



QUEEN'S  
UNIVERSITY  
BELFAST

THE THOMAS  
J MORAN  
GRADUATE  
SCHOOL

# SUMMER 2025 / RESEARCH CULTURE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME



# STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER...



We know how important the summer months are for Masters and PhD students and academics. That's why our team of consultants offer their most popular courses, workshops and masterclasses for you to take during June, July and August.

During the month of June the Thomas J Moran Graduate School invites external speakers and consultants to participate in our Research Culture Celebration events. Find out more about these overleaf.

Students can also use our silent study, book group rooms and take part in our community events. The building is open daily from 7am to 11pm, excluding four days of closure from Friday 11th July to Monday 14th July.

All courses and workshops can be booked via MyFuture:  
[qub.ac.uk/myfuture](http://qub.ac.uk/myfuture).

You can also book a place by visiting the Training & Events page on our website:  
[qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/events](http://qub.ac.uk/graduate-school/events)

 [qubgradschool](https://www.instagram.com/qubgradschool)  
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 The Graduate School at Queen's



# Research Culture Celebration

The research carried out at QUB is some of the most diverse in the world, encompassing an array of specialities and topics, and delivering international impact.

Each June, we shine a spotlight on this work with our month-long 'Research Culture Celebration'.

These events and workshops align to the work and development needs of today's researchers.

One of the highlights is always the Vitae Three Minute Thesis (3MT<sup>®</sup>) Competition, where students present their research in just three minutes.

***“The 3MT gave me the opportunity to present at The Graduate School. The experience was extremely beneficial. It was fascinating to hear other students’ research and so rewarding to get out of my comfort zone and explain my research in a way that was new to me.”***

- Former Queen’s student, Dr Megan Kelly



# GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Enhance your prospects of finding a job within academia or in other professional fields. These workshops are designed to increase your confidence as you begin to plan for your future career.

- Q&A Panel: What Does a Postdoc do?
- Mastering Project Management for Postgraduate Success
- How to Write a Successful CV
- How to Start Your LinkedIn Profile
- How to Prepare for a Job Interview
- Writing a Successful Application Form for a Job

Find out more on the [Graduate School Events Page](#).



You can view some of the esteemed speakers we've invited and the events we're most excited about below. Discover everything that's on offer at [the Graduate School Website](#).

## **THE PHD CHALLENGE WITH HUGH KEARNS**

Leading practitioner and researcher in cognitive behavioural coaching, Hugh is hosting an online workshop to help researchers on 'The PhD Challenge.'

## **PHD CARTOON WITH DR ASHLEIGH NEILL**

Do you want to improve how you communicate on social media? Join this session to learn about use of language and style to make your post more impactful. You will also learn how to deal with negative responses to social posts.

## **MURDER, MOTIVE AND MISCONDUCT: A RESEARCH INTEGRITY MYSTERY**

Join us for an immersive and interactive murder mystery experience set within the world of academic research. When the Head of Research Governance at Queen's University is found dead under suspicious circumstances, four suspects emerge, each with something to hide...



## **STRONGER PRESENTATIONS, GREATER IMPACT**

This workshop will help you develop your presentation skills to help you make them stronger and more impactful. The session will cover a range of topics from slide design, delivery and dealing with challenges that can happen.

## **MINDSET WORKSHOP WITH HUGH ROARTY, FROM ACTION MENTAL HEALTH**

Mindset is a mental and emotional health and wellbeing awareness programme funded by the Public Health Agency. This programme aims to raise awareness and increase knowledge and understanding of mental and emotional health.

## **CHATTING WITH CHATGPT TO ELEVATE YOUR PHD**

This interactive online workshop led by Dr Sophie Morris is a perfect chance for you to understand the basics of artificial intelligence and facilitate your exploration of the potential use of AI tools in your own PhD journey.





## **CAPTURING CONFLICT, PROJECTING PEACE**

Join us for a research culture evening, focusing on identity, conflict transformation and change. Hear about the work of award-winning photographer and author of *A Peace of My Mind*, John Noltner. Engage in a panel discussion with opportunities for Q&A to understand the work of two QUB academic experts in their field - Dr Dominic Bryan and Dr Maria-Adriana Deiana - who focus on identity, peace and conflict through various media. We invite you, the audience, to embark on a journey of reflection, dialogue, and inspiration.

## **THESIS WITH PUBLICATION: NAVIGATING THE MAZE**

This panel discussion will explore the challenges of publication submissions, providing tips and advice for using publications for your thesis submission. The panel will consist of academics across all three faculties.



# COMMUNITY

## EVENTS

### **GRADSTONBURY**

We're so excited to announce the third edition of our celebration of Postgraduate talent this Summer. Come along to the Wee Bar in the SU to watch your fellow students showcase their musical, artistic and dancing skills as we mark the end of the summer semester.

### **WELLBEING WEDNESDAY**

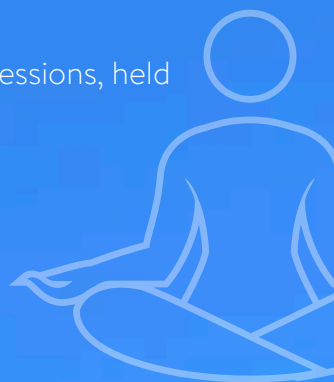
Take some time away from your laptop and grab a coffee each Wednesday in the social space.

### **PRIDE QUIZ**

Coinciding with Belfast Pride, our Big Graduate School Quiz is your chance to test your general knowledge.

### **YOGA**

Practice mindfulness at any of our free Yoga sessions, held in the Graduate School and online.





# GRADUATE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

## **Design Sprint – Pathway to Sanctuary Project**

As part of the Queen's University commitment to becoming a recognised University of Sanctuary, we invite you to take part in a two-day Design Sprint focused on co-designing innovative and practical ways to support people seeking sanctuary. This collaborative event brings together students, staff, community members, and sanctuary seekers to develop creative, inclusive solutions that strengthen access to higher education and enhance the University's support for refugee and asylum-seeking communities.

Find out more about the Universities pledge [here](#).





## 1-2-1 Consultations

Our team of consultants are here to help you as you progress on your postgraduate study journey.

You can access consultations with them to discuss all areas of career planning, preparing for the Viva, individual CV feedback, support for your written work (including dissertations) and much more.

You can book these sessions on MyFuture.

**We're looking forward to seeing you this Summer, regardless of which stage of your academic journey you're at.**



All classes, workshops and events can be booked on our website.

## Postgraduate-Led Initiatives

Do you have an idea for an event, symposium or gathering which could bring the postgraduate community together to exchange academic or cultural ideas? Would you benefit from funding to bring your idea to fruition?

The Postgraduate-Led Initiative Fund enables QUB postgraduate students to host their own events to unite the wider postgraduate communities. A grant of £400 is available for each application.



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