Queen Mary University of London

- Member of the Russell Group – the UK’s 24 leading universities
- Part of the internationally recognised University of London (UoL)
- World-class research and teaching by international leaders in their field
- One of the largest self-contained residential campuses in London
- Ranked in the top 10 of UK universities for research (REF 2014)
- One of the top 25 ‘most internationally diverse’ universities in the world (Times Higher Education 2016)

Above: Third-year geography students in Mumbai where they explore the city’s dual economy. Pictured: class of 2017. © Philippa Williams

Front cover: Fieldwork in the Cairngorms of the Scottish Highlands. © Michelle Day
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“Our students explore the world and the people within it. They investigate the connections between societies, places and environments from local to global scales. Such a perspective – a truly geographical perspective – demands and develops an inquiring mind able to observe, analyse and engage with some of the most important issues of our time”

Professor Alison Blunt, Head of School
Welcome to the School of Geography

Thank you for your interest in studying geography or environmental science at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL). Across all our degrees, we offer a broad curriculum to equip you with a solid grounding in the discipline of your choice and prepare you for the world of work.

As a member of the Russell Group, QMUL is recognised internationally for its excellence in research as well as teaching. The School of Geography is ranked fifth in the UK for the quality of its research publications (REF 2014. Our staff are not only at the forefront of the discipline, but are committed to seeing their work make a difference in the lives of people across the world.

Join us and work alongside academics who are committed to demonstrating world-leading research. From climate change, sustainability and environmental management to development, global health and questions of culture, identity and social justice, our research – and therefore your studies – reach out and touch upon some of society’s biggest and most pressing challenges.

Geography at QMUL encompasses both the human and physical aspects of the discipline. Our programmes offer you not only the chance to develop a uniquely geographical way of seeing and understanding the world and the analytical skills sought after by employers, but also the opportunity to specialise in key areas of the subject, including globalisation and development, culture and identity, global health, Earth surface processes and environmental management. The diverse research of our academics and broad range of modules means that you can tailor an exciting, varied degree to fit your interests. Independent research and a substantial international fieldwork programme offer you the chance to put what you have learnt into practice too.

Environmental science at QMUL combines the expertise within the School of Geography and the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences. From ecology, biodiversity and conservation to river science, environmental engineering and remote sensing, you will undertake core skills training across subject areas at the heart of the discipline. After developing your research techniques both in the field and the laboratory, you'll also work individually with staff to undertake your own research.
Why choose Queen Mary University of London?

**World-class university**
Queen Mary is a world-class university. We are a member of the Russell Group and attract some of the very brightest minds to study, teach and undertake research here.

**Career success**
We are focused on ensuring that you graduate with the necessary skills to succeed in your career. We’ve been working to include a broader range of skills and experiences as part of all our degrees to make sure that by the time you graduate, you can stand out from the crowd and apply yourself to whatever you choose to do next. See page 20 for more details. QMUL is consistently in the top ten per cent of universities for graduate starting salaries in the UK (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016).

**Residential campus**
Our Mile End campus is one of the largest self-contained residential campuses in London. You will be able to enjoy all the benefits of a campus lifestyle including safety, convenience and a friendly atmosphere while being just minutes from central London.

**High-quality teaching**
Our teaching is inspired by our world leading research and you will be taught by academics who are genuine leaders in their field. Our academics embrace innovative teaching methods and provide a stimulating learning experience.

**Great location**
We are a short walk from Brick Lane and Shoreditch, while also close to the City, Canary Wharf and the Olympic Park. Set beside Regent’s Canal, our Mile End campus is tranquil and green, and excellent public transport links mean that the West End is only 20 minutes away.

**A range of support**
From our extensive IT services, to language courses, advice and counselling services and provisions for those with disabilities or dyslexia, we offer a huge range of support to help you achieve your full potential.

**University of London**
We are part of the internationally recognised University of London (UoL). You will be able to use a range of UoL facilities including Senate House Library.

**Generous financial support**
We started out in 1887 as the People’s Palace, a philanthropic centre bringing education and culture to east London. We remain true to these roots and offer a generous package of bursaries and scholarships that benefit around 50 per cent of our undergraduate intake. This ensures the brightest students receive a first-class education, regardless of their background.
On your doorstep...

15 mins
TO THE GALLERY SPACES AND CAFÉS OF HACKNEY WICK

14 mins
TO THE BARS OF HOXTON SQUARE

11 mins
TO SHOREDITCH HIGH STREET

10 mins
TO QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK

4 mins
TO BEAUTIFUL VICTORIA PARK
The world is our classroom

Fieldwork is the lifeblood of geography and environmental science. You can take part in fieldwork in each year of your degree, both in the UK and abroad. All first- and second-year compulsory field trips are included in your tuition fees. Optional overseas field trips run in the second and third years, and are subject to annual variation. Destinations currently include Ireland, India, Malaysia, New Zealand and the USA. Canada, Croatia and South Africa are also options for environmental scientists. See page 22 for more details on fieldwork.

Global and local networks

Our unique and extensive links with both international and local organisations mean that whatever your chosen programme in our School, you will have the opportunity to work with community groups, environmental trusts, charities and other groups to apply your knowledge and problem-solving skills to real-world challenges.

East London location

The School of Geography is located at QMUL’s friendly, self-contained Mile End campus in the creative and culturally diverse area of east London. Our students get to enjoy the delights of this trendy part of town: whether you’re browsing independent designer stalls at Spitalfields Market, heading to the bars of Shoreditch, relaxing in the tranquility of Victoria Park, or enjoying a curry on the world-famous Brick Lane, you’ll be spoilt for choice. Not only do you get to experience the capital’s rich culture and eclectic social scene, you will also have access to an unparalleled array of academic resources with a wealth of world-renowned libraries, museums and research institutes on your doorstep.

