Offer Holder Day Programme
Saturday, 10 March 2018

Welcome to Queen Mary's Festival of Geography Offer Holder Day!

We have lined up a number of talks and sessions for you, each tailored to suit interests across areas of human geography, physical geography and environmental science. There will also be plenty of opportunities for you to meet our staff and students during the day, and get your questions answered. Our Welcome Area will be in the **Senior Common Room** on the 1st floor of the **Queens' Building** (no. 19 on the campus map).

*Please note: if you are **not** attending an interview as part of the day **or** if your interview slot is scheduled for the afternoon (between 2.50-4.10pm), then you don't need to arrive until after 10am.*

09.30 – 10.30 | UNCONDITIONAL OFFER SCHEME INTERVIEWS | 1st floor, Geography Building

Some students who have met our criteria for consideration for the Unconditional Offer Scheme will have interviews during this time. We will have emailed you with your interview time a couple of days before the event, so please check your inbox. If your interview is between these times, please go straight to the School of Geography Reception on the 1st floor of the Geography Building (no. 26 on the campus map). If you're unsure of the timing of your interview, please ask a member of staff on the Admissions Hotspot at our Welcome Area in the Senior Common Room.

10.15 – 10.45 | REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS | Senior Common Room, Queens' Building

To save time at our registration desk, please bring a copy of your confirmation email either as a printed copy or on a digital device, to be scanned by our team. After registering, please join our staff and students for a cup of tea or coffee.

10.45 – 11.15 | WELCOME TALKS | Senior Common Room, Queens' Building

The day will commence with a welcome from our Head of School Professor Alastair Owens, followed by short talks from some of our current students.

11.15 – 12.00 | INSIGHTS | various locations

Experience a taster lecture in human geography, physical geography or environmental science:

- **Global Lives**

  It is commonplace view that we now live in an age of globalisation where places far distant from each other can be intimately connected, with dramatic effects on people lives. A world where some people are seen as 'citizens of the world' and others are firmly rooted in place. Yet this could also be a description of life in the eighteenth-century Atlantic world which connected Europe, Africa and the Americas. This presentation will explore the geography of globalisation and global lives in the past – of the movements of slaves, merchants, and political activists – and their implications for today's world.

• Environmental Hazards: Is there a tsunami threat in Britain?
Rhossili Bay is a popular holiday beach on the Gower Peninsula (South Wales), situated on the northern side of the Bristol Channel and facing the Atlantic Ocean. In this session, we will assess its vulnerability to a tsunami hazard, consider the factors to be included in a risk assessment, identify potential escape/evacuation routes and suggest ways of mitigating the hazard.

• Pollution and Contaminated Land
This session will introduce you to some fundamental principles that help environmental scientists understand how to assess the risk of environmental pollutants to human health.

12.00 – 12.45 | ENGAGEMENT | various locations

Take part in discussions, hands on activities, and ask us your questions:

•• Urban Natures: Lively Spaces and Dynamic Environments
This session explores the theme of nature and environment in London which links to the on-going campaign to designate London as a national park city. We will present some of the exciting work on the Green London Project that our first-year students do in their very first teaching week and show examples of the wide range of projects focusing on urban river restoration that the School undertakes with stakeholders such as the Environment Agency, Thames21 and the Canal & River Trust.

•• Bringing the field into the laboratory *
Our newly fitted teaching laboratory is the centre-piece of our laboratory suite, around which we have research facilities for the analysis of water, soil and sediment, enabling students to measure geographical phenomena and to simulate environmental processes. During this session, you will be able to learn about how we can reconstruct past environments using fossils, you'll be introduced to the palaeoenvironmental analysis of assemblages of mollusc shells, and will look at a selection of microfossils under the microscope. You will have the opportunity to visit our specialist River Lab too where we will demonstrate how physical and computer models can be used to help understand river behaviour. ** Please note: places are limited in the laboratories. Parents and guests are advised to attend the parallel Parents' and Carers' Q&A session.*

• Parents' and Carers' Q&A
Head of School will be on hand to answer questions about Queen Mary, the School of Geography, how we help young people make the transition from college or sixth form to higher education, and how we prepare them for life after university. Some of the admissions team and student ambassadors will be available too, to answer your questions.

12.45 – 14.00 | LUNCH, STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FAIR, CAMPUS & ACCOMMODATION TOURS | various locations

• Lunch will be served in our Welcome Area in the Senior Common Room. Our staff and students will be available during this time, to chat to you about all aspects of life here at QMUL. Make full use of this session and feel free to bombard us with your questions – we know it's a big decision to choose your university and you and your parents will be full of questions, so please feel free to ask us anything. We are here to help you make an informed choice!

