Queen Mary
University of London
PhD Application and Funding Info Session
How to apply for a PhD

This will vary slightly depending on discipline but most successful applicants follow this path. Do NOT just apply online without doing steps 1 and 2.

1. Research our offering
2. Discuss your project
3. Apply

- Do we offer your specialism?
- Do we have the right supervisor for you?
- Do you meet the entry requirements?
- Why Queen Mary and why this group?

- Is there space for a new PhD student in this group?
- Does your CV/proposal interest the supervisor?
- Can you win funding for this project?

- Gather your documents
- Hit apply!
- Check if you need to make a second application for funding.
Our PhD Entry Requirements

These vary by School and programme and we judge all applications on individual merits.

But typically, we require:

1. At least a 2:1 UK Bachelors (or overseas equivalent)
2. And a Merit or Distinction in a relevant Masters
3. IELTS for non-English speaking countries (6.5-7.5 overall)

- Some subject areas will take students straight from a Bachelors if the grades are excellent and good research experience can be demonstrated
- Work and research experience will be considered
- Mature students are welcomed. Professional referees can be used in place of academic referees if you no longer have links with your university.
How do I find a supervisor?

Project Ideas:
- Project lists (funded and un-funded) on our departmental websites
- Supervisor lists
- Research groups
- Adverts on www.findaphd.com
- Current PhD student projects

There are lots of people who can help guide you!
- PhD administrators/managers in the departments
- The QMUL Doctoral College
- Prospective supervisors
- Your MA/MSc (or BA/BSc) tutors
Timelines

➢ Applications are open now
➢ Most applications close in January
➢ Check the deadline if you are applying for external funding
➢ You can expect a decision within 8 weeks of the deadline

*NOTE: Law will close their QM studentships applications on 7th December*

25th January: Humanities & Social Sciences Studentships

S&E and FMD deadline throughout January...
Funding a PhD

You will need to fund:

• Tuition fees (~£25,000 for overseas students)
• Living costs (£1334/month)
• NHS surcharge (£470/year)

You can either:

1. Self-fund. This means you pay your fees to Queen Mary each year.
2. Apply for a studentship. This will cover your fees and living costs.
Funding a PhD

Most people fund their PhD through one of the following routes:

1. Research Council Studentships (Doctoral Training Partnerships or one-off grants)
2. QMUL Research Studentships
3. External scholarships (overseas governments, industrial sponsor, charities etc.)
4. Self funding (Tuition is £19-30k per year for overseas students)

You should discuss your funding plans with your supervisor/department before applying. The QM studentships do not require a separate application BUT you should make it clear that you are applying for this funding on your application.
Funding a PhD: Doctoral Training Programmes

- These are PhD programmes where you’ll be part of a cohort of students based across several universities.
- You will receive additional training and rotate around the other universities before settling at Queen Mary for your main project.
- Mostly for UK students but some have a small allocation for international students.
- Some require a separate application, some do not. Check!

- LAHP, Arts and Humanities  [www.lahp.ac.uk/](http://www.lahp.ac.uk/)
- LISS, Social Sciences  [liss-dtp.ac.uk/](http://liss-dtp.ac.uk/)
- IGGI, Intelligent Gaming and Game Intelligence  [www.iggi.org.uk/](http://www.iggi.org.uk/)
- AIM, Artificial Intelligence and Music  [www.aim.qmul.ac.uk/](http://www.aim.qmul.ac.uk/)
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- LIDO, interdisciplinary Biosciences  lido-dtp.ac.uk/
- NERC, Environmental Science  london-nerc-dtp.org/
- Medical Research Council: Inflammation, Immunology and Cancer & Translational Biomedical Sciences  https://www.barts-cancer.london/study-at-bci/postgraduate-research/mrc-doctoral-training-partnership-programme/
- British Heart Foundation, cardiovascular 1+3 programme (MRes+PhD)  https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/study-with-us/postgraduate-research/bhf-4-year-mresphd/
- Ask for more info in the subject sessions after this introductory talk.
Funding a PhD: QMUL Studentships

- Available in all subjects except Medicine/Dentistry
- International students are eligible
- No separate application
- Full tuition and living costs for 3 years
- **Wait** for publication of guidance before applying
- See our faculty pages throughout November for more information.
Funding a PhD: Special International Schemes

In addition to the QMUL Studentships we have students funded by special international schemes. Some are fully external, some are co-funded with Queen Mary. These include:

- China Scholarship Council (Chinese students)
- CONACyT Scholarships (Mexican students)
- Marshall Scholarships (US students)
- Commonwealth PhD Scholarships (Any Commonwealth nation)
- Pakistan HEC Scholarships (Pakistani Students)
- Saudi, Kuwaiti, Malaysian, Emirati, Qatari, Turkish and Thai government scholarships

https://www.qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database/ has the latest updates
Questions?

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Funding questions: Scholarships and Funding - Queen Mary University of London (qmul.ac.uk)
Accommodation: https://www.qmul.ac.uk/residences/college/faqs/
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Immigration: https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international/
www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/contact