Information for students who started their undergraduate degree in 2014/15

In recognition of the important investment that overseas students are making in their education, Queen Mary offers the ‘International Science and Engineering Excellence Awards’ (for students in the Schools of Biological & Chemical Sciences, Electronic Engineering & Computer Science, Engineering & Materials Science, and Physics & Astronomy) and the ‘International Mathematical Sciences Excellence Awards’ (for students in the School of Mathematical Sciences).

The scholarships are designed to reward academic achievement and help attract the brightest and best Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate Taught (PGT) students from overseas.

1. 1st Year Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Students

1.1 Which students are eligible for a scholarship?

Students are eligible for a scholarship if from a non-EU country and be eligible to pay overseas tuition fees.

In addition you must not be in receipt of, at the point of enrolment, any other Queen Mary scholarship or full-fee scholarship from any other source, e.g. sponsorship from your Home country’s government, Chevening.

1.2 What level of scholarship am I eligible for?

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The maximum level of scholarship that you may be eligible to receive will be based on your academic attainment prior to commencing your studies at Queen Mary.

To be eligible to receive the Higher Level scholarship you must have achieved:
- for Undergraduate programmes grades AAA at A-Level or overseas equivalent.
- for Postgraduate Taught Programmes grades equivalent to a UK First Class Bachelors degree or overseas equivalent.

To be eligible to receive the **Standard Level** scholarship you must be on track to meet or exceed our minimum entry requirements for the programme of your choice at the point of offer.

Please note that there is no Standard Level scholarship for the School of Mathematical Sciences scheme.

For confirmation of overseas equivalents please visit the International Office’s website [here](#).

### 1.3 How do I apply?

There is no need to complete a separate application form to be considered for either Scheme. You will be considered for a scholarship on the basis of the information you provide in your UCAS or online application to Queen Mary. Successful candidates will be informed of their scholarship via email notification directing them to the MySiS applicant portal by the Admissions Office.

Please note that many students will be considered for the Higher Level scholarship (to replace the Standard Level) during the confirmation process once their final A-level or Bachelors degree results are confirmed.

### 1.4 How and when will I be notified of my scholarship?

Successful candidates will be informed of their scholarship via email notification directing them to the MySiS applicant portal by the Admissions Office.

### 1.5 Are there any programmes which are exempt from the Scheme?

Yes, students on the following two programmes are not eligible to receive a scholarship from this Scheme:

- MSc Dental Materials (J5S9)
- MSc Mathematical Finance*

* Please note that there is a separate scholarship scheme for this programme; please click [here](#) for further details.

### 1.6 Are students on the Queen Mary International Science & Engineering Foundation Programme eligible for a scholarship?

Students following either the one year (FGHZ) Queen Mary International Science & Engineering Foundation Programme (ISEFP) or the integrated ISEFP are not eligible to receive a scholarship in Year 0. However if you plan to continue your studies at Queen Mary, or are on the integrated ISEFP, you will be considered automatically for the Scheme for the first year of your Undergraduate studies. Please see point 2.8 for further details.
1.7 If I meet the entry criteria for the Higher Level will I also receive the Standard Level scholarship?

No - these are partial scholarships only and are not cumulative. You will be awarded either the Higher Level OR Standard Level scholarship.

1.8 How will the scholarship be paid to me?

The scholarship will be deducted directly from your tuition fees payable to Queen Mary. You must be able to finance the remainder of your tuition fees and living expenses.

1.9 Are students who have direct entry into the 2nd or 3rd year of an Undergraduate programme eligible for a scholarship?

No, students with direct entry are not eligible for the Scheme.

Students who are referred to Queen Mary by a higher education institution with which Queen Mary has an articulation or partnership agreement with are eligible for a scholarship. For details of which institutions this applies to, please contact the International Partnerships Development Officer, Harriet Howse.

1.10 Are part-time student eligible for a scholarship?

Yes, the correct level of scholarship will be applied on a pro-rata basis.

1.11 Why is there a separate scheme for the School of Mathematical Sciences?

Due to the nature of the programmes that the School of Mathematical Sciences offer, the tuition fee rate is lower than that of programmes offered by the other four Schools within the Faculty, so a scheme specific for that School is therefore in operation.

1.12 Are PhD students eligible for the Scheme?

No, however there is a range of funding schemes for PhD students from both Queen Mary and external funding bodies. Please see the Funding a PhD webpage here for further details.