Student support

Even before you arrive at QMUL, we aim to ease the transition from home to university life. Our Springboards Team of current undergraduates will be available online during Welcome Week to answer any questions that you might have – however big or small. We also have an academic tutorial system at the centre of our teaching so that, in addition to lectures and seminars, you’ll meet regularly in small groups with a personal academic tutor.
What we offer

**World-class School**
The latest QS World University Rankings by Subject (2016) places us in the top 100 geography departments in the world.

**Experts**
Our academics have acted as advisers to local, national and international organisations such as Citizens UK, the Department of Health, the Environment Agency, UNESCO, the World Bank, and more.

**Research excellence**
We are ranked fifth in the UK for the quality of our staff’s research publications, and 11th overall for our excellence in research (REF 2014).

**Collaborations**
Collaborations with local organisations help to place our students at the forefront of the latest research in practice.

**Facilities**
Our cutting-edge field and laboratory resources allow students to measure geographical phenomena, analyse samples from the field and simulate environmental processes.

**Learning environment**
Students are welcomed into a friendly, supportive, culturally diverse School, working side-by-side with researchers in a strong, forward-thinking department.

**Exciting fieldwork opportunities**
Our students take their learning out into the real world.

**High-quality teaching**
Teaching across our programmes is informed by our unique combination of research specialisms. We are committed to research-led teaching and employ a diverse range of teaching methods.

**Study abroad**
Spending time abroad is an enriching and exciting way to broaden your university and life experience, and exploring the world is second nature to our geographers and environmental scientists.

**Career success**
93% of our graduates are in work or further study within six months of graduation (DLHE 2015).
Our home in east London

Queen Mary has been at the heart of education in east London since the late 19th century. A local philanthropic trust built The People’s Palace, our oldest building, in 1887 to provide high-quality facilities for the education of the local community. Historical documents reveal that thousands of people attended the free talks, musical events, exhibitions, gardens, swimming pool, entertainments and library that were made available for local use. More than 130 years later, the School of Geography echoes this historic commitment to working with a wide range of communities, both local and global.

East London is a place of remarkable diversity and vibrancy. The area reflects the capital’s historic growth as a port city and, more recently, as a global financial centre, and it has become the focal point of culture-led regeneration and a fast-developing Tech City. It is also the hub of London’s creative community and home to an array of cultural institutions, galleries, festivals and artists, not to mention a lively nightlife and global cuisine. It was also, of course, host to the Olympic Games in 2012. The area’s history and ongoing transformations make it an inspiring place in which to live and study. The ability to apply a geographical perspective to problem-solving amongst so much change is a key skill that helps our students flourish in so many different careers and roles once they graduate from QMUL.

“Queen Mary is blessed to be in such fantastic location with history, culture, diversity and the rest of London on its doorstep”
Rosemary Cargill, Geography BSc 2016 and Integrated Management of Freshwater Environments MSc 2017
London and the East End: a resource for your studies

London has many resources for scholars of geography and environmental science. Besides its numerous institutions, libraries and archives, London itself is a living resource - centred on the river that brought settlers to the region thousands of years ago, today the city is a place of global interconnection, where flows of people and cultures of all kinds come together and interact. The East End in particular continues to present geographers with a wealth of local and international research opportunities and challenges. These span the breadth of the discipline, from issues of migration and identity to understanding and managing the city’s physical environments and impacted rivers. So whether you’re interested in urban politics, urban river restoration, green space in the city or transnational migration, the area will be a stimulating place in which to study.

Collaborative research and learning

Collaborations with local organisations also help to place our students at the forefront of the latest research. Within walking distance from our Mile End campus is a range of cultural institutions with whom we have built successful collaborative research partnerships, including the Geffrye Museum of the Home, the V&A Museum of Childhood and the Ragged School Museum, while others such as the Natural History Museum, British Museum and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) are only a short journey away on the Tube. East London is a place of contrasts; it mirrors London’s global city status through the sheer diversity of the people that live and work here as well as its less auspicious standing as an increasingly economically divided city. Here we come full circle: as a School of Geography we believe, like our forebears, that by working together as academics and students alongside the wider community, we can bring about change. In this, we honour our own and the discipline of geography’s radical roots.
Our degree programmes

Geography BA
L700 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/L700

A-level: ABB–BBB including geography. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including HL geography. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Are you interested in cultures, economies and societies, and their interaction with the natural environment? The flexibility of our Geography BA allows you to focus on areas of interest including globalisation and international development; geopolitics; social justice; cities past, present and future; economy and society; and culture and identity, while also keeping the option to explore elements of physical geography such as the science and politics of climate change. We will train you in innovative research methods from visual analysis to interviewing and geographical information systems (GIS). You’ll learn in the classroom, field and laboratory while exciting field trip destinations include the UK as well as India, Ireland, Malaysia and the USA.*

*See page 22 for information of field trips.

Geography BSc
F800 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/F800

A-level: ABB–BBB including geography. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including HL geography. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Do you want to learn about the processes that shape our ever-changing planet, and learn about interactions between the natural environment and society? Our Geography BSc programme enables you to understand how physical, chemical, biological and human agents affect the landscape over timescales from milliseconds to millennia. You can explore a diverse mix of subjects from glaciology, river science and geocology to climate change and natural hazards, and learn about novel approaches to environmental management. You can also choose to study human geography modules on subjects including geographies of nature, development, technology and society. We will train you to undertake independent research using our state-of-the-art field and laboratory equipment, geographical information systems (GIS) and environmental modelling facilities. You will participate in UK-based fieldwork and will have the option to go on field trips to New Zealand or the USA.*
Entry requirements
We will consider applications from students who are not taking geography at A-level or as part of the IB where there is an appropriate alternative academic subject. We also welcome applications with appropriate BTEC, Access to HE, Foundation degree qualifications, applicants taking the EPQ and applicants with non-UK qualifications. Please note that we do not accept ‘General Studies’ A-level.

See qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/entry for further information, or contact our Admissions Team on +44 (0)20 7882 6476 or geogadmissions@qmul.ac.uk.

“The dynamism of the university, coupled with the liberal exchange of ideas and knowledge in a multicultural campus environment, attracted me to QMUL. My degree provides the intellectual rigour and practical skills that are relevant and indispensable regardless of which industry or career that I pursue after graduation”

Koh Yi Thong, Geography BSc 2017, from Singapore
Our degree programmes

Human Geography BA
L720 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/L720

A-level: ABB–BBB including geography. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including HL geography. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Are you keen to specialise in human geography and explore the cultures, economies and societies that make up our world, both past and present? Our Human Geography BA gives you the chance to explore a breadth of topics including: globalisation and international development; geopolitics; social justice; cities past, present and future; economy and society; culture and identity; gender and power; global historical geographies and Victorian London; geographies of biomedicine and global health. We will train you in innovative research methods from visual analysis to interviewing and GIS. Exciting field trips allow you to experience research for yourself and include destinations in the UK as well as India, Ireland, Malaysia and the USA.*

*See page 22 for information of field trips.

Geography with Business Management BSc
FVN1 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/FVN1

A-level: ABB–BBB including geography. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including HL geography. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Are you interested in studying a mix of physical and human geography while developing skills in business management? Taught by staff in the School of Geography and the School of Business and Management, this degree explores diverse topics from globalisation and international development; geopolitics; social justice; cities past, present and future; economy and society; to the science and politics of climate change, environmental systems and natural hazards. There are options to cover the fundamentals of business such as economics, management, marketing, financial accounting and human resources. You will develop research skills and techniques in the classroom, field and laboratory, with field trip destinations including the UK, Ireland, India, Malaysia, New Zealand and the USA.*
“My course lets me explore the differences between people and teaches me to accept them. Looking at poverty and development in the Global South motivates me to do something for the world. My degree is an excellent stepping stone toward my future career and has equipped me with skills to create change in the world.”

Farhasaad Shahid, Human Geography BA 2017, from Finland
Our degree programmes

Environmental Science BSc
F850 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/F850

A-level: ABB–BBB including a science subject. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including a science subject at HL. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Would you like to investigate the interactions between physical and ecological systems, and how these relate to human activity? This interdisciplinary degree draws upon the expertise of the School of Geography and the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences to offer a distinctive degree programme. You will have the chance to explore a wide range of themes including ecology, diversity and evolution, conservation, environmental pollution, river science and environmental engineering. You will undertake core training in environmental science research skills and techniques both in the field and the laboratory. There is a substantial fieldwork programme, with destinations including the UK, Florida (USA), New Zealand, Canada, Croatia and South Africa.*

*See page 22 for information of field trips.

Environmental Science with Business Management BSc
F8N2 (three years)
qmul.ac.uk/F8N2

A-level: ABB–BBB including a science subject. Typical offer: ABB
IB: 32–30 overall with 655–555 in HL subjects, including a science subject at HL. Typical offer: 32 overall with 655 in HL subjects

Do you want to combine exploring interactions between people and environmental systems with developing skills in business management? Drawing on expertise from the Schools of Geography, Biological and Chemical Sciences and Business and Management, this multidisciplinary degree programme allows you to explore a diverse range of topics. These range from evolution to climate change; environmental pollution to river science and management; business concerns such as economics, management, marketing and human resources; as well as environmental engineering and the geographies of science and nature. You will undertake core training in environmental research techniques, financial accounting and business strategy, as well as exciting fieldwork opportunities in the UK, the USA and New Zealand.*
“My degree and the School of Geography has given me the confidence to believe in myself. I now feel equipped with the knowledge to discuss relevant, current local and global issues in depth with peers, friends and family. This acquired knowledge (along with hard work) will hopefully propel me towards a PhD and further research, something of which I didn’t think I’d be capable of before coming to QMUL.”

Jason Lynch, Environmental Science BSc 2018
How will you study?

Course structure
Our courses are three years full-time and each year is divided into two semesters. Modules are delivered through a range of different teaching and learning methods. On average, you will spend approximately 5-10 hours per week in a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical classes. Class sizes range from large lectures (up to 200 students) in the first year to smaller lectures in the second and third years (up to 80 students), with plenty of opportunities for group work and discussion.

You will also take part in regular tutorials where you will receive further advice and guidance on getting to grips with readings and course material and developing your study skills. These take place weekly in the first year and fortnightly in the second year. In the final year, these are replaced with one-to-one meetings with your tutor as you prepare for your independent research project and plan your career. Many of the modules also include fieldwork components (in the UK and abroad) where you can spend time in the field putting your research skills into practice and real world experience.

Independent Study
For every hour spent in classes you will be expected to complete a further 4-6 hours of independent study, which could be spent preparing for, or following up on formal study sessions, reading, producing written work, completing projects, and revising for exams. The direction of your individual study will be guided by the formal study sessions you attend, along with your reading lists and assignments. However, we expect you to demonstrate an active role in your own learning by reading widely and expanding your own knowledge, understanding and critical ability.

Independent study will foster in you the ability to identify your own learning needs and determine which areas you need to focus on to become proficient in your subject area. This is an important transferable skill and will help to prepare you for the transition to working life.

