

Research in Economics and Finance

The School of Economics and Finance offers doctoral programmes in both Economics and Finance to students planning to pursue research careers in academia, international organizations, central banks, the Government and the private sector. We have an international community of around 40 PhD students who contribute to the School's research output.

Research Areas

The majority of our PhD students enter via the Masters of Research (MRes) route. This constitutes the first stage of a four-to-five year MRes+PhD programme.

- MRes in Economics
- MRes in Finance
- MRes in Economics and Econometrics*
- MRes in Finance and Econometrics*

*Programmes eligible for ESRC Funding applicants only
MRes Students conduct original research, which can form the basis of later doctoral work. PhD students will then work with one of the following research centres:

- Applied Micro Economics
- Micro Theory Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Finance

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Funding

- QMUL Principal's Research Studentships
- School of Economics and Finance Studentships
- ESRC London Inter-Disciplinary SocialScience DTP
- Specific International scholarships schemes for China, Mexico, Colombia, Pakistan, Chile, USA and Commonwealth nations.
- Those with external funding are welcome to apply and should discuss their funding arrangements with the School at the point of application.

Please see the School funding webpage for further details.

Application process

1. Review all information relating to the MRes-PhD programme on the School's website, select the most appropriate programme to apply to (i.e. MRes or PhD, Economics or Finance).
2. Begin the online application process through the 'Apply Now' box at the foot of the relevant programme page on the University website.
3. Prepare and upload scans of all the required documentation, full transcripts from all undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, GRE results (if available), contact information for two referees, a research proposal (<1000 words), and proof that you meet the School's English language requirements.
4. The admissions panel will consider supervision during the review process, there is no requirement to contact potential supervisors before applying.
5. Applicants should expect to receive an outcome 4-6 weeks after the application deadline.

Entry requirements

- Bachelor's degree - 1st class
- Master's degree in economics or a closely related subject (high merit or distinction)
- Thorough knowledge of MSc-level macroeconomics, microeconomics, and econometrics
- IELTS average 6.5, with at least 6.0 in writing if English is not your first language.

Application deadlines

September 2024 entry

- HSS Principal Studentships: **24th January**
- China Scholarship Council: **31st January**
- Self-funders can inquire with prospective supervisors throughout the year.

NOTE: Some external funding bodies require a separate application, with different deadlines.

Please check here for information:

qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database

qmul.ac.uk/sef

Student profile

Mina Mirshahi is investigating whether options markets react to the macroeconomics news, under the supervision of Dr Elise Gourier. She has a BSc Industrial Engineering from Iran and a MSc Mathematical Finance from Queen Mary. Elise writes:

"I applied to QMUL because of the highly qualified professors and well-established research centres. The School has a vibrant research group that runs external weekly seminars with invited speakers from top European and North American universities and internal workshops. Attending to these seminars enables me to expand my professional network. I really like the friendly community at Queen Mary and I find the research faculty and students very supportive."