1.13 Will the ISSEA Scheme affect my Queen Mary Alumni Scholarship?

Queen Mary alumni (including students who have completed one of QM-BUPT’s Joint Programmes) in receipt of the International Science & Engineering Excellence Award – Standard Level scholarship will also be entitled to receive an Alumni Scholarship. Please note the following:

Queen Mary alumni in receipt of the International Science & Engineering Excellence Award – Higher Level scholarship will be entitled to receive 50% of the Alumni Scholarship (£500).
Alumni in receipt of the International Mathematical Sciences Excellence Award (except for those students studying MSc Mathematical Finance) will be eligible for the full £1,000 Alumni Scholarship.

For further details regarding QMAS please visit www.qmul.ac.uk/alumni

2. Continuing Undergraduate Students

2.1 I was awarded a Higher Level scholarship in my first year, will I receive the same scholarship in subsequent years?

For continuing students who attained a Higher Level scholarship on entry: payment in subsequent years is contingent on overall academic achievement at First class standard in each year of study (i.e. you must achieve an overall mark of 70% in every year to maintain the scholarship).

In 2016/17 the Higher Level scholarship for continuing students who have met the criteria is £5,000.

2.2 I was awarded a Standard Level scholarship in my first year; will I receive the same scholarship in subsequent years?

For continuing students who attained a Standard Level scholarship on entry: payment in subsequent years is contingent on maintaining an average of 60% (Second Class Upper) at the end of each academic year.

In 2016/17 the Standard Level scholarship for continuing students is £2,000.

2.3 I was awarded a Standard Level scholarship in my first year but achieved a 70% average for my first or second year – am I now eligible for the Higher Level scholarship?

No, the maximum level of scholarship that you are eligible to receive was based on your academic attainment prior to attending Queen Mary. Students who received a Standard Level scholarship in their first year, regardless of their future level of academic achievement at Queen Mary, are only eligible to receive the Standard Level of scholarship in their subsequent years of study.

If you had a Higher Level scholarship in your first year at Queen Mary, but fail to meet the academic threshold to retain it in your 2nd year, you cannot return to the Higher Level in your third (or 4th) year even if you achieve an average in your 2nd (or 3rd) year of 70% or more. You will however drop down to the standard level bracket if you average between 60-69% at the end of an academic year.

2.4 How will I be notified of my scholarship in subsequent years of study?

Students will receive confirmation of their scholarship on their tuition fee invoice from the Fees Office in late August.
2.5 What is the process for determining the level of scholarship I will receive in my subsequent years of study?

The level of scholarship you will receive is contingent on your academic achievement in the previous year of study. Your School will, prior to the start of each year of study, verify the level of scholarship that you’re eligible to receive as a continuing student and confirm this to the Fees Office.

The Fees Office will amend your tuition fee invoice accordingly which is then issued to you in late August/early September.

If you had to attend Late Summer Resits there may be a slight delay in issuing you with the correct invoice as the results of these examinations are confirmed at a later date.

2.6 I, as a current QM student, have a query regarding my academic achievement and the effect this will have on my scholarship, who should I contact?

Students who have queries regarding their academic achievement for the year should contact their School. Please use the information in points 2.1 or 2.2 to estimate the level of scholarship you will then receive.

2.7 I have extenuating circumstances that affected my academic performance – what is the effect to my scholarship?

Where a student experiences extenuating circumstances that affects academic performance or progress, continued receipt of a scholarship will be considered within the Queen Mary’s existing extenuating circumstances procedures.

2.8 Last year I was a student on the Queen Mary International Science & Engineering Foundation Programme – am I eligible for a scholarship in the first year of my Undergraduate studies?

- If you are awarded a Distinction (an overall average of 70% cent or more) for the ISEFP Foundation Certificate you will receive the Higher Level scholarship.

- If you are awarded a Merit (overall average of 65-69 per cent) or Pass (overall average of 40-64 per cent) for the ISEFP Foundation Certificate you will receive the Standard Level scholarship for each year of your studies providing you meet the criteria outlined in 2.3.

2.9 The Scheme has changed for new students, will my scholarship be affected?

No, students remain on the version of the ISEEA Scheme that was in operation in the year which they commenced their studies at Queen Mary.

Lee Wildman (Head of International Student Recruitment), October 2015