Faculty of Science & Engineering

International Science & Engineering Excellence Awards (ISEEA) and International Mathematical Science Excellence Awards (IMSEA) 2016/17

Information for Prospective Students commencing their programme in 2016/17

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 outstanding academic achievement and help attract the brightest and best Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate Taught (PGT) students from overseas.

1. New Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Students – September 2016

1.1 Which students are eligible for a scholarship?

These specific scholarship awards are only available to students who are eligible to pay International tuition fees. There are other scholarship schemes in place for British and European students who are subject to home tuition fees.

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

1.2 What level of scholarship am I eligible for?

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For confirmation of overseas equivalents please visit the International Office’s website:

Undergraduate equivalences
Postgraduate equivalences

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 undergraduate UCAS or online postgraduate 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 during the confirmation process.
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 once we have received final high school or bachelor’s degree results.

1.5 Are there any degree programmes which are exempt from the scheme?

Yes, for 2016/17 entry the following degree programmes are exempt from the ISEEA and IMSEA schemes:

- BSc Biomedical Science
- BSc Neuroscience
- BSc Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics
- MSc Dental Materials
- Mathematical Science Masters degrees TBC

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

Students following either the one year 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 subject to the grades you achieved in your foundation year. Scholarships are awarded to students progressing into the Faculty having achieved a Distinction in their Queen Mary International Science and Engineering Foundation programme.

1.7 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.

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

No, students who enter QMUL in year 2 or 3 of their degree programme are not eligible for the award. Students who are referred to Queen Mary by a higher education institution with which Queen Mary has an articulation or partnership agreement are eligible for a scholarship. For details of which institutions this applies too and the level of award available, please contact the International Partnerships Development Officer, Harriet Howse: h.howse@qmul.ac.uk

1.9 Will receiving the ISEEA or IMSEA affect my alumni award as a former undergraduate student?

Yes, you will not be eligible for both awards and will automatically receive the higher value award.

1.10 If I decide to defer my place at Queen Mary for 12 months will I still receive the scholarship the following year?
No, not necessarily. Students who defer their place risk losing their scholarship as the scheme may be not be in place for students who enter Queen Mary the following year.

2. Information for future years of undergraduate study

2.1 If I was awarded the scholarship in my first year as an undergraduate, will I receive it again in my 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} year?

Students who achieve an average end of year result of 80\% or above will receive the £5,000 scholarship in their second year. To maintain the scholarship into the 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} years (if applicable), students need to maintain an end of year average of 80\% or above. Once students fall below 80\% at the end of an academic year they lose the scholarship for the remainder of their degree programme.

2.2 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.

2.3 I, as a QMUL student, have extenuating circumstances which have 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.

2.4 The scheme has changed for the year group above/below me, will this affect my scholarship?

No, students remain on the version of the ISEEA or IMSEA scheme that was in operation when they started their degree programme.

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