• A **Student Support Services Fair** is also available for you to visit during the lunch break in the Octagon on the ground floor of the Queens' Building. From financial guidance to mentoring schemes, study abroad options to accommodation information, we offer lots of advice and support to help you navigate the different stages of student life. Visit the fair to find out more.

• If you haven't already seen our campus on a pre-application open day, our student ambassadors can show you around today. **Campus and accommodation tours** be running every 15 minutes from the Octagon.

14.00 – 14.45 | OPPORTUNITIES | Senior Common Room, Queens' Building

Learn about fieldwork, careers and employability and hear from a former student:

• **Fieldwork at Queen Mary**

As a student at QMUL you will have many opportunities to participate in a range of innovative field classes. This session will provide an overview of the wide ranging fieldwork opportunities in the School, from first to third year, the exciting and varied fieldwork locations that are on offer, and how fieldwork is embedded in modules across the various degree programmes.

• **Careers and Graduate talk**

In this session, you will learn about the breadth of careers options available for geography and environmental science graduates, as well as the support available to you during your degree and opportunities outside the university in the workplace. We will also be joined by a special guest – one of our former students who will talk about their experience when they studied here and the fascinating career path they have taken since.

14.50 – 16.10 | UNCONDITIONAL OFFER SCHEME INTERVIEWS | 1st floor, Geography Building

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*Please note: if you are **not** attending an interview as part of the day **or** if your interview slot is scheduled for the morning (between 9.30-10.30am), then you are free to leave at 2.45pm after the Opportunities session.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What's the difference between an Open Day and an Offer Holder Day?

The Open Days were more about an introduction to the university and getting a feel for the different courses and services we offer. With thousands of people on campus, you would have only scratched the surface of what we have to offer. The Offer Holder Days give you more quality time with our staff so you can ask more detailed questions from our academics, staff and students. You will also get an opportunity to take part in taster sessions and get a real feel for the course. It's also a great opportunity to meet other students who will be on your course so you might even strike up friendships before you start!

What should I bring?

Please bring a copy of your confirmation email either as a printed copy or on a digital device, to be scanned by our team. This includes your unique QR booking code which you will need to check in.

How do I get there?

The event takes place at our Mile End campus (Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS). We strongly advise visitors to use public transport to get to our campus. The nearest tube stations are Mile End and Stepney Green (about a 5-minute walk from each); buses 25, 205 and 339 also run past campus. Before you set off, visit the Transport for London website and plan your journey: tfl.gov.uk. Once you get to QMUL, go to the Queens' Building (the main building at the front of the campus, no.19 on the campus map). We will be based on the first floor, in the Senior Common Room. Parking for visitors is not available. Local parking restrictions also apply on weekdays and weekends (please refer to Tower Hamlets website). There are limited blue badge holder spaces available – please contact us in advance to check availability, should you or your guest need one.

What if I have special requirements?

If you have any special requirements, including dietary requirements, and you haven't already let us know via the online booking form when you registered for the event, please email us as soon as possible at geog-fest@qmul.ac.uk.

How will I find the talks?

Our Welcome Area will be in the Senior Common Room on the first floor of the Queens' Building. Some of our sessions will take place here, and some will take place in the nearby Geography Building. But don't worry about getting lost, as there will be friendly geography ambassadors on hand to guide you to each session. You won't miss them – they'll be wearing turquoise hoodies. They will wait for you until the end of the talk, to make sure that you end up back in the right place.

What about my parent or carer? Can they join me?

It's a good idea to bring someone along with you who can help you in your decision-making process. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the talks too, but please note: there are limited spaces in the labs. There is a special Q&A session for parents and carers in Session 2 with the Head of School – we recommend your guests attend this.

Can I see accommodation during the day?