Tailor your degree
At Queen Mary, you have the opportunity to tailor your degree to best suit your academic interests. In the first year, you will explore key ideas in modules covering a range of critical issues central to the study of geography and environmental science. In the second and third years, you can select from a range of option modules that relate directly to our areas of research expertise.
Assessment

Students must complete modules totalling 120 credits each year. Most of our modules are assessed through a combination of coursework and examination. Coursework takes a variety of forms, including extended essays, short reports, posters, oral presentations and group work. You will also participate in problem-based learning, where you work in small, collaborative groups with guidance from the lecturer or seminar leader.

Coursework is submitted throughout the academic year. Exams are held in May and June and may include multiple choice questions, short answer questions, problem-solving or essays. All students must complete a final-year dissertation (Independent Geographical Study or Project in Environmental Science) of 10,000 words, based upon an original study of their choice.

“Spending the entire first week in the field was not only beneficial to our studies but also served as bonding time, allowing students to interact with each other and make new friends”

Catarina da Silva Neves, Geography BA 2019

Students in the first week of their studies explore geographical and environmental issues in our capital through the ‘Green London’ project.
At QMUL we know that it takes more than a degree on its own to get ahead in life. We are now integrating into all our degrees enhanced opportunities for you to acquire the additional knowledge, skills and experiences that employers value and that will help lead you to a successful career or further study.

By the time you graduate you will be able to demonstrate a number of highly desirable attributes such as networking, initiative and enterprise, the ability to adopt a global perspective, coupled with intercultural awareness and a broad understanding of the connections between your own field of study and other disciplines.

Modules to broaden your horizons
When you join us, you’ll find module options that offer you the chance to broaden your skills so you really stand out from the crowd. In your first year of study, we have ensured that there are modules within your degree programme that will allow you to develop these broader aspects of an undergraduate education.

For your subsequent years of study, we will be offering a wider range of different options from across QMUL and beyond which may include: placements and work experience opportunities; modules from other academic subjects; community engagement by volunteering; modules from skills-based areas including languages, communication; skills, management and leadership; entrepreneurship; ethics; research and writing skills; consultancy work with local businesses and other organisations; mentoring or coaching of young people; or research activities when you work with other students on projects linked to the work of a QMUL researcher.

Where could your degree take you?
You’ll work with your tutor to create a personalised strand within your degree to set you on your path. You don’t need to worry about finding extra time outside your normal timetable – our tailored modules are part of the curriculum. Our innovative approach will help you to not only find a job or further study opportunity, but to position yourselves to find the right job or opportunity for you. You will be assessed on the work you have done and the skills you have acquired and receive credit for it, so that on graduation your accomplishments can be reflected in your degree record for employers to see.

For further details please visit: qmul.ac.uk/qmulmodel
### Pathways

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*Field class module

Please note: the modules listed above are a guide to show the broad pathways through our programmes. The precise range of modules on offer may vary year on year. Not all modules are available on all programmes of study. All overseas field class modules run in alternate years and are levels 5/6, except ‘Development Futures: Mumbai Unbound’ and ‘Economic Futures: Malaysia Emerging’ which are levels 6/7. If overseas field class modules are oversubscribed, places are allocated by ballot.
Fieldwork plays a vital role in our geography and environmental science teaching programmes at QMUL. It takes learning from the classroom out into the world, turning it into a real and shared experience.

First year
Our research training modules in the first year are supported by numerous fieldwork projects conducted in a range of rural and urban settings, from Suffolk to Liverpool and the East End of London. The cost of all compulsory fieldwork in the first year is covered through tuition fees.

Second and third year
Students can apply to take part in specialist modules that involve longer, overseas field classes as their studies develop. Destinations currently include Boston, the Florida Everglades and Los Angeles (USA), Belfast and Dublin (UK and Ireland), the Southern Alps (New Zealand), Mumbai (India) and Kuala Lumpur and Penang (Malaysia). Environmental scientists may also have the opportunity to travel to Canada, Croatia and South Africa on fieldwork. Second year physical geographers and environmental scientists will carry out fieldwork closer to home in the Lake District.

Students can also choose to engage in overseas fieldwork as part of their final year Independent Geographical Study or Project in Environmental Science. Some locations in which our recent undergraduates have undertaken primary data collection for their dissertation include: China, Russia, New Zealand, Madagascar, Iceland, India, Nepal, Austria, Portugal, Spain, the USA and Canada. Supervision and laboratory support is provided by the School of Geography; however, fieldwork for dissertation projects is self-funded. Students can apply to the QMUL Expedition Fund to support their fieldwork in the summer vacation.

Fieldwork costs
Compulsory fieldwork in the School of Geography is undertaken at no extra cost. Optional overseas fieldwork in the second and third year ranges from £400 to £1,400 approximately, some with additional flight costs. These figures are based on costs in the year 2016/17 but the overall cost will fluctuate each year. Destinations can vary year-on-year, are subject to availability and are dependent on the module combinations chosen. Overseas field class modules run in alternate years. Places on some field class modules are limited and if field trip modules are oversubscribed, places are allocated by ballot. Students taking part in overseas field trips are responsible for securing their own visas if required. For more information, visit: geog.qmul.ac.uk/fieldwork
“Fieldwork is one of the best parts about studying geography. It changes the way you view such places in the future. It’s an immersive experience; you become more aware of your surroundings - plus, it keeps you on your toes, both physically and mentally”

Joshua Leigh, Geography BSc 2015 and Environmental Science by Research MSc 2016
The School of Geography’s Laboratory and Field Suite supports research concerned with environmental systems, their processes and interactions in the past, present and uncertain future.

Observational, experimental and computational techniques are of paramount importance to our interdisciplinary research, where students are provided with opportunities to undertake hands-on field research, combined with state-of-the-art laboratory analysis.

