

Queen Mary Social Venture Fund Programme

Would you like to develop entrepreneurial knowledge, skill and impact investment expertise in a real-life venture fund? Would you like to invest £15,000 in UK - based student-led social ventures? Be part of QMSVF!

An overview

School of Business and Management is the home to QM Social Venture Fund, **an award-winning** entrepreneurship and impact investment programme to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs and investors. The fund is **the first** student-led social impact venture capital fund investing in social ventures in the UK. See the webpage [here](#) and what our students say about the programme [here](#).

This extra-curricular entrepreneurship programme will enhance your entrepreneurial knowledge and skills, broaden your horizon, as well as help build networks for your future career. Past student investors have gained invaluable experience and boost their career prospects.

“This experience has been one like no other, allowing university students to lead and enhance our communication skills while managing various stakeholders, internally within the team and externally across start-ups and institutions. I particularly was happy about having a new challenge to overcome every time I felt too comfortable within the team and role!” **Bhavleen Kaur, BSc Accounting and Business/Management**

“My favourite part of the whole program has been organising the QMSVF forum (part 1) where we were challenged by the upcoming deadline and various responsibilities. It doesn't happen often that you become in charge of creating an online event. From finding and talking to the panel, to organising an entertaining quiz using Menti.com and much more.” **Simone Ferretti, BSc Business Management**

“Deal sourcing was my favourite responsibility, I spoke to amazing student founders of all different backgrounds and recognised the difficult obstacles they had to take to make their business idea into a reality. I basically got to experience both sides of the table, because of this, I am now thinking of pursuing a career in VC”. **Chau Le, MSc International Financial Management**

“Throughout my tenure, I have been exposed to countless forms of ground-breaking new technology and impact-driven innovation through the form of new ventures. One of my highlights would have to be the creator fund training which was the most comprehensive crash course on all things venture capital.” **Riley Magee, MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

What you will be doing and how will you learn

The programme offers training led by successful venture capitalists to provide you with the fundamental knowledge and skills about entrepreneurship and venture investment, with support from industry mentors and faculty members. Alongside deal sourcing, you will be also running the fund's other activities including organising forum event, competition, and social media campaign. You will be engaging with a wider community of entrepreneurs, investors and practitioners in London and beyond.

Once selected, you are expected to be a committed member of the team for the academic year starting from Sept 2023 till June 2024.

As a Student VC, you will have the following duties/responsibilities:

- Actively searching, meeting and advising student founders.
- Due diligence, conducting company analysis including business model, market sizing and competitor research etc.
- Evaluating start-up pitches and make investment recommendations.
- Building networks with social entrepreneurs and industry professionals through public engagement event creation and mentoring opportunities.
- Working as a team to build and strengthen QM social venture fund reputation through website and social media content creation.

How to apply

For the existing UG students, application deadline is 31st July 2023 11.59pm.
For incoming PG students, application opens on 1st Aug 2023 and closes on 22nd September 2023.

We accept applications on a rolling basis, please apply as early as possible.

WHO:

- SBM UG students from all programmes.
- Highly motivated and teamwork oriented.
- Passionate about entrepreneurship and making a real impact in the world.
- ***NO prior finance/venture capital/investment experience required*** though any entrepreneurial experience is a plus.
- The place is limited, and we aim to bring together an exceptional team with ***diverse knowledge and values.***

HOW: Please submit you application [here](#). We will contact you if you are shortlisted for the next round.