



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](http://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

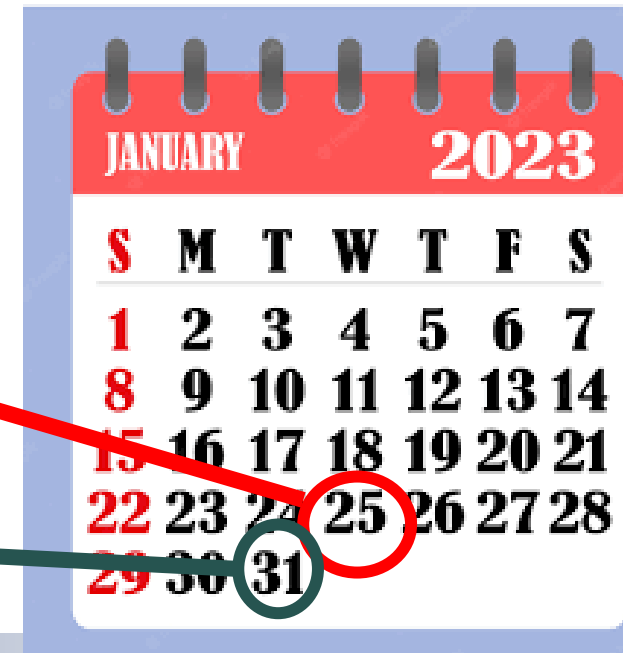
# Timelines

- 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 7<sup>th</sup> December*

**25<sup>th</sup> 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/)
  - DISCnet, 25 studentships in data intensive science in Physics [www.discnet.org.uk/](http://www.discnet.org.uk/)



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London Interdisciplinary  
Doctoral Programme

- LIDO, interdisciplinary Biosciences [lido-dtp.ac.uk/](http://lido-dtp.ac.uk/)
- NERC, Environmental Science [london-nerc-dtp.org/](http://london-nerc-dtp.org/)
- Medical Research Council: Inflammation, Immunology and Cancer & Translational Biomedical Sciences <https://www.bartsancer.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/>
- Wellcome Trust, Health data in practice: human-centred science (MRes+PhD) <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/wiph/our-research/post-trust-phd-programme-in-science/>
- DERI – AI for drug discovery. <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/deri/ukri-aidd-doctoral-training-programme/>
- 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?

General enquiries: [pgr-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:pgr-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk)

Funding questions; [Scholarships and Funding - Queen Mary University of London \(qmul.ac.uk\)](https://www.qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/funding/)

Accommodation: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/residences/college/faqs/residences@qmul.ac.uk>

Immigration: <https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international/www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/contact>





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