The purpose of my visit to Queen Mary University of London is to:

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| **Standard Visitor Visa (Permitted Paid Engagement) (PPE)** | PPE - 1st month Up to 6 months | • No limitations on payment amount or source  
• Need invitation letter from host department  
• Cannot extend or switch to another visa | • Accompanying dependents require a ‘Standard visitor visa’. No work permitted.  
• Children cannot attend State schools, but can attend fee paying school. | |
| **Standard Visitor Visa (Business)** | Up to 6 months | • Cannot receive payment from any UK source (except for reasonable expense and subsistence payments)  
• Need invitation letter from host department  
• Cannot extend beyond 6 months except academic visitors, who can hold a visa for a maximum of 12 months | • Accompanying dependents require a ‘Standard visitor visa’.  
No work permitted.  
• Where visa or entry granted for 6 months or less, children cannot attend State school.  
• Children of academic visitors can attend State school provided they obtain a 12 month dependent visa in advance of coming to the UK. | |
| **Standard Visitor Visa (Academic)** | *Up to 6 months  
* Up to 12 months where visa obtained in advance. See How do I apply? guidance | | | |
| **Temporary Worker (Government Authorised Exchange)** | Up to 2 years | • Need Certificate of Sponsorship from department  
• Must be paid national minimum wage. | • Dependents must apply for visa and are permitted to work.  
• Children can attend State school. | |

Some visitors do not require a visa in advance of coming to the UK:

**Visa nationals**
- Must always have a visa before coming to the UK.
- Includes nationals of China, India, Russia, Pakistan, most African countries, amongst others.

**Non-visa nationals**
- Can seek entry at the UK border as:
  - PPE
  - Standard visitor
- Includes nationals of USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Brazil, amongst others.
- Non-visa nationals must see a border control officer on arrival in the UK. Do not use the e-gates.
- Must apply in advance for a TW (GAE) visa and where entry as an academic visitor is needed for more than 6 months.

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1 Full list can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-visa-requirements-list-for-carriers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-visa-requirements-list-for-carriers)