



**QUEEN'S  
UNIVERSITY  
BELFAST**

**QUEEN'S  
BUSINESS  
SCHOOL**

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES





# Our School

## YOUR TIME AT QUEEN'S

Studying at University should be about more than just getting a degree. Your time at Queen's Business School (QBS) provides you with a range of opportunities to pursue interests, develop new skills and gain experiences that give you a different perspective on the world. Such opportunities will enrich your studies, help you figure out what you want to do with your life, and prepare you for whatever comes next.

For many of you, the obvious next step will be in a career in the highly competitive business field. Employers are constantly demanding more from their workforce and can afford to be selective when recruiting for the most sought after roles. To this end, we want to challenge you to add new dimensions to your studies, by highlighting some of the many opportunities available to you.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate and explore for the benefit of business and society.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to be pivotal in developing principled and effective leaders; to expand research-led dialogue and engagement with business, civil society, and government; to grow international stature and esteem.

## OUR VALUES

As a University, Queen's has five core values in terms of what we believe, how we aim to behave, and what we aspire to be as an international organisation. These values are at the heart of Queen's Business School, and we seek to impart them to all who participate in the School's activities.

- Integrity
- Connected
- Ambition
- Respect
- Excellence

# Reach your TrU Potential

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Phishing

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## INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

Through your studies you will recognise that we live in an increasingly international and connected world. Employers value international experience and we want our students to have the capability and ambition to lead on a global stage.

- What experience do you have of other business environments?
- How have you developed your cultural awareness?
- How have you demonstrated your global citizenship?



## COMMERCIAL DIMENSION

Gaining experience of the commercial world can help you understand the type of career you want to pursue, as well as preparing you for it. Employers value experience and commercial awareness. Conversely, a lack of experience or commercial awareness, undermines your credibility as a committed candidate and future employee.

- What experience could you gain now to give you an advantage in securing your chosen career?
- Do you understand the current business environment?
- How have you demonstrated a passion for your chosen career?
- Do you have a business idea of your own?



## SOCIAL DIMENSION

As a School we seek to develop leaders who recognise the role they have to play in society.

- How will you develop as a person during your time at Queen's?
- How will you improve your personal leadership ability?
- How will you demonstrate a concern for the welfare of others?
- Have you developed your professional network?

# Enhance Your Degree

QUEEN'S BUSINESS SCHOOL

## AT A GLANCE

The Careers and Work Placement Team provide a support service to students through a structured Placement Programme.

Students undertake placements on the following degree programmes:

## UNDERGRADUATE

As of 2021/22 all UG programmes either have an integrated or optional placement as part of the curriculum.

## POSTGRADUATE

MSc Marketing is currently the only programme with an internship option sourced by the Careers and Work Placement Team.

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/qbsplacement](https://go.qub.ac.uk/qbsplacement)
- [qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk](mailto:qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk)

## QBS PLACEMENT BENEFITS

- Valuable work experience in a relevant business area bringing increased employability
- The opportunity to develop a range of work related skills and experience of workplace culture
- The opportunity to put academic theory into practice
- Creation of a network of industry contacts
- Personal and professional development



A Placement Programme has been running successfully within Queen's Business School for over 25 years. Preparation for placement begins in first year with an induction course educating students on the placement process. In second year students attend a number of workshops on a variety of topics including interview techniques, commercial awareness and presentation skills.

Students receive one on one support and guidance throughout their search for a placement and beyond. Students studying for a BSc are required to work for a minimum of nine months in a salaried position while MSc students can complete a twelve week project based internship in lieu of a traditional dissertation.

Undergraduate students have obtained placements with a variety of organisations including: Aviva, BDO, Citi, Citco, Deloitte, Disney, EY, FD Technologies, FinTrU, Goldman Sachs, KPMG, L'Oreal, Microsoft, Primark, PwC, Warner Bros. Discovery, and Zurich Life.

# Enhance Your Degree

## PLACEMENT FACILITIES AND EVENTS

QBS runs multiple events designed to enhance students' market knowledge and career readiness. These include placement fairs, speed networking, company visits, guest lectures and master classes.

QBS has an Employability Hub and other dedicated collaboration spaces for our students to engage with employers and career experts as well as a number of interview suites where students can enjoy 1-to-1 consultations and interview coaching.



## INTERNSHIPS AND WORK-BASED PROJECTS

MSc Marketing and MSc International Business students have the opportunity to apply for a minimum 12-week internship as an alternative to the traditional dissertation in Semester 3. This option is supplemented with a work-based project as a final element of the programme, allowing students to apply and review academic and theoretical principles in practice. It also provides students with real world experience, helping build their professional network, and create career opportunities.

Companies who have recruited students for internships previously include: SDG Construction, Glowmetrics, Artemis, Belfast Chamber of Commerce, Lidl Supply Chain, and Wavteq.



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“The internship was a key element that attracted me to the programme. The fantastic Placement Team helped me to secure an internship with global MedTech company, Cirdan. Three years later, I'm their Marketing Manager responsible for leading all of the company's global marketing activities.”

Rebecca Fitton, MSc Marketing

# Enhance Your Degree

## MYFUTURE AT QUB

MyFuture is the dedicated Queen's Careers management system to help you find graduate roles, internships and placements. All Queen's students are offered a MyFuture account as part of the enrolment and registration process. Students can either download the MyFuture app or log in via the link below. Included in your MyFuture account are the following features:

- Careers, Employability and Skills (CES)
- Learning Development Service (LDS)
- Careers events listing and booking tool
- Job advertisements with intelligent job search systems. These match opportunities to your degree, year group and previous job search history.
- A PDP e-portfolio and an Academic and Career Development Planner

[go.qub.ac.uk/myfuture](http://go.qub.ac.uk/myfuture)

See also HigherEd for international careers (Internationalisation section).

## GO GLOBAL

Every year over 900 Queen's students take the opportunity to go outside Northern Ireland to study or gain work-related experience. Why not be one of them?

Even if your degree doesn't integrate study or work abroad there are still loads of opportunities whatever your level and degree discipline. You can go abroad for the summer, for a semester or for a whole year - the choice is yours.

