Research in Politics and International Relations

The School of Politics and International Relations has an active research community with 36 research-active academics and around 40 PhD students at one time. The research activity in this School is broadly defined by four research areas: European Politics, International Relations, British Politics and Political Theory.

**Research Areas**

**European politics**  
With a focus on central and eastern Europe, French politics, British politics, southern Europe and Iberian politics.

**International relations**  
Research on the transformations and unbinding of global politics. We have area specialists, in the Middle East, South-East Asia, regions in Africa, Latin America, the Balkans and the United States.

**British politics**  
Parliamentary politics; political parties; gender and representation; public policy; electoral politics; constitutional and legislative affairs; foreign policy. Research is undertaken in collaboration with the Mile End Institute (MEI), a major policy centre established at QMUL.

**Political theory**  
International political theory; the history of modern political thought; continental political philosophy; international political economy; race and racism; liberalism and violence; ethics and human rights; citizenship and migration; populism and radical politics; and the New Left.

**Funding**

- QMUL Principal's Postgraduate Research Studentships.
- ESRC 1+3 or +3 PhD Studentships Queen Mary is a partner in the LISS DTP
- There are also specific international scholarships schemes for Mexico, Pakistan, China, Colombia, Chile, USA and Commonwealth nations. These are co-funded and applicants should make applications to the sponsor as well as to Queen Mary for the course.

More information at [qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding_phd](http://qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding_phd)

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Application process

1. Formulate a provisional research proposal to be assessed by the School.
2. Send a short copy of your proposal (1000 words) and CV to academics whose research area matches your research topic. You can find a list of our staff here: www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/staff
3. If they are interested in supervising you they will reply and encourage you to submit a formal online application here: www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/politics.html
4. If you meet the entry requirements supervisors may then arrange an interview. This may be in a panel format probably over Skype.
5. If successful, you will be offered a place, subject to demonstrating how you will fund your studies.

Entry requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with at least 2:1 honours
- Master’s degree with at least a merit
- IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 6.5 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

Student profile

Angus McNelly studied class formation and state formation in Bolivia.

“Queen Mary is excellent for studying Latin America… it’s an amazing academic environment. We have an excellent academic support network, we have weekly seminars, a room within the department which means you feel like a participating member of the School of Politics”

Watch the full interview here: www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/research/degrees/choosingaprojectandsupervision/index.html

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