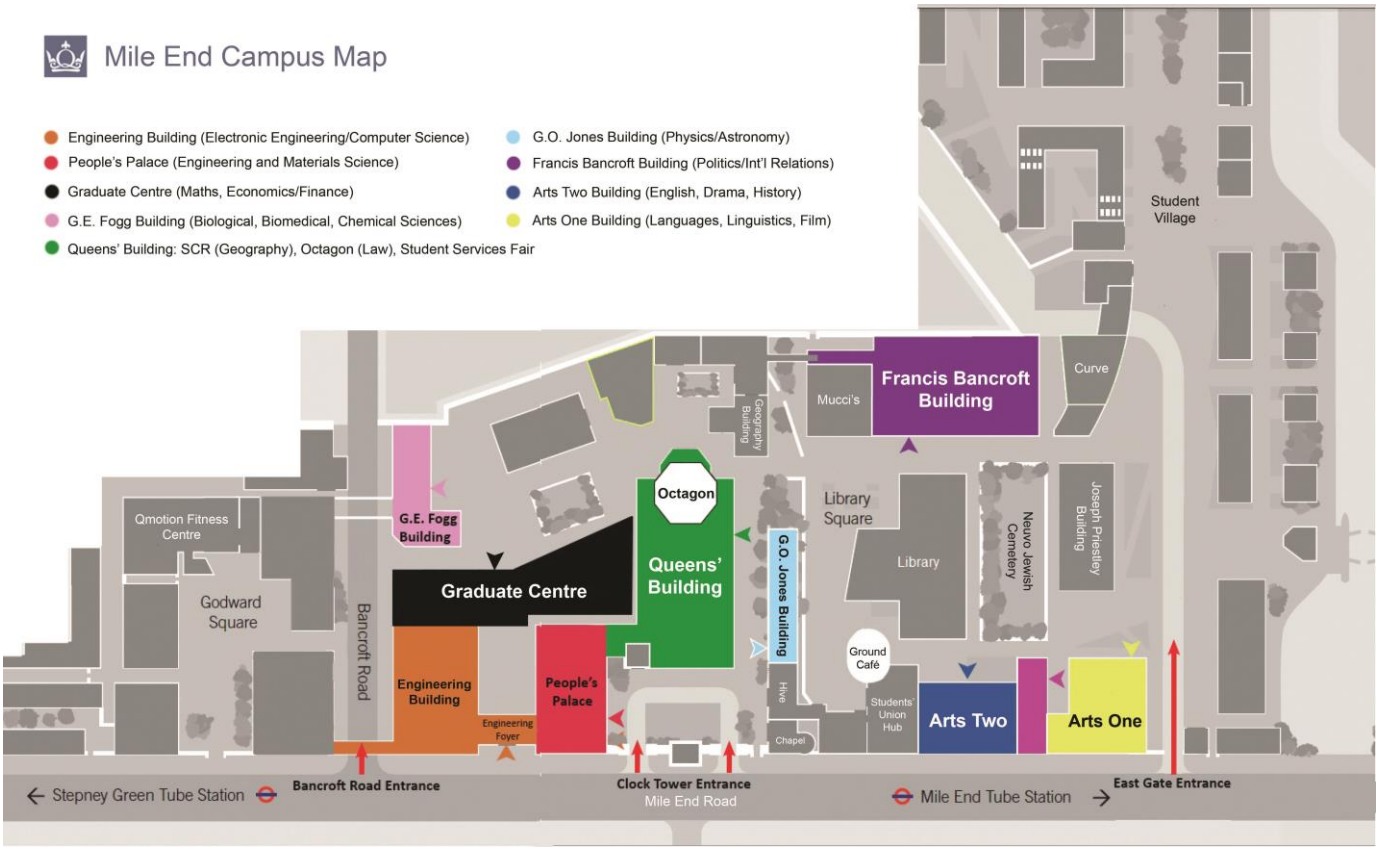
Accommodation can be viewed between 12-3pm. Please go to the Octagon on the ground floor of the Queens' Building to join one of the tours. Tours will be running every 15 minutes.

Is lunch provided?

Yes, lunch will be served in our Welcome Area in the foyer of the Graduate Centre, during which you can chat to students and staff about all aspects of life here at QMUL. If you have any dietary requirements, and you haven't already let us know via the online booking form when you registered for the event, please email at geog-fest@qmul.ac.uk.

What time does the event end?

The event ends at 2.45pm after the 'opportunities' talk. However, if you have been invited for an interview as part of the Unconditional Offer Scheme and you have an afternoon interview scheduled for after 2.50pm, the day might finish a little later for you – depending on what time your interview slot is. If you're unsure of the timing of your interview, please ask a member of staff on the Admissions Hotspot at our Welcome Area in the Senior Common Room.



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Where do I need to go?

Academic School/Subject Welcome Area	Location
School of Biological and Chemical Sciences *Includes: Biomedical Sciences, Medical Genetics, Neuroscience, Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics, Psychology*	**G.E. Fogg Building**
School of Economics and Finance	**Graduate Centre**
School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science *Includes: Information and Communications Technologies, Software Engineering, Information Technology Management*	**Engineering Building Foyer**
School of Engineering and Materials Science *Includes: Biomaterials for Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Dental Materials, Design, Innovation and Creative Engineering*	**People's Palace**
School of English and Drama, School of History	**Arts Two**
School of Geography *Includes: Environmental Science*	**Queens' Building, 1st Floor, Senior Common Room (SCR)**
School of Languages, Linguistics and Film *Includes: Comparative Literature*	**Arts One**
School of Law	**Queens' Building, Octagon**
School of Mathematical Sciences	**Graduate Centre**
School of Physics and Astronomy	**G.O. Jones Building**
School of Politics and International Relations	**Francis Bancroft Building**

Our student ambassadors and staff are stationed across the campus to help direct you to your subject Welcome Area.