Management

You may apply for the Graduate Diploma programme by completing and submitting an application form. Further information and an application form for the Graduate Diploma programme can be downloaded from www.intohigher.com/queens, or you can apply online at www.intohigher.com/queens/apply

For further information on any courses available at INTO Queen's, please contact us at:

+44 (0)28 9097 6850
email into@qub.ac.uk
www.intohigher.com/queens

Every full-time international student at Queen's is entitled to attend a semester-long in-sessional English language course at the INTO Queen's Centre, which normally involves a two-hour class once per week. Where necessary, international students are given a language competency test at the beginning of each semester and then allocated to an intermediate, upper intermediate or advanced course, as appropriate.

There are no tuition fees for the in-sessional course. Apart from a small charge of £25 to cover books and materials, in-sessional English language courses are provided free to Queen's international students. Pre-sessional English language courses of four, six or 10 weeks are also available for students who hold an offer at Queen's and need to improve their standard of English before commencing their academic studies.

Discover more at www.qub.ac.uk
International Students’ Orientation Programme

International Student Support organises a five-day orientation programme in mid-September, prior to the start of the first semester. This falls within the overall Welcome and Orientation Programme for all new students to Queen’s. A four-day orientation programme for international students starting after September is held in late January.

In the NatWest Student Living Index 2015, Belfast was recognised as the UK’s most affordable student city. We estimate, as a guide, that you should allow a sum in the region of £5,500–£7,000 (US $8,000–$12,000) to cover your expenses for one academic year.

For immigration purposes, non-EU/EEA students will be required to show evidence of funds to cover living expenses. Further information is available at the following UK Visas and Immigration web link: https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas

International scholarships

The University offers a limited number of full and partial tuition fee scholarships for highly qualified international students. For further details, please visit go.qub.ac.uk/intlschol.

International Student Support

Located within the Student Guidance Centre, the International Student Support team has special responsibility for supporting international students before arrival and helping students to adjust to a new way of life when they arrive in the UK. Staff will be delighted to hear from you before you arrive and are happy to answer any questions you might have. The International Student Support team offers specialist visa and immigration advice for prospective international students and also to registered Queen’s students who need to extend their visas. They are the only area at the University authorised to give immigration advice to students. Contact the International Student Support team by email at iss@qub.ac.uk. Please note that immigration advice can only be provided in writing or in person, not by telephone.

During the orientation programme students have the opportunity to meet staff from International Student Support, academic staff, Students’ Union representatives and, of course, fellow students.

The programme includes tours of the University’s academic and recreational facilities and the city of Belfast. Students will also attend information sessions designed to help students adjust to university academic study, life at Queen’s and in Belfast. Social events organised throughout the programme help students to build a network of friends and try new activities.

A compulsory Right to Study check will be carried out during the programme which must be undertaken before non-EEA students are allowed to enrol.

Airport welcome service

Prior to the orientation programme an Airport Welcome service is provided to help you find your way from George Best Belfast City Airport or Belfast International Airport to the Elms Student Village. This is available during days and times set out in the International Welcome and Orientation programme, available at www.qub.ac.uk/isso.

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Immigration/visa information

Points Based System for Immigration

Students from outside the EEA (European Economic Area: this consists of the countries of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Switzerland should carefully read the following information.

The UK Immigration rules are known as the Points Based System (PBS), and under the PBS the visa route for students is known as Tier 4. Student applicants will need to hold an offer of a place on a course from a university which holds a Home Office Sponsor licence and will also need 40 points to qualify for a visa to enter the UK to study.

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Queen’s University is required by law to undertake certain Sponsor duties. These include:

Recording: we must:
- Take and keep a copy of passport and visa(s)/immigration documents when you arrive in the UK
- Keep an up-to-date record of address in the UK including email address and telephone number(s)

Reporting: we must:
- Inform the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) department of the Home Office if you defer your studies before arriving in the UK
- Inform UKVI if you do not arrive on the expected date to start your course
- Monitor your attendance and inform UKVI if you miss expected contact points – please speak to your School about these contact points
- Inform UKVI if you change or withdraw from your studies
- Inform UKVI if you change to another Sponsor or change your visa status

When applying for your visa you will need to include a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number proving that you have been offered an unconditional place on a course of study at Queen’s. The University will provide you with full details of your CAS number, which you will need before you can apply for your visa, and we will send you an information leaflet which will guide you through this process. Members of the International Student Support team are also available to answer your questions about visas and help you through the process.