The Go Global team run a Go Global Week and a Go Global Fair each year. Find out about the broad range of opportunities available to you to spend some time studying, working or volunteering abroad.

[go.qub.ac.uk/globalweek](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globalweek)  
[www.goinglobal.com](http://www.goinglobal.com)

## FUTURE READY

The Future Ready Award (formerly known as DegreePlus) recognises and accredits Queen's students for the personal initiative and drive they demonstrate in developing skills and experiences outside of their academic programme.

Students who complete relevant experiences, led by an approved Activity Provider, will be eligible for the Award. Successful completion will be recorded on their Q SIS record and they will receive a certificate at their graduation ceremony.

A full list of eligible activities can be found via the following link:

[go.qub.ac.uk/FutureReady](http://go.qub.ac.uk/FutureReady)





# Enhance Your Degree

## SU ENTERPRISE

Develop the enterprise skills you need to start your own business or secure your dream job. Enterprise SU is a student focused team that are here to help you achieve your full potential, whatever your degree pathway.

Business one to ones can help you whether you're just beginning to think about ideas for a new business or you have already started up and are trading.

Further opportunities are available for developing your creative thinking, idea generation, entrepreneurial skills and give you a chance to network and gain useful contacts.

[q-su.org/EnterpriseSU](http://q-su.org/EnterpriseSU)

## AHSS

The AHSS Faculty award a number of competitive bursaries each year to support undergraduate students undertaking non-compulsory Turing Scheme, Erasmus+ or international study exchanges or attending conferences, summer schools or short courses. New Applications for the below bursary will be available in May 2024.

[go.qub.ac.uk/ahssbursary](http://go.qub.ac.uk/ahssbursary)

## SCIENCE SHOP AT QUB

The Science Shop works across all university faculties linking the knowledge and skills of students and staff with community needs through course-based research projects and dissertations. You can make a difference by applying your knowledge, skills and experience, working within your course to address real issues facing communities today. There is a project here for you.

[go.qub.ac.uk/scienceshop](http://go.qub.ac.uk/scienceshop)

## QUB CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Joining a club or society at Queen's is the perfect opportunity to meet new people, keep up your interest in a passion or, even better, to find a brand new one you never knew you had! With over 220 clubs, all of them student-led, there's something for everyone.

[go.qub.ac.uk/societies](http://go.qub.ac.uk/societies)



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## AT A GLANCE

- Programme of career events to enhance the student experience

## KEY DATES

- Rolling programme of events
- Careers Fairs held twice a year (October & February)
- Summer NI Graduate & Recruitment Fair

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Themed weeks focusing on key skills
- Personal development courses
- Meet employers and be inspired

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/CESProgrammes](http://go.qub.ac.uk/CESProgrammes)

## CAREER PROGRAMMES

The QUB Careers, Employability and Skills (CES) department offer a range of careers programmes that are designed to encourage you to try new things, meet new people and build relevant skills and experience, both at home and overseas.

Stay informed of all upcoming events and programmes by following #QUBCareers on social media. Some example career programmes are highlighted on this page. For the full list of programmes please see the Find Out More section.

## SHE LEADS

Delivered over 4 half days, the She Leads Programme for Women is designed to help you develop and acknowledge your potential as a confident leader. Spaces are limited and participants are required to attend all 4 sessions.

## WORK SHADOWING WEEK

The annual Work Shadowing Week (usually held in March/April) is open to all students and involves up to 10 students spending a day in a participating organisation to give you an insight into working with a particular sector and observing professionals in practice.

## REAL WORLD CHALLENGE

Tackle a real-world problem, then persuade the experts, while developing key employability skills in the process.

In 2024, the challenge focused on Climate Change. A team of students met with experts at PwC Belfast's offices to look at how industry leaders can use the ecological crisis to inform decision-making and prompt action. The programme usually lasts 4 days.

**INTERNATIONALISE**

# QBS Student Community

Connecting QBS Domestic and International Students

## AT A GLANCE

- Dedicated UG and PGT International Student Advisers
- Online Student Community Hub (QBS Connect) highlighting upcoming QBS student social events

## KEY DATES

- Events and activities throughout the year

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- All QBS students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Induction Week
- Social Events

## FIND OUT MORE

- [qbsisa@qub.ac.uk](mailto:qbsisa@qub.ac.uk)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet)

## QBS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS

Everyone is on a different journey with each person having their own strengths and areas for development. Our Advisors provide a safe, supportive environment to help international students navigate and manage any academic and pastoral issues they may face. They can offer advice on matters such as cultural adjustment, English language proficiency, and presentation skills to help students develop their own coping strategies, build their confidence and trust in their own abilities.



Ms Arlene Bustard  
PGT International Student Advisor

## INTERNATIONALISE

## QBS CONNECT



At QBS, we are committed to ensuring that all students have a sense of community and belonging. QBS Connect, a student-led social and skills development programme, runs throughout the year allowing QBS students to stay informed and get involved in what's happening across the campus.

# Work Abroad

Want to work abroad but worried about the cost?



## INTERNATIONALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Extra help with the cost of work placement in Europe
- Can be eligible for Future Ready Award

### KEY DATES

- Apply at least 8 weeks prior
- Placements of up to 12 months

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Aimed at students taking placements
- No prior experience required

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain international work experience
- Increase your cultural awareness
- Enhance your employability
- Funding available

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/globalops](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globalops)
- [turing-scheme.org.uk](http://turing-scheme.org.uk)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Do you want to spend time working in another country whilst improving your language skills, boosting your CV, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures? Queen's students can apply for working abroad opportunities using the Go Global search tool where you can refine your search to your level of study and work style.

The UK's participation in the Erasmus programme came to an end on 31 May 2023. The replacement Turing Scheme is the UK's global programme for studying, working and living abroad, offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional development for students. Students from NI may still be able to access Erasmus funding through arrangements made by the Irish Government.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Queen's work with employers and organisations locally to bring you opportunities to gain in person or virtual experience working on an international project or role while based right here in Northern Ireland. The University typically funds up to ten, 4-week summer internships for undergraduate students. Each student typically receives £1,000 bursary on successful completion of Working Globally From NI internships.