Within the School of Geography, our research is built on strong collaborations that are national and international in scope. We also serve as a teaching platform for the next generation of ecosystem and earth system scientists. We have an exceptional range of instrumentation for use in the field and laboratory. Students can conduct activities such as analysis of environmental macronutrients and contaminants; high resolution topographic surveys of landform; micromorphological analysis of sediment fabrics; and physical and numerical modelling of river systems.

Find out more and take a virtual tour of the laboratories at geog.qmul.ac.uk/facilities.
“Laboratory work was something that I had not experienced before coming to QMUL. Learning to use a range of equipment not only enhanced my knowledge through being able to try the techniques that I had read about, but also widened my horizons when it came to picking a dissertation topic. It meant that I could confidently use equipment independently for my own research”

Katharine Parker, Geography BSc 2016
Geography Ambassadors
The School of Geography has its own team of ambassadors on hand to greet students, parents and teachers at a range of open events that we hold throughout the year. The ambassadors are current undergraduates studying across our range of programmes and their job is to introduce you to our School and give you a glimpse of what studying at QMUL is like. Ambassador work is paid for by the School and gives our students an opportunity to develop skills in communication, organisation and liaising with colleagues across the university.

Volunteering
The Queen Mary University of London Students’ Union (QMSU) Volunteering scheme offers students fun and high-quality placements which enable them to have new experiences, discover and develop key transferable skills, enhance employability, meet new people and make a difference to the local community. With a wide range of opportunities available in charities and non-profit organisations throughout the local area and across London, there is something to suit all interests and availabilities: one-day volunteering, volunteering placements, student-led volunteering groups, among others. Students who volunteer can also benefit from training and development opportunities, networking contacts, and rewards and recognition. The QMSU’s Volunteering service is open to all students, is available all year round and is completely free of charge. Visit: qmsu.org/volunteering

“There are so many aspects I enjoyed about studying geography at QMUL including the links the School had with the local community. Volunteering was an important part of university for me – it was fun, rewarding and inspiring and I would advise everyone to take part. There is something for everyone!”
Rosie Smith, Geography BA 2012
Geography Society

There are more than 200 societies and sports clubs at QMUL and the School of Geography is proud to have its own Geography Society.

Led by students for students, the Queen Mary Geography Society (QMGS) intertwines passions for learning, development and exploration. The society welcomes a vast array of students from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds (from the Maldives to Malaysia to Brazil) which is something that QMUL and the School of Geography values and prides itself on. QMGS organises both academic and social events such as nights out, special guest speakers and charity fundraising among much else. All students in the School of Geography are encouraged to join and it’s a great way to get to know fellow students across the year groups and degree programmes.

Highlight of 2017
In 2017, QMGS’s membership has rocketed and the society became one of QMSU’s highest-member academic societies. Members this year particularly enjoyed the annual fresher’s week pizza party, a pub quiz, and the much-anticipated inaugural lecture of the climate change talk series with former President of the Maldives, Mohamed Nasheed.

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QMULgeographysociety
Global opportunities

Study abroad with QMUL

Spending a year abroad during your studies is an enriching and exciting way to broaden your experience and perspective – and second nature to our geographers and environmental scientists!

There are several opportunities for students at QMUL who are interested in taking some time abroad during their degrees, from summer schools to semester and year-long exchanges. QMUL students are encouraged to develop a global perspective and travel as far afield as Europe, America, Asia and Australasia.

International exchange programme

This exciting scheme enables students from QMUL to spend either the autumn semester or a full academic year at one of our partner institutions. Applications open in the first semester of the first year at QMUL, so it’s good to get in touch with the School’s Study Abroad co-ordinator as early as possible. Academic work completed abroad counts towards your QMUL degree, but you’ll need to agree your programme with our academic co-ordinator.

Erasmus+ exchange programme

Erasmus+ is an EU scheme which aims to boost the skills and employability of European students by offering a semester or year abroad at a partner university within Europe. Like the International Exchange, it counts towards your QMUL degree and also takes place in the second year. The School of Geography has an exchange agreement with Roskilde University in Denmark, and Stockholm University in Sweden, where teaching is in English. Students participating in an Erasmus+ exchanges are eligible for an Erasmus+ grant (€330/month in 2016/17).

Partner summer school programme

Every year, QMUL works with its partner universities across the globe to design and promote international experiences for our students during the summer. All the programmes are different, concentrating on academic study, language learning, work with local communities, cultural immersion, or a combination of all these elements. Currently there are opportunities to spend a few weeks with our partner universities in Latin America, China or India, and the list is growing. This placement does not count towards your degree but is a valuable cultural experience.

You can read more about these opportunities at: qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate
“Classes were fun and it was enjoyable being taught in Spanish and English and having the choice to talk to the lecturers in either language. I’ve been trying to practice Spanish since returning and will continue to do so. I hope this assists my career prospects when I endeavour to work with different communities, particularly those where Spanish is widely spoken”

Tanzina Khatun, Geography BA 2017
Preparing for your future

Throughout your degree, you will have access to an annual programme run by the Careers and Enterprise Centre at Queen Mary, which includes in-curriculum support as well as employer-led workshops and networking events – ideal to help you get ready for graduation.

Annual Careers Programme
Geography students have a dedicated Careers Consultant who runs a programme of support. First years have careers lectures plus in-curriculum careers-based assignments in their first term and all students in all years receive career tutorials on career choice, getting work experience and presenting degree skills to an employer at interview. There is also an annual career options event with graduate speakers. Previous events have looked at careers such as environmental consultancy, sustainability management, catastrophe risk management, entrepreneurship, transport, accounting, insurance, international development, marketing and the civil service.