If you are planning to study in the UK for longer than six months and do not hold citizenship for an EEA country, it is compulsory to apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student visa before travelling to the UK. It is obtained by making an entry clearance application at a British diplomatic post in the country where you are a national or resident. The application fee from April 2015 is £322. Details about applying for a visa can be found at www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

If you are coming to the UK to study for less than six months (eg under the Study Abroad Programme), you can apply for a ‘Short Term Student’ visa. This type of visa will allow you to enter and remain in the UK for up to six months; you will not be able to extend the visa in the UK and you will not be able to work (paid or unpaid) while you are in the UK. If you might want to continue your studies and/or you want to work while you are here then you should apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student visa.

Some students do not need to apply in advance for a visa to enter the UK to study for courses up to six months; however, we recommend that all international students obtain an entry clearance visa prior to coming to the UK. You can find further information online here www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/study-visas

As a visa holder you are required by law to keep the conditions of your visa. Failure to do so may result in the University withdrawing sponsorship of your visa, which may result in your visa being curtailed.

Please note: you must ensure that you arrive via a UK ‘port of entry’ such as Heathrow, Gatwick, Belfast, or Manchester. In your home country, when your visa is issued to you it grants you permission to enter the UK. When you enter a UK port of entry your visa will then be stamped by a Border Force Officer, granting you ‘leave to enter’ the UK. This stamp is very important.

If you come via the Republic of Ireland you will not receive this stamp and you may not be deemed as having a right to remain in the UK and therefore to study. If you are planning to arrive in the Republic of Ireland you must obtain a prior entry clearance visa, but first you must contact our International Student Support team for further advice at iss@qub.ac.uk

Immigration health surcharge

Recent legislation introduced by the UK government requires all non-EU/EEA nationals coming to the UK for longer than six months, including Tier 4 students, to pay a healthcare surcharge to access health services during their stay in the UK. This must be paid before you complete your visa application and is charged at £150 per year and £75 for part of a year less than six months. You can find more information on the UKVI website (https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/overview). We recommend that you complete the checking service online to verify how much you should pay (https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type).

All students studying courses of longer than one year are automatically granted four extra months’ immigration permission from the end date of their course. You must ensure that this extra time is included in your overall immigration health surcharge payment – for example if your course starts on 15 Sept 2015 and finishes 30 Sept 2016, with the extra 4 months the total due is £225.

Bringing dependants

If you are coming to the UK to study on a postgraduate course which lasts for 12 months or longer, or you are a government-sponsored student, you may be able to bring your husband/wife and children with you. Your dependants should apply for a PBS Dependant visa.

The following web link is a good resource and will give more details on the rules in this area: www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Preparing—planning/Visas-and-immigration/Bringing-your-family/

Please let International Student Support know if you are bringing dependants. If you have children needing either childcare or to attend school, you must seek advice from International Student Support as quickly as possible. Please note that International Student Support cannot make arrangements for your childcare or school places for children on your behalf.

Before leaving your home country for the UK, please make sure that you have the necessary documents to enable you to enter the country.

Further information specific to Queen’s and regular updates are available at www.qub.ac.uk/sites/iss/VisaandImmigration

If you require any further information about the visas or the Points Based System, please email iss@qub.ac.uk
International student accommodation at Queen’s

International students are given priority for a place in University accommodation for at least their first year at Queen’s. Willow Walk, Queen’s Elms Student Village and other student houses are located within easy walking distance of the University in a pleasant residential area. All accommodation is self-catered, with en suite options and internet access available.

To apply online and for further information, please visit the Queen’s Accommodation website: www.stayatqueens.com

International Office

The International Office staff regularly travel overseas to attend education exhibitions organised by the British Council and other organisations. We offer counselling sessions to prospective students and help them prepare for arrival at Queen’s. Further information on planned overseas visits is available by visiting www.qub.ac.uk/home/StudyatQueens/InternationalStudents or by emailing international@qub.ac.uk

Further information

If you would like more detailed information about any of Queen’s study programmes or general information about the University, please contact:

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Useful links

Links to British Council offices across the world: www.britishcouncil.org

The British Council’s website for international students interested in studying in the UK: www.educationuk.org

Erasmus – the European Union’s main education and training programme: ec.europa.eu/education

UKCISA – the UK Council for International Student Affairs provides advice and information to international students studying in the UK: www.ukcisa.org.uk

Advice on applying for a UK visa: www.ukvisas.gov.uk
Welcome to the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is an intellectual powerhouse spanning traditional humanities and social science subjects to innovative and cutting-edge areas in Creative Arts and applied professional studies. With over 40 per cent of research undertaken having been ranked in the Top 25 per cent for their subject area (REF 2014), and a further 40 per cent in the Top 50 per cent nationally, our postgraduate programmes are driven and delivered by world-leading scholars in their field.