# Study Abroad

Continue your learning journey in another country



## INTERNATIONALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Spend up to 1 year studying in another country
- Can be eligible for Future Ready Award

### KEY DATES

- Go for one or two semesters
- Closing date is normally February for European exchanges but can be earlier for international opportunities

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to most UG Students
- No prior experience required

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience another culture
- Financial support available

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/globalops](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globalops)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/QBSPartners](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QBSPartners)
- [turing-scheme.org.uk](http://turing-scheme.org.uk)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Would you like to spend up to a year studying in another country as a recognised part of your Queen's degree? Our study abroad programmes range in length from one week to one year and you can choose to spend a semester at a European or Australian university, a year in America or spend the summer in Canada. Opportunities depend on the agreements the School has established and your degree programme.

The UK's participation in the Erasmus programme came to an end on 31 May 2023. This is due to the UK government's decision not to associate to the new Erasmus programme following Brexit. The Erasmus programme has been replaced with the Turing Scheme. The scheme is the UK's global programme for studying, working and living abroad, offering once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for personal and professional development for students.



### DO I NEED TO SPEAK A LANGUAGE?

Not necessarily – you can study in English speaking countries such as Australia or the USA, and some of Queen's partner universities will teach in English (for example in The Netherlands and Scandinavia). However, for many host universities you will have to be fluent in the language of the host country. It is recommended that you enrol on the Language Centre classes available in the McClay Library in advance of your study placement to improve your social language skills.

# Highered at QBS

The only global network connecting companies, business schools and their students

## AT A GLANCE

- Build your experience portfolio on a global level
- Free 24/7 platform

## KEY DATES

- New openings added all year round
- Sign up now so you don't miss out

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- All QBS students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Access to global positions
- Tips and assessments
- Virtual career fairs and events
- Live CV Clinics
- Workplace culture country guides

## FIND OUT MORE

- [qub.gethighered.global](http://qub.gethighered.global)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/QBSHighered](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QBSHighered)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Queen's Business School is a member of EFMD's Global Network. As a student of QBS you have free exclusive access to the Highered Global Job Platform where you can browse international job opportunities, connecting you with global companies and organizations.

The Highered platform allows you to apply directly to international companies and organizations.

The AI matching capabilities of the platform will enable you to easily identify the positions that are most relevant to you. Opportunities available include internships, graduate programmes and full-times positions across all major sectors. Additionally, you have access to an online personal assessment.



## INTERNATIONALISE



## DID YOU KNOW?

Every year there are more than 10,000 relevant positions posted from EFMD company members to the Highered Global Job Platform.

You can now login using your social media accounts. There are complimentary Masterclass webinars available on a monthly bases which cover career topics to help advance your career journey.

# Study USA

Gain valuable experience in North America



## INTERNATIONALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Spend a year at an American college

### KEY DATES

- 2025-26 applications open Sept 2024
- Deadline is November/December

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Undergraduates
- Apply in Level 2 (normally)
- Restricted to UK/EU nationals

### HIGHLIGHTS

- International experience for your CV
- Study at high quality institutions
- Choose from a broad range of programmes

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/StudyAbroadOpps](https://go.qub.ac.uk/StudyAbroadOpps)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/britishcouncil](https://go.qub.ac.uk/britishcouncil)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Spend a full academic year at an American College or University studying business and management. Each year between 50-60 students from Northern Ireland participate in the Study USA programme which has been running since 1994.

From Washington to Wisconsin, Nebraska to New Jersey, opportunities are spread through many states - giving students the chance to experience the huge cultural and geographical diversity of the US. British Council works in partnership with over 140 institutions across the United States of America.



### THEY SAID WHAT?

“ Taking part was one of the most fulfilling years of my life. I started feeling unsure and nervous about what I was going to experience and I finished the year with memories of people I met, lessons I had learnt and places I had visited which have helped me to grow in confidence and give me a broader view of the way I look at the world. It was a truly life changing experience. ”

Niall O'Hagan  
Study USA Student of the Year



# Belmont University Summer Programme

Spend 3 weeks in Nashville!

## AT A GLANCE

- Spend three weeks living and studying on campus at Belmont University
- Successful applicants will pay a contribution of between £450-£750

## KEY DATES

- Applications usually close in February
- Anticipated travel in June

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to second year Undergraduate AHSS Students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience and explore Nashville
- Make new friends and gain new perspectives
- Examine the social and economic challenges that persist in the city

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/BelmontSummer](http://go.qub.ac.uk/BelmontSummer)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences has collaborated with Belmont University to offer AHSS students an exciting opportunity to apply to the 3-week long Summer Programme. The Belmont programme will help to broaden your horizons, enrich your degree and support your skill development for future employability.

The second cohort travelled to Nashville in June 2024 with places allocated across the 5 AHSS Schools.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The programme has proved to be very popular operating through a competitive application process.

To apply students will need to complete an application form which includes a 200-word personal statement describing how the programme will add value, enhance skills and support career aspirations.

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## FUTURE READY AWARD

Students will automatically receive the Future Ready Award upon graduation through the completion of the programme.

# Other Summer Schools

Go somewhere new this summer!

## AT A GLANCE

- Attend summer courses across Europe hosted by some of our international partners

## KEY DATES

- See specific scheme for application deadlines

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- See specific scheme for eligibility criteria
- Students may be eligible for AHSS JETSET award

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a few weeks learning in a new country gaining new perspectives
- Make friends and develop your global network

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/globalops](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globalops)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Example opportunities are listed below, but these are not an exhaustive list.

### 🇳🇱 ANTWERP UNIVERSITY

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

### 🇳🇱 EXCELIA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

### 🇫🇷 RENNES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. Courses are delivered in person onsite over 1-2 weeks.

## INTERNATIONALISE

### 🇫🇷 SKEMA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Open to Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Finance, Management students. A 1-week course, covering 2 business modules, delivered in person onsite.

### 🇳🇱 UTRECHT SUMMER SCHOOL

Open to all students, Queen's offers up to £1,400 in funding for 20-30 Undergraduate students to complete a 1-2 week course in the Netherlands. Students from a widening participation background can also avail of a further £150 funding towards the travel costs.



