

Frequently asked questions

1. *How do I select I wish to apply for DLA or DLA CDA funding?*

In the Funding section of the application form please select the relevant funding source from the drop-down menu as in the screenshot below:

The screenshot shows the 'Other Information' section of the application form, specifically the 'Funding' part. It contains the following questions and options:

- How do you intend to finance your studies at Queen Mary University of London?***
 - Dropdown menu: I will fund my studies by multiple funding sou...
 - Question mark icon: ?
- Please specify how you intend to finance your studies.**
 - Free-text box: [Empty box]
- Are you applying for a Doctoral Training Programme (DTP)?***
 - Dropdown menu: Yes
 - Question mark icon: ?
- Which Doctoral Training Programme are you applying for?***
 - Dropdown menu: AHRC Doctoral Landscape Award
 - Question mark icon: ?
- Have you completed the external application form for the above?***
 - Dropdown menu: --- Please select an option ---
 - Question mark icon: ?

Note that there is no external application form required for DLA or CDA funding. If you are applying for both DLA and HSS studentship funding please add “HSS Studentship” in the free-text box.

2. *My application was accepted by the university last year and I also have a supervisor but due to lack of funding I had to defer my admission for a year. Do I need to make any changes to my application forms for this year so that I can use the Landscape funding? Regarding the two referees, it means the two referees from Queen Mary University or the same two professors' references that we uploaded on the university website when we submitted our application?*

You do not need to make any changes to your application form. You should contact the [school PGR officer](#) to resubmit your new proposal and let them know you wish to be considered for the DLA award for entry in 27/28. As an offer holder, you will not need to submit new references.

3. *As an international student, I'm aware that even with scholarships, the tuition fee difference can still be quite significant. If I apply for more than one scholarship, would it be possible to combine multiple funding sources to cover the remaining costs (where eligible)? Additionally, under what conditions are tuition waivers or top-up grants typically granted to cover this difference?*

You can apply for multiple studentships at Queen Mary, but we will not offer a mix and match of studentships to one candidate. Candidates can however secure external funding that may supplement any offer made by Queen Mary. We do not have funding awards for fee waivers or top-up grants only.

4. *Given that tuition fee are funded at home rate, are the international students expected to fund the difference?*

Up to 30% of the studentships can be allocated to overseas students (i.e. one studentship per cohort) and QMUL will cover the full international fee.

5. *Do these studentships include accounting or management disciplines? I do not think I saw them in the list.*

You can find a list of the areas that AHRC funds here:

<https://www.ukri.org/councils/ahrc/remit-programmes-and-priorities/>

6. *What should advice be to a student including a timeline for both (a) the 3.5 years AHRC award and (b) the likely 3 year QM one?*

All QMUL PhD students should submit their thesis within a maximum of 4 years; UKRI expects their funded students to submit within the funded period (i.e. 3.5 yrs for DLA studentships).

The research proposal and timeline when applying for Queen Mary HSS studentships and the AHRC Doctoral Landscape Award can be the same; you do not need to submit separate applications. Make sure you indicate all the funding sources you wish to be considered for in the relevant section via the free text box. Those in receipt of a 3-year studentship would need to self-fund for the fourth year if they do not submit their thesis within the funded period.

7. *Could you explain about the interviews, i.e. how to get ready for that?*

You can find useful guidance here on preparing for a PhD interview here:

<https://www.findaphd.com/guides/phd-interview>

8. *Would international students be able to apply for the landscape awards? And if so, would we be expected to cover the remaining tuition fees if the studentship covers home fees alone?*

Yes international students can apply. Up to 30% of the studentships can be allocated to overseas students (i.e. one studentship per cohort) and QMUL will cover the full international fee.

9. *Is it possible to set up a CDA within three months?*

It may be possible to set up a CDA within three months if there is already an established partnership. Alternatively, applicants who wish to pursue a CDA agreement may wish to consider entry in 2028/29 to allow time to develop this. Your supervisor should be able to advise you further on this.

10. *Once you've done your application for Landscape funding, can you then work on improving it for the Studentship in January? How would this work? Can you just upload an improved research proposal for example?*

You can contact the relevant [school PGR officer](#) to send an updated version of the proposal. You do not need to submit another application.