Work experience
QMUL’s location between Canary Wharf, the City and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park provices substantial work experience opportunities for students.

Students are encouraged to gain work experience and there are more than 2,200 vacancies to browse on the QMUL JobOnline vacancy site. You can find opportunities through the Students’ Union or our Careers and Enterprise service. QTemps offers temporary work on and local to campus and QInterns places students into paid internships.

Transferable skills
The broad range of knowledge and skills developed studying with the School of Geography, coupled with multiple opportunities for extra-curricular activities and work experience, has enabled our students to move into a range of careers.

Organisations employing our recent graduates include:
• Goldman Sachs • Arup Hong Kong
• UK Cabinet Office • Thomson Reuters
• Rochester Grammar School • UK Power Networks • Jacobs • CRISIS • Citizens UK
• Reading Agricultural Consultants • Kent Police

A sample of our recent graduates’ roles include:
• Business Analyst • Engineering Geologist • Policy Adviser • Head of Strategy • Project Manager • Graduate Geomorphologist

Read more at careers.qmul.ac.uk
Meet our graduates

Vivian Hughes, Environmental Science with Business Management BSc 2015 – Project Co-ordinator for the Climate Development Knowledge Network
“I found my degree very dynamic and educational. Having the opportunity to take modules from three different Schools at QMUL is truly unique, as courses in the UK tend to focus on one department only. I developed a wide range of skills, as I had to understand how each department works, and what was expected of me, which is essential for future jobs in diverse industries.”

Nick Hajdu, Geography BA 1995 – Digital Entrepreneur and Co-founder at Navigate Video
“My top tips for graduates are to take internships because placements give invaluable experience and can lead to permanent roles; get networking – use as many contacts as you can from parents to LinkedIn to find opportunities; and expand your interests – show initiative because extra-curricular activities appeal to employers too.”

Lizzie Daish, Geography BA 2012 – Director of Strategy at Shuffle Festival
“Queen Mary was my first choice – I wanted to be in London and in a department which actively engaged in creating a more equal society. After graduating, I co-founded Shuffle – an annual community festival and public developer based in Mile End.”

Lucy Diggens, Geography BSc 2012 – Laboratory Technician at QMUL Geography
“My degree focused my interest and developed my knowledge of glaciers and subglacial processes. I really enjoyed being part of the School and knew it had great laboratory facilities to help me specialise further at postgraduate level.”

Tom Walker, Geography BA 1997 – Director, Cities and Local Growth at the Cabinet Office
“I’m the Government’s Director of Cities and Local Growth which means being responsible for local economic policies - it’s real life geography. I’ve had a long career in the civil service working on housing, regeneration, planning, economic growth, criminal justice and constitutional reform; it’s all a bit like a geography degree.”

Subaskar Sitsabeshan, Environmental Science BSc 2011 – States and Regions Alliance Manager at the Climate Group
“Over time, I’ve realised one of the most important aspects of my course was the relationships I built which were immensely valuable from professional connections to lifelong friends. My experience at Queen Mary and the people I met there have prepared me well for life after graduation and I’m always grateful for the support I received.”
Research in the School of Geography is organised into four themes, offering you the chance to tap into a broad range of expertise during your studies. Research feeds directly into our teaching and the dissertation in the final year of study is your opportunity to conduct in-depth research into a chosen area.

Professor Alastair Owens

I am a historical geographer working on nineteenth and early-twentieth-century Britain. I research a range of topics including wealth and inequality; home, family and material culture; and philanthropy and welfare provision. I have a particular interest in Victorian London, which is also a core focus of my teaching interests and expertise. Teaching a module about the Victorian metropolis provides the opportunity to explore the city on foot or to visit and work with my friends and colleagues in various London museums. Fieldwork is central to much of my teaching – I also lead a second and third year option module which includes a week-long trip to the fascinating North American city of Boston. From January 2018, I will be Head of School of Geography.

Dr Gale Raj-Reichert

My research interests are on labour governance in the electronics industry global production network. My research involves understanding how firms, governments, workers, and civil society organisations engage with each other to improve working conditions in outsourced factories in developing countries. My case studies are focused on Malaysia and China where there have been poor working conditions such as excessive working hours, low pay, chemical poisonings, and forced labour. I am very excited to begin a brand-new field course in 2018 that will take a group of students to Malaysia to learn about and experience issues concerning economic growth, industrialisation, and labour conditions. After a semester-long course on these topics in the classroom, students will visit the main location of industrialisation success in Penang, then in Kuala Lumpur they will look at the role of politics, trade unions, and civil society organisations, and culture in the struggles and challenges of ensuring economic growth leads to positive outcomes for all people. In the end, students will have gained a unique experience and set of skills by conducting field research in an emerging economy, analysing the information obtained, and presenting the analysis in an academic report. It promises to be a great experience!
**Dr Simon Carr**

My research focuses on the interactions between climate, glaciers and landscape over short to long timescales. I use innovative microscopic analysis of sediments to explore the dynamics of past and present-day glaciers. Having seen the dramatic changes in glaciers during the past 20 years, I also work on the climate sensitivity of small mountain glaciers. To me, geography focuses on the communication of science to a wider audience, and I am therefore interested in the concept of the Anthropocene: the geological period in which humans have become the major agent of landscape change. I teach first and second year students about Earth surface processes and past environmental change, especially the relationships between glaciers and climate change, and the archive of past glaciation. With third years, I examine the science and politics of climate change, focusing on how individuals, groups and societies respond to perhaps the greatest challenge facing humanity.