# Washington Ireland Programme

Be one of the next generation of leaders



INTERNATIONALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Year long programme of service and leadership development

## KEY DATES

- Closing date November
- Year long programme with 8 weeks in Washington

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Orientation and service to your community - 30 hours
- Summer semester in Washington
- Community Service and Advocacy across Northern Ireland

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/globaloppo](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globaloppo)
- [wiprogram.org](http://wiprogram.org)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

For the past 20 years, the Washington Ireland Program (WIP) has supported the peace and reconciliation efforts in Northern Ireland and Ireland. Identifying young people with a commitment to service and a track record of leadership, the programme builds their skills through work experience, educational opportunity, and hands-on citizenship both at home and in the USA.

Through these efforts, WIP is building the next generation of leaders that will achieve a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Northern Ireland and Ireland. Each year, WIP selects 30 talented students to join their growing community of leaders and influencers by completing a year-long programme of service and leadership development.



WASHINGTON  
IRELAND  
PROGRAM  
FOR SERVICE & LEADERSHIP



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ I’m really excited and I hope that through this experience I will develop skills to be able to support Northern Ireland move forward from a post-conflict society to one that celebrates diversity, and that puts equality of all people at the fore. I hope to gain a deeper understanding of how change happens, learning from those who have been at the heart of making that difference. ”

Robert Murtagh  
BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

# Project Children

US Internship Programme



INTERNATIONALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Spend the summer working in the USA
- Food, accommodation, return flights and weekly stipend included
- Students contribute a small fee and cover visa costs

## KEY DATES

- Applications normally open in March
- Duration 7 weeks

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay with an American host family
- Immerse yourself in US culture
- Network of co-ordinators and host families throughout 20 US states

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/globalopps](http://go.qub.ac.uk/globalopps)
- [projectchildren.org](http://projectchildren.org)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Now running for nearly 30 years, Project Children provides an international program to students in the US during the summer. Immerse yourself in US culture by staying with an American host family and working for a US company in your field of study.

The Project Children Summer Work & Travel Program provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for students from Northern Ireland and Ireland. Their seven week 'cultural exchange' program runs each summer, and gives students the chance experience life in the US.



The programme has two components:

- Experience the US working environment by interning with a US company for 7 weeks.
- Experience the US way of life by living with an American host family.

# Projects Abroad

Volunteer projects based in 30 destinations



INTERNATIONALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Gap Years, Summer Placements, Work Experience, Internships, Career Breaks

## KEY DATES

- Open all year round

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Prices include all of your food, accommodation, travel and health insurance
- Large variety of projects
- Host family accommodation

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/StudentVolunteering](http://go.qub.ac.uk/StudentVolunteering)
- [projects-abroad.co.uk](http://projects-abroad.co.uk)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Projects Abroad is an international volunteer organisation offering placements across the developing world. Volunteers choose from a range of different projects including teaching, care, conservation, medicine and healthcare, business and language courses. Projects Abroad pride themselves on flexibility and the ability to cater to volunteers' individual needs. They understand that you don't want a one-size-fits-all experience.



The options with Projects Abroad really are endless. Unlike most volunteer organisations, they employ full time staff wherever they work. This allows them to run projects continuously throughout the year. It also means they are completely flexible with start and end dates, so could easily fit into your schedule. With Projects Abroad, you decide when you want to go and for how long.

# Mitacs Internships

Fancy 12-weeks in Canada next summer?



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## AT A GLANCE

- A 12-week internship that increases your knowledge of and explores hands-on research in your field of study

## KEY DATES

- Application deadline in July

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Full-time undergraduates
- Students on an integrated Masters are also eligible
- Have recently completed 1st year of a 3-year programme or 2nd year of a 4-year programme
- Be able to spend 12 consecutive weeks between May and October 2025

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully funded 12 weeks in Canada

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/mitacs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/mitacs)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Go Global have teamed up with Mitacs and Universities UK International to offer three undergraduate students the opportunity to complete a fully funded 12-week research internship in Canada during the Summer of 2024 in a variety of academic disciplines from science, engineering and mathematics to the humanities and social sciences.



Students should submit a Cover Letter expressing both their interest and suitability for the 12-week Research Internship (max 500 words).



\*Please note that although this will be a fully-funded opportunity for the successful candidates, some of the fees will be incurred by the selected students upfront and reimbursed upon arrival in Canada.

# IAESTE

Work, experience, discover

## AT A GLANCE

- A paid international placement

## KEY DATES

- Duration: from 6 weeks to 1 year
- Rolling closing dates

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- All programmes

## HIGHLIGHTS

- See the world and get paid!
- Or, have a virtual internship instead!

## FIND OUT MORE

- [iaeste.org](http://iaeste.org)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/IAESTE](http://go.qub.ac.uk/IAESTE)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

IAESTE (The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) serve 3000 employers and 1000 academic institutions through career-focused professional internships in more than 100 countries worldwide. With IAESTE, you can do a paid industry placement relevant to your studies.

Traditional internships offer you the chance to live and work in a foreign country, gain valuable experience, enhance your CV, make new friends from all over the world and have a truly life-changing experience.

Remote internships offer the chance to gain experience for those that for one reason or another cannot travel. They offer the same real work and expectation but you can do them from the comfort of your own home.

An exciting array of traineeships open up each year to undergraduate and graduate students. This is an invaluable opportunity to kick-start your career in your chosen field.

## INTERNATIONALISE



# IAESTE

Use the online search to look roles in economics, business, management, marketing and more. Or why not join the student led committee at QUB – new members always welcome!

## THEY SAID WHAT?

What are the placements like? Check out a sample at [iaeste.org/trainee/student-testimonials](http://iaeste.org/trainee/student-testimonials).

# Future Ready Skills for Leaders: Go Global

Learn within a multicultural leadership group



INTERNATIONALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- International Employability Programme

## KEY DATES

- Duration 10-12 days (On campus and in international location)
- Attendance at all sessions is compulsory for the programme

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all undergraduate students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- International trip (location varies) to meet with Queen's Alumni and other professionals
- Design Thinking Training

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/SkillsForLeaders](http://go.qub.ac.uk/SkillsForLeaders)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Now in its sixth year, the Future Ready Skills for Leaders takes place in a different global location each year. Previous destinations have included Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Toronto and Boston. The aim of this programme is to enable students to develop leadership skills which will support Queen's and the wider community.