Many of the Faculty’s Research Strengths are clustered around two recently established centres of excellence: The Institute for Collaborative Research in the Humanities; and the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice. Alongside these two leading centres, there are many other areas of notable excellence, including Creative Writing, Sonic Arts, Global Financial Markets, Children’s Well-being, Poverty and Social Exclusion, Translation and Interpreting and Shared Education, all of which are investigated on a local and global scale. In this collaborative environment, postgraduate students from all fields are offered the opportunity to interact with academic leaders and participate in their research.

The Faculty benefits from world-class facilities including the world’s only Sonic Arts Research Laboratory; a £14m, state-of-the-art building at Riddel Hall which is home to the Management School, a unique simulation Trading Room and the William J Clinton Leadership Institute; the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry within the School of English; and a purpose-built ‘Black Box’ for Drama and Film Studies, as well as the Brian Friel Theatre. In addition to this, the Faculty will also benefit from a £20m investment in a new School of Law building, due for completion in summer 2016.

We have a long and proud history of international collaboration and partnership across our teaching and research activity, supporting student exchanges across the globe, including leading institutions in South East Asia, Brazil, China, North America and India.

With a huge range of postgraduate taught programmes on offer, including many new offerings for 2016 entry, as well as a vibrant postgraduate research culture with opportunities for study in over 25 disciplines, I am sure you will find a programme of study to both challenge and inspire you, as well as to equip you with the first-class skills and knowledge needed to excel in your chosen career.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty.

Professor Adrienne Scullion
Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Welcome to the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences

The comfort and security of our modern world is provided by amazing advances in science and technology, focused on improving our lives. The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences spans disciplines that impact on lives today and will shape our future. Our international mix of staff and students make up a vibrant community that is home to some of the most innovative and globally significant research and teaching.

It works where industry and research meet, providing the platform to spin out research into commercial opportunities and engage with industry on cutting-edge research with real-world projects such as the work with Wrightbus to produce the cleanest hybrid bus technology that powers the London Routemaster, or the pioneering work in The Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology, securing our digital future through their Centre for Secure Information Technologies. With strength in traditional engineering disciplines, the Faculty brings together diverse topics, such as carbon dating and astrophysics, to create a dynamic multidisciplinary setting for students and academics to thrive.

Underpinning our research is the drive to solve the big challenges that society faces, whether it is understanding the human brain's perception to aid Parkinson's sufferers, or clean energy production through CenTACat, our research is leading the world in an environment rooted in the ideals of Athena SWAN where we actively promote Women in Science and Engineering.

The leadership provided by our academics creates opportunities for all students to satisfy their ambitions through taught and research programmes. Come and join us, and help change the world!

Professor Mark Price
Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Engineering and Physical Sciences

“Our international mix of staff and students make up a vibrant community that is home to some of the most innovative and globally significant research and teaching”
I am delighted to be leading the Faculty at this time as we take forward exciting plans in education and research. Our development of Global Research Institutes in Health and Food Security enriches our portfolio of world-leading postgraduate programmes, while our exceptional track record of providing a thought-leading learning and research environment is widely admired.

We work in close partnership with government and industry, nationally and internationally, playing a key leadership role in many global efforts to find solutions to complex and critical issues facing society. Our globally recognised excellence in education and research is evident in programmes that are designed to produce the next generation of leaders in a postgraduate community that is truly international. Our Faculty drives an agenda where innovation, interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches are central. We are increasing the emphasis on Distance Learning to provide flexible ways for students to attain Postgraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Masters degrees. We also offer students the opportunity to gain practical experience through placements, projects and field trips to enhance their employability.

I am especially proud of the research expertise that underpins our postgraduate programmes and the research credentials of our world-leading academics.

Graduates from many different disciplines, and many countries, studying for higher degrees by research are most welcome and are an essential dimension of our world-leading research centres. These students have a unique opening to study and work alongside dynamic teams of academics and postdoctoral researchers, and opportunities to attend and present work at national and international conferences are promoted and supported.

Professor Chris Elliott
Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

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