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**Professor Geraldene Wharton**

I’m a fluvial geomorphologist and my research focuses on how aquatic vegetation affects the movement of fine sediments and sediment-bound contaminants in rivers. I work with environmental engineers and ecologists as part of several international research groups combining fieldwork with lab-based studies and numerical modelling. I am conducting research to inform river restoration projects too and this involves collaboration with national agencies and groups such as the Environment Agency, River Trusts, and the Canal & River Trust. My teaching draws on 30 years of research on rivers, and students are introduced to current policy and practice in river restoration and integrated catchment management. My classes are interactive with frequent opportunities for discussion and debate. Site visits to river restoration schemes allow students to get first-hand knowledge of restoration design and develop an appreciation of the challenges and benefits of restoring rivers.

For a full list of academic staff in the School of Geography and their research specialisms, visit: [geog.qmul.ac.uk/staff](http://geog.qmul.ac.uk/staff)
Applying and funding

For undergraduate programmes, all students, including international and mature students, must apply online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions services (UCAS) at [ucas.com](http://ucas.com).

You can find further details on the UCAS application process on its website; alternatively, our own step-by-step guide to applying can be found at: [qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply](http://qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply). The institution code for QMUL is Q50. UCAS will start receiving applications from mid-September for entry in the following autumn. Applications from UK-based applicants should reach UCAS by 15 January. Later deadlines apply to international applicants but early application is recommended.

**Tuition fees**

Fees are charged at a Home/EU rate for UK and EU nationals, and an overseas rate for international students. To find out more about how your tuition fee status is assessed, see: [welfare.qmul.ac.uk/money](http://welfare.qmul.ac.uk/money).

QMUL’s tuition fees for 2017 were £9,250 per year (for UK and EU students). These fees are subject to change for 2018 entry, are expected to rise in line with inflation and will be subject to government approval. For the most up-to-date information, visit: [qmul.ac.uk/tuitionfees](http://qmul.ac.uk/tuitionfees).

Recall, if you choose to access the government’s student finance tuition fee loan, you do not have to pay your tuition fees up front. For information on field trip costs which are not included in your tuition fees, please see page 22 and [geog.qmul.ac.uk/fieldwork](http://geog.qmul.ac.uk/fieldwork).

**Funding**

QMUL has a substantial package of scholarships and bursaries which will benefit around 50 per cent of our undergraduate student body. For more information, please see: [qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/feesandfunding/bursaries](http://qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/feesandfunding/bursaries).

**International students**

Here at QMUL, we have a long history of welcoming students from around the world and today we’re home to students and staff from more than 155 different countries. This diversity contributes to a lively and welcoming community which should make you feel comfortable and at home.

A wide range of support is available specifically for international students including advice on money, immigration and other practical aspects of coming to live and study in the UK. Whether you have studied in England before, or if this is a new experience for you, you’ll find a warm welcome at QMUL. For more about international students at Queen Mary, see [qmul.ac.uk/international](http://qmul.ac.uk/international).
more, taster lectures and lab sessions are devised to introduce you to the whole new world of degree-level study.

**Information fair**
At lunchtime, visitors and their parents can browse an info fair where staff from all over the university come together to provide details about everything from studying abroad to accommodation, tutorial support to Students’ Union clubs and activities, volunteering to careers and employment as well as student finance, advice and counselling. Admissions staff are also on hand to answer any last-minute queries about your application. It’s a great opportunity to get all your questions answered.

**Meet the students**
Guests are guided around the campus by the School’s very own Ambassadors. As current students, they give visitors an insight into what it’s like to join the School, offering their own experiences with lectures and coursework, fieldwork and research as well as what it’s like to move away from home and, of course, why London is a fantastic place to be a student. Hundreds of students have travelled to our Mile End campus from all over the UK for the Festivals of Geography in the last few years. See some photos of these events at flickr.com/photos/qmulgeog

We hope to see you in 2018!
“After coming to the Festival of Geography, I realised everyone there was friendly and helpful, the atmosphere was a joy and the course was exactly as I had expected, as well as the lecturers being amazing. I just wanted to say thank you all for putting on such an amazing and useful day!”

Anna Pithers, Festival of Geography attendee
There is a wide range of advice and support available to all of our students to help everyone get the most out of their time here with us and achieve their full potential. Services include:

**Advice and counselling**... offers in-depth and specialist advice on financial, practical and legal issues such as student finance, housing rights, immigration law and international student issues. It is a completely free and confidential service. [welfare.qmul.ac.uk](http://welfare.qmul.ac.uk)

**Health services**... are provided for all students living in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Students living outside Tower Hamlets can be treated on campus in the event of an urgent medical situation. [globetown.org](http://globetown.org)

**Language Centre**... gives you the opportunity to learn a language and so enhance your employment prospects. It can also help you with your studies if English is not your first language. Students can apply for language bursaries to take a non-credit bearing module in their second or third years.

**Libraries**... are self-service, meaning that staff have more time to help you find what you need and to offer expert advice on QMUL’s collections. You will also have access to the University of London’s central library at Senate House in Bloomsbury. [library.qmul.ac.uk](http://library.qmul.ac.uk)

**Qmotion**... is Queen Mary’s health and fitness centre, equipped with a range of exercise machines and weights. It offers a women-only area and lots of classes such as yoga and spinning. There’s a squash court and sports hall on campus, as well as a swimming pool nearby. [qmsu.org/qmotion](http://qmsu.org/qmotion)

**Queen Mary Students’ Union (QMSU)**... as well as home to a wide range of societies – including our very own Geography Society – sports clubs, activities and social events, QMSU offers an Academic Advice service of help and representation on a number of academic welfare issues. You automatically become a member of QMSU, an active and flourishing union run by students, for students. [qmsu.org](http://qmsu.org)

**Student support**... will be available to you throughout your studies. You will be assigned an academic adviser when you begin your time at QMUL. Your adviser will help you choose modules, sign any forms you need and help you with any academic or personal problems that you have.