In 2024, the programme took place in New York, with a maximum group size of 25 Undergraduate students. These students came together to address the challenge "How might students contribute to Queen's becoming a Net Zero University by 2040?"



\*Please note, the programme may be subject to change.

- January - On campus team workshops to learn the principles of Design Thinking
- January to March - Team research project group work
- March - On campus workshops to ideate and prototype a solution
- June - Trip to TBC location to visit 8-10 companies and attend a networking event



# Rian Immigrant Centre

J1 work and travel visa programme

## AT A GLANCE

- Help to gain US work experience

## KEY DATES

- Duration of up to one year
- Check website for details

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Final year students
- Recent graduates

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Opportunity to live, work and travel in the US.
- Paid internship with a US. employer

## FIND OUT MORE

- [riancenter.org](http://riancenter.org)
- [j1iwt@riancenter.org](mailto:j1iwt@riancenter.org)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Rian Immigrant Center (formerly Irish International Immigrant Center) in Boston, has for many years delivered top quality Learning Exchange Programmes for many Irish/NI students and graduates. Rian J1 sponsors the year long J1 Graduate and J1 Intern visas to the United States, and since 2008 has helped over 3000 students and graduates of Irish/NI Universities to live and work in their area of study in the US.

If you are a current final year student at QUB, or have just graduated, and want to get an outstanding piece of US. based work experience on your CV, then the J1 Graduate visa is the way to achieve that goal. Rian J1 will process your application, give support and advice on travelling to the US. and will use their network of business contacts to help you secure a great paid job in your area of study. They also process applications for QUB students with US. based placements already pre-set as part of your course. The J1 Graduate visa is a once in a lifetime opportunity to live and work in the US.

## INTERNATIONALISE



# Other Opportunities

Have fun and improve lives.

## AT A GLANCE

- Students can volunteer for a number of opportunities outside of the university.
- These may not count towards a Future Award, but rewarding nonetheless.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Help improve the lives and living conditions of others
- Learn practical skills!
- Make new friends
- Option to extend travel

## FIND OUT MORE

- [habitatni.co.uk](http://habitatni.co.uk)
- [go-nyquest.com](http://go-nyquest.com)
- [campamerica.co.uk](http://campamerica.co.uk)
- [campleaders.com](http://campleaders.com)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Every day, Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair their home in 70 countries around the world. Get involved: use your hands and your voice for change, in our community and around the world.



## CAMP CANADA

NYQUEST Camp Canada recruits from around the world for summer camp jobs in Canada. Not only are they the only summer camp placement agency based in Canada, but they receive excellent reviews and testimonials, and awards for their work to support camp staff.

## INTERNATIONALISE

## CAMP AMERICA

Established in 1969, Camp America is the biggest international summer camp staff provider, recruiting thousands of young people each year to work on hundreds of amazing summer camps across the USA. Camp America is a cultural exchange programme that gives young people the chance to participate on a nine-week placement in the USA.

## CAMP LEADERS

With return Atlantic flights, food, accommodation and visa assistance included, it'll be the best summer you'll ever have. Their award winning customer service means Camp Leaders can offer you full support throughout your application. Not only will you make loads of friends, but you'll have an experience to wow any future employer - from leading teams to working under pressure, you'll come away from camp with more relevant experiences than you'll be able to talk about in a single interview.

**COMMERCIALISE**

# QBS Connect

Inclusion | Development | Connection

## AT A GLANCE

- Student-led cultural and socially inclusive activities aimed at strengthening personal and professional development

## KEY DATES

- Paid team roles advertised on Q-Work in August/September
- Activities run all year

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all QBS students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet employers and alumni
- Get valuable experience in events, marketing, communications and project management

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QBSConnectIntranet)
- [q-work.co.uk](http://q-work.co.uk)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Facilitated and supported by the School, QBS Connect relies on the input of a small paid team of students who are responsible for promoting activities and events throughout the year that help you feel more connected with fellow students, the wider University and beyond.

QBS Connect enables students to access activities and events designed to develop essential skills outside the core curriculum. Alumni, professionals and other stakeholders will be involved in delivering events that can:

- Help you enjoy the University experience through new connections
- Open up new perspectives on other cultures and traditions
- Strengthen key skills that help set you apart when you leave University

## COMMERCIALISE



If you would be interested in applying to become a member of the student-led team who helps to develop and deliver the QBS Connect programme of events, you can apply directly through the application link on Q-Work, or by registering your interest with our Business Engagement and Employability Manager, Karl Webb ([k.webb@qub.ac.uk](mailto:k.webb@qub.ac.uk)).

# QBS Study Tours

Insight to Business

## AT A GLANCE

- Find out about what its like to live and work in a city

## KEY DATES

- September & Easter

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Degree specific

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Get valuable tips from recruiters
- Find out about recruitment opportunities
- Network with employers

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/qbsplacement](http://go.qub.ac.uk/qbsplacement)
- [qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk](mailto:qbsplacement@qub.ac.uk)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Take a QBS Study Tour and visit key companies in Belfast, Dublin or London. Previous tours have included:

- London: AON, Bloomberg, EY, Goldman Sachs, Liberty Speciality Markets, Morgan Stanley and Bank of England
- Belfast: Citi, FinTrU and Spence
- Dublin: SIG, KPMG, ESB and Irish Life

You have the opportunity to network with recent graduates and senior professionals, gain an insight into work cultures, people and environments. You will also find out about summer internships, insight weeks, placements and graduate opportunities.

This is a great opportunity for you to gain an insight into different business sectors, enhance your commercial awareness and learn about recruitment opportunities and practices.

## COMMERCIALISE



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ A brilliant experience, thoroughly enjoyed it and would highly recommend the trip. It helped me gain an insight into Trading, Actuarial and Accounting opportunities helping me decide on what I would like to apply for ”

Finance Student  
QBS Dublin Study Tour

# Stock Market Challenge

Interested in a career in Finance?

