

# English Language Policy

## for Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months

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### 1. Introduction and Scope

- 1.1. Queen Mary University of London deems a student a Postgraduate Research (PGR) Associate student if they are enrolled on a research degree programme at another institution and then are successful in enrolling as a Research Associate student with us to undertake a period of guided study and/or research. This policy only relates to those that are looking to enrol on non-credit bearing PGR associate study/research for **less** than 6 months that does not lead to an award of Queen Mary.
- 1.2. To be considered under this policy, students must not require Queen Mary to act as a sponsor for a Student Visa. This policy is not suitable for a student requiring visa sponsorship for their studies.
- 1.3. Pre-sessional English courses of any length and delivery mode are not covered by this policy.

### 2. Core Principles and Policy

- 2.1. If a student is in scope to be considered under this policy, to enrol for less than 6 months they may self-certify that they have a sufficient level of English language before entering and undertaking any academic study or activities. This level of English must also be supported by a statement from the directly responsible academic supervisor within Queen Mary.

- 2.2. Queen Mary supervisors and the relevant school or institute must also ensure that students visiting under this policy have appropriate health and safety induction to study and work within Queen Mary including any specialised areas.
- 2.3. Queen Mary supervisors and the relevant school or institute must also be satisfied that students' comprehension of English is sufficient to understand protocols and follow signage and instructions should any incidents occur.

### 3. Related Policies and Review

- 3.1. The "English Language Policy for courses delivered on site at any Queen Mary campus" applies to Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for 6 months or more.
- 3.2. Unless there is a need on the basis of external changes such as a change in the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) regulations regarding English language requirements, or if other important and urgent updates are required, this policy will be next reviewed as stated below.

#### Policy Information and Document Control

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| <b>Policy title</b>                    | English Language Policy for Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months |
| <b>Related policies and procedures</b> | All related admissions policies are available on the <a href="#">Policy Zone webpages</a> .           |
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