Read more about the services and support available at: [qmul.ac.uk/studentlife](http://qmul.ac.uk/studentlife)
What is my accommodation likely to cost?

Here are some guideline housing prices – the prices quoted are for the academic year 2016/17. Rent is payable termly in advance:

- Mile End residences – rents for single rooms range from £127–£190 per week, including all utility costs and Wi-Fi.
- Privately rented accommodation – student rents in the local area in shared flats and houses typically range from £110–£160 per week. There are also a number of privately run student halls in the area, with room rates from £225 upwards. The higher rents in these purpose-built developments reflect their very high standards, with most rooms being self-contained studios.

Alternative housing options

We can provide specialist advice on a range of alternative housing including: renting a local room or flat, a room in a privately built hall of residence or choosing a homestay or short-stay option (which provides greater flexibility).

Applying for our accommodation

We will send you full details on how to apply for a place in our housing once you have firmly accepted an offer to study here.

For virtual tours and full details of the accommodation options, including latest prices, contact us on:
Tel: +44 (0)20 7882 6474
email: residences@qmul.ac.uk
residences.qmul.ac.uk

Accommodation

We are the only university in central London to offer a completely self-contained residential campus, with a 2,000-bed Student Village at Mile End. Living on campus is fun, safe and convenient – you’ll only be a five-minute walk from your lectures – not to mention a great way to experience London’s vibrant East End.

All of our accommodation is in self-catered houses, flats and maisonettes. You also have access to rooms in the fully catered University of London Halls in central London. There is a good range of private accommodation in the area around the Mile End campus, much of it within easy walking or commuting distance. We can provide a range of advice and information to help you to find a convenient and affordable place to stay.
Living in London

As one of the world’s most exciting and culturally rich cities, London is a great place to live and study: you’ll never run out of things to see and explore.

With nearly 400,000 students studying in London, it’s a fantastic place to be a student. There’s always something going on, with attendance at many events free. Your student card will also get you reduced entry to a surprising number of places, as well as discounts on clothes and food. You will have access to…

- over 300 museums and galleries
- one of the greenest cities on earth
- multicultural cuisine
- exceptional music and nightlife
- outstanding markets.

Find out more qmul.ac.uk/studentlife/social
Open days
So, you think you might want to join the School of Geography, or maybe you are just intrigued to see what studying at Queen Mary would be like? The next thing to do is to arrange to come along and meet the team. There are open days in the summer and autumn, where you can attend subject talks, chat to our staff and students, explore the campus and facilities and take part in fun activities. To book yourself on an open day, visit: qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/openday

Campus tours
If you can’t attend one of our open days, you can still visit QMUL – we organise tours of our Mile End campus throughout the year. These are informal and restricted to small groups so everyone has the chance to ask questions. They are a great way of finding out about living and studying here and normally last about one hour. You will be shown around by a current student. To book yourself on a campus tour, visit: qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/openday/cant-make-it/campustours

You can also take a virtual tour of our campus: qmul.ac.uk/virtualtours

Resources for teachers
The School of Geography at QMUL is host to the Geographical Association’s (GA) East London Branch. Launched in 2014, there are events each semester that offer teaching staff and A-level students the opportunity to come along and get a subject update on issues at the heart of the curriculum. The GA is a UK-based subject association with the charitable objective of furthering geographical knowledge and understanding through education. It supports teachers, students, tutors and academics at all levels of education through journals, publications, training events, projects, websites and by lobbying government about the importance of geography.

If you would like further details on the activities of the GA East London branch, please contact eastlondon-ga@qmul.ac.uk.
For more detailed campus information and directions on how to find us, see: qmul.ac.uk/about/howtofindus
Terms and conditions

1 Rules and regulations
The offer of, and acceptance of, a place at QMUL is made on the understanding that you undertake to observe the terms and conditions of our Academic Regulations and related policies. These cover, among other things, payment of fees, attendance at classes, submission of work, attendance at examinations, student discipline, complaints procedure, freedom of speech and equal opportunities policies. To read the Academic Regulations and related policies, visit: arcs.qmul.ac.uk/policy

2 Changes to our programmes
QMUL will aim to deliver your programme so that it closely matches the way in which it has been described to you by QMUL in print, online, and/or in person. However, it is important to realise that in some circumstances we may change aspects of your programme. For example, staff changes, resource limitations and factors such as a change in the law or the level of demand for a particular programme or module may result in QMUL having to withdraw or change aspects of the programmes and/or student services described in this prospectus.

In the unlikely event that we discontinue a programme of study, or change it significantly before it begins, we will inform applicants holding an offer of a place at the earliest opportunity and will endeavour to offer a suitable alternative programme at QMUL. We will also ensure that these changes are reflected on our website as soon as possible.

3 Liability for damage to person or property
QMUL does not accept responsibility or liability for any damage to students’ property, the transfer of computer viruses to students’ equipment, or personal injury to students caused by the misuse or unauthorised use of QMUL equipment, or owing to students not taking due care while on QMUL premises, or engaged in QMUL activities.

4 Accuracy of information in this prospectus
QMUL has made reasonable efforts to ensure that the information provided in this prospectus is both helpful and accurate at the time of going to press. However, this information is subject to change over time. For this reason, it is important that you check the website for the most up-to-date information (qmul.ac.uk) or contact us using the details contained within the document.

Applicants are strongly advised to check the QMUL Course Finder for up-to-date entry requirements before submitting their UCAS application: qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/coursefinder

Read our terms and conditions in full at: qmul.ac.uk/prospective/termsandconditions

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