## AT A GLANCE

- Simulate stock market environments

## INDICATIVE DATES

- Held in February each year

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students from all disciplines

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Compete for top prizes including industry insight opportunities
- Networking Opportunities

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/StockMarket](http://go.qub.ac.uk/StockMarket)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Facilitated by the Careers, Employability and Skills service at Queen's and Global Investor Simulations, the trading game is open to students from all levels and disciplines and simulates the highs and lows of the trading room floor. It is held annually in February and is an opportunity for students to gain real-world experience of analysing markets and making investments.



## COMMERCIALISE



Students compete for top prizes including insight experience with participating employers including PwC, Deloitte, First Derivatives, FinTrU and FSComm.

# Future-Ready Skills For Leaders

Develop your commercial awareness



COMMERCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Programme of time-limited business games and challenges.

## KEY DATES

- Applications open in Semester 2
- Programme usually takes place in March

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students
- Must be available for all 3 days
- 30 contact hours engaged in interactive business games and case studies

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your teamwork, management and leadership skills
- Compete against the other teams in a series of active learning challenges

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/FutureSkillsForLeaders](http://go.qub.ac.uk/FutureSkillsForLeaders)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Formally known as 'Insight into Management', participants in this programme can expect three days of fast-moving, team-based challenges to develop your commercial awareness and management skills. Insight will introduce you to a team of peers, to encourage you to quickly bond and work your way through a programme of time-limited business games and challenges. The exercises are designed to help you and your peers to quickly develop your commercial awareness in a lively, safe and friendly atmosphere.

Getting the chance to learn through experience is more important than any mistakes that you may make along the way. You will undoubtedly meet new people and enjoy the fun aspect as you and your new team work together to compete against the other teams in a series of active learning challenges. Future Ready Skills is nationally recognised and valued by graduate recruiters.



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ There were many different projects we were involved in, including creating a product, working in teams and producing a tv programme. It was really fun and i would recommend it to anyone. ”

Simon Curry  
BSc Maths with Finance

# Queen's Student Managed Fund

Learn how to research and make investments



COMMERCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Help manage a investment portfolio worth £70K

## KEY DATES

- Committee applications in October
- Runs all year

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students
- No prior experience required
- Ideal for those studying Finance
- Roles for everyone: student executive, sector head, senior/junior analyst

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Davy Stock Pitching Evening
- Bloomberg Market Concepts
- Learn from peers

## FIND OUT MORE

- [a.hanna@qub.ac.uk](mailto:a.hanna@qub.ac.uk)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/qubsmf](http://go.qub.ac.uk/qubsmf)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Queen's is one of only a handful of UK and Irish Universities offering you that chance to manage a real-money investment fund. Working in sector teams, under the guidance of an experienced sector head, students use the FinTrU trading room to conduct fundamental equity research and manage a portfolio. With a range of roles, from junior analyst to CEO, the Fund has a role to suit you.

With an emphasis on peer learning and mentoring, the supportive environment is designed to encourage students to develop their skill set and enhance their employability within the highly competitive financial services industry. Activities include training, use of Bloomberg, stock pitching, and portfolio construction.

So if you think you might be the next Warren Buffet, or just want to learn more about investing, why not join the Queen's Student Managed Fund!



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ SMF is a valuable learning experience focusing on the fundamentals of equity valuation. Our analysts continue to report that their experience in the fund plays an instrumental role in their ability to secure top internships, placements and graduate jobs.”

Megan O'Hanlon  
Chief Executive Officer



# CFA Research Challenge

Put your financial research skills to the test.

## AT A GLANCE

- Produce an equity research report and pitch it to industry professionals
- Compete as part of a team of 5

## KEY DATES

- Selection process starts in October
- All Ireland final usually March/April

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Experience essential (academic or commercial); ideal for those studying Finance and related subjects

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Professional mentoring for the team
- A chance to grill company executives
- Travel to Dublin and maybe onto the European and Global finals!

## FIND OUT MORE

- [cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge](http://cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The CFA Institute Research Challenge is an annual, global competition that provides university students with hands-on mentoring and intensive training in financial analysis. Working under the guidance of an industry mentor, the team must research and analyse a publicly traded company and then write a research report on their assigned company with a buy, sell, or hold recommendation.

The team must also pitch their investment thesis at the all Ireland finals in Dublin. If successful, the winning team will then proceed to compete in the European, and maybe even the global finals!



## COMMERCIALISE



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ The CFA Research Challenge was a fantastic learning experience. It was challenging and team work was essential. It’s a unique opportunity to combine industry practice and academic knowledge, while competing against some of Ireland’s best students. Networking with Ireland’s leading financial professionals was richly rewarding. ”

Megan O’Hanlon  
BSc Finance

# Jump IN

Jump into your volunteering journey!

## AT A GLANCE

- Build skills for volunteering

## KEY DATES

- For details register interest using link below

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Anyone in a volunteering role or looking for one

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Training from leading industry experts.
- Translate your leadership and volunteering experiences into employability skills.

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/jumpin](http://go.qub.ac.uk/jumpin)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Jump IN is an all-encompassing programme, which supports you in every stage of your volunteering journey. Whether you are a seasoned volunteer, or looking for your first role, Jump IN is there for you.

The programme allows you to take part in volunteering fairs, training sessions and expert Q&As, so that you can build the skills and knowledge you need to step into any role with confidence. From team collaboration and negotiation; to volunteer governance and fundraising, you will be able to explore every aspect of volunteering.

Also, if you have got a charitable or voluntary idea of your own, Jump IN can provide guidance to set up and structure, and introduce you to key contacts that can help your project succeed.

## COMMERCIALISE



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ It was a great experience where I had the opportunity to meet different leaders from numerous backgrounds and exchange interesting ideas. The programme helped me discover new ways on how to motivate people which proved to be beneficial for the great team I lead. ”

Bogdan Golumbeanu  
BSc Economics with Finance

# QQuest Accelerator

Accelerate your startup



## COMMERCIALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Time, support and financial backing to ensure the market need exists for your business

### KEY DATES

- 3 month Summer Programme

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students or recent graduate (within 5 years)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 day Bootcamp and mid-programme training sessions
- Share of £50k funding pot available to apply for upon completion of the programme

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/QQuest2024](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QQuest2024)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

A bespoke programme, run by QUBIS in partnership with SU Enterprise and The Helix Way, offers students and graduates funding, expert training, mentoring and coaching from the team at the Helix Way and our alumni network to help progress ideas to commercialisation.

Student startups complete a 3 month programme and receive £5,000 worth of support (£3,000 salary grant, £1,500 Digital testing grant and a £500 Business Advisor grant).

Graduate startups complete a 6 month programme and receive £10,000 worth of support (£8,000 salary grant, £1,500 Digital testing grant and a £500 Business Advisor grant).



This programme can open up doors to investment, networks, IP expertise and further opportunities and has been transformative in helping start-ups succeed in recent years.

Delivery will be mixture of in person and online. All dates will be available prior to commencing the programme.

Applicants should be prepared to work full time on your business during the programme and attend all workshops and sessions.

# The Graduate School

Get future ready



COMMERCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Join the vibrant postgraduate community to learn and network

## KEY DATES

- Check website for each activity
- Early registration advised!

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Masters and Doctoral Students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A chance to go beyond your studies
- Stand out in the job market
- Meet students from other disciplines

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/graddev](http://go.qub.ac.uk/graddev)
- [graduateschool@qub.ac.uk](mailto:graduateschool@qub.ac.uk)

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The Graduate School will support you to be a Thinker, Innovator, Leader, and Communicator who is Future-Ready. In addition to the programmes highlighted on this page, they also host events and run programmes on academic skills, enterprise and innovation, and researcher development.

### MASTER YOUR LEADERSHIP

Master Your Leadership helps postgraduate taught students develop and enhance their personal skills and grow their networks in a rapidly changing world. Leadership in this new virtual world is about promoting collaboration and motivating yourself and others. This programme will help you to develop the skills and behaviours needed to take on these new leadership challenges.

### MAKE IT HAPPEN

SU Enterprise offers up to £1500 'Make it Happen' programme funding to support eligible postgraduate students in kick-starting a business idea.



## CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

The focus of these 3 workshops is on building participants knowledge and understanding of tools and techniques used in Creative Problem solving and Design Thinking.

Each workshop has a basis in “learning by doing”. The theory for each workshop will be introduced and then, through a series of interactive exercises and tools, participants will be provided with a fully hands on experience of learning the tools.

# Santander Internships and Work Placements



COMMERCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Largest international programme of its kind developed by a commercial enterprise.

## KEY DATES

- Advertised through MyFuture

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain work experience with an SME or the banking industry
- Internships include financial assistance

## FIND OUT MORE

- [qub.ac.uk/alumni/Santander](http://qub.ac.uk/alumni/Santander)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/santander](http://go.qub.ac.uk/santander)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The scheme is aimed at students who have an interest in banking, or a desire to develop their skills in preparation for employment once graduated. Activities will include Product Knowledge Learning, shadowing the Branch Manager on Risk/Control checks, reviewing policies, observing customer interviews and directly communicating with potential customers in the branch.

The SME internships at Queen's work with local SME enterprises and community and voluntary sector organisations to provide paid internships ranging from two weeks to ten weeks in duration.

The Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Award is divided into two categories: undergraduate and postgraduate. The winners will not only receive a cash prize, but can use the bank's services to help them start up their proposed business.



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ The Santander Universities Entrepreneurship award certainly gives huge credibility to my business and will hopefully enable me to take BellaMoon to the next level. ”

Irene Breen  
MBA student

Winner of Santander Universities  
Entrepreneurship Competition



### AT A GLANCE

- QBS students have the opportunity to explore entrepreneurship, develop entrepreneurial skills, build networks with other aspiring entrepreneurs and learn from seasoned experts.
- Dedicated 'Entrepreneurial Hub' in the Student Hub with hotdesking facilities to develop business ideas surrounded by like-minded students. Students can also attend Community Collider events where students from across the University get together socially, sharing ideas and making connections.

### KEY DATES

- See relevant web sites for application deadlines

### FIND OUT MORE

- [q-su.org/EnterpriseSU/](http://q-su.org/EnterpriseSU/)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/esuopps](http://go.qub.ac.uk/esuopps)
- [belfastcity.gov.uk/bea](http://belfastcity.gov.uk/bea)
- [www.techstars.com](http://www.techstars.com)

### YEAR IN ENTERPRISE

As a QBS student, you have the potential to spend a placement year developing your own business idea based in the School's new Accelerator Hub. A limited number of Year in Enterprise Placement Scholarships (offered on a competitive basis) are available to support students who wish to pursue this option.

### SU ENTERPRISE

SU Enterprise have a range of programmes and activities to help develop entrepreneurial skills. Students who wish to start their own business can arrange a 1-2-1 with a SU Enterprise Advisor who will chat to them about their activity and signpost them towards relevant funding and pitching competitions including:

- Make it happen
- Quest programme
- What's the big idea?

### BELFAST ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Funded by Belfast City Council, this enterprise support programme allows you to work in cross-disciplinary teams to develop viable business ideas and business plans. You will meet a number of successful local entrepreneurs and learn from their business experiences. You will also have the opportunity to learn from and network with professionals from marketing, finance, intellectual property, idea generation and business planning and development.

### TECHSTARS

QBS has linked up with Techstars, a pre-seed investor that provides access to capital, mentorship and other superb support programmes that has helped make it the largest startup network in the world.

# InnovateHer

Develop viable business ideas and business models



## COMMERCIALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- InnovateHer is a unique support programme for female students to encourage entrepreneurial thinking

### KEY DATES

- Various opportunities through the academic year

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all female students

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your creative thinking skills
- Network with successful female entrepreneurs and business women
- Gain essential skills and knowledge for entering the professional world

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/innovateherSU](http://go.qub.ac.uk/innovateherSU)
- [innovateher.co.uk](http://innovateher.co.uk)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

InnovateHer brings female QUB students together over a course of 12 sessions where they will work in cross disciplinary teams to develop business ideas and models.

Two site visits to local businesses are incorporated in the programme as well as workshops taking place in external organizations for example, Entrepreneurial Spark and PwC. Learn and network with female entrepreneurs and business women, as well as professionals from marketing, finance, intellectual property, idea generation and business planning and development.

The programme culminates in a pitch to a panel of judges with four prizes for the best business idea and best business pitch.



### THEY SAID WHAT?

“ This was a great program and I wish I would have been part of it sooner. I got the opportunity to make some great friends in the process. It is refreshing to see so many women in business and it has definitely boosted my confidence level of what is and is not a viable business plan. I'm glad so many of the speakers reiterated a point that has been the Achilles heel of why I was scared to venture out on my own...don't be afraid to fail. ”

InnovateHer participant

# QUB Dragons' Den

The Dragons are waiting!



COMMERCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Come into the Dragons' Den with your business idea

## KEY DATES

- Advertised through Enterprise SU

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk away with everything you need to launch your business
- Ramp up your business skills through pitching, networking and training
- Meet ambitious and successful entrepreneurs
- Master the boardroom pitch through training and first-hand experience

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/dragons](http://go.qub.ac.uk/dragons)
- [q-su.org/EnterpriseSU](http://q-su.org/EnterpriseSU)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Come into the Dragons' Den – where you could win a £20,000 prize pot, including £3,000 from the Engineers in Business Fund, hot-desking space in 'SU CoWork' at One Elmwood, and access to specialist mentoring and support. All this is ready and waiting to be pried from the Dragons' talons - everything you need to breathe fire into your new business!



Students will enter via an application form to be submitted directly to Enterprise SU. From these, twenty ideas will be selected and short-listed to come and give a 2-minute 'elevator pitch' to the panel of judges. Finalists will then be short-listed to come and do a final 10 minute pitch at the Dragons' Den event.

The finalists are eligible for a Future Ready Award.





### AT A GLANCE

- Social enterprise society at Queen's

### KEY DATES

- Events all year round

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Support from QUB academics and business leaders
- Develop self reflection and self reliance skills
- Network with executives and recruiters at Enactus competitions

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/enactus](http://go.qub.ac.uk/enactus)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Enactus Belfast is a social enterprise society at Queen's and is currently in the top five Enactus teams in the UK.

The community of students, academics and business leaders are committed to utilising the entrepreneurial skills and hard working spirit of their members to empower the individuals they work with in Northern Ireland and around the world.

Enactus Belfast runs both social and commercial projects, with the commercial projects providing them with essential funds to ensure that they are sustainable for years to come.

Across the globe there are over 80,000 students involved in Enactus. In the UK alone there are over fifty Enactus University societies and every year they come together in London to present their work over the past year with the hope of going on the represent the UK in the Enactus World Cup.



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ Enactus is a fantastic society to get involved in while at university. No matter what your degree course is, there's something for everyone. It's one thing to learn about something from a book but when you can get involved in something that creates real social change - that's where you really learn. We are always on the look out for new members to get involved and I encourage anyone to get in touch to find out more about how they can join the team - you won't regret it! ”

Enactus VP

# Mentoring & Skills Development

Get help to find the right career path for you

COMMERCIALISE

## DATA DUO MENTORING

Data Duo Mentoring at QBS brings together current MSc Business Analytics students and industry professionals to develop a mutually beneficial relationship, shaping leaders in business analytics.

Develop a relationship with an experienced business professional to help you start making your mark on the working world. Get advice on developing your career, building a professional network, and niche industry guidance. Use your valuable insight to help a professional to create an attractive working environment for young people, develop their digital and social media knowledge, and guide them on upcoming trends.

Each mentoring relationship will be two-way, so that both parties benefit. A mentoring cycle will last three months.

[go.qub.ac.uk/DataDuo](https://go.qub.ac.uk/DataDuo)

## FINANCE ALUMNI MENTORING

BSc Finance students targeting roles in London can apply to be paired with an industry mentor. Drawn from the School's alumni network, your mentor can help you to navigate the highly competitive recruitment processes, from insight days to internships and graduate roles. For more information, contact [aine.gallagher@qub.ac.uk](mailto:aine.gallagher@qub.ac.uk).

## AHSS STUDENT MENTORING

The AHSS student mentoring programme aims to help enhance students' understanding of the world of work, themselves and their potential work environments. As a result, students are empowered to enter and succeed in graduate job markets, the world of work and their personal development. Applications open in September 2024.

[go.qub.ac.uk/ahssmentors](https://go.qub.ac.uk/ahssmentors)

## CAREERS, EMPLOYABILITY & SKILLS

Careers, Employability and Skills can help you plan your route from study to employment. As well as offering personal guidance, information and advice, they run a range of programmes to help you develop your ideas, formulate your career plan and achieve your goals. Check out the range of available services and opportunities using the links below:

[go.qub.ac.uk/careers](https://go.qub.ac.uk/careers)

[go.qub.ac.uk/careersQBS](https://go.qub.ac.uk/careersQBS)

## QBS CAREERS SERVICE

QBS has a dedicated team of careers experts, responsible for developing and implementing a full range of careers education, information, advice and guidance. As well as being delivered within the context of your studies, you have the opportunity to avail of bespoke careers guidance at our Coffee and Careers sessions that take place regularly in the Student Hub. Keep an eye on the QBS Connect intranet page for details!

**SOCIALISE**

# Ethical Responsible Sustainable Opportunities

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## AT A GLANCE

PRME is the largest organised relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.

## PRME PRINCIPLES

- Principle 1 | Purpose
- Principle 2 | Values
- Principle 3 | Teach
- Principle 4 | Research
- Principle 5 | Partner
- Principle 6 | Practice
- Principle 7 | Share

## FIND OUT MORE

For more information in relation to PRME or the Northern Ireland Business and Human Rights Student Ambassadors Programme (see overleaf), please contact the Director of ERS, Dr Laura Steele.

- [laura.steele@qub.ac.uk](mailto:laura.steele@qub.ac.uk)
- [unprme.org](http://unprme.org)

## PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Queen's Business School is a Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Champion institution, reflecting our commitment to thought and action leadership on responsible management education. Working through Seven Principles, PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic, social responsibility, and sustainability goals. In accordance with the objectives of PRME, we are committed to ensuring that our students not only develop their business acumen but are equipped with the knowledge and capacity to become the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

How do we achieve this? Ethics, responsibility, and sustainability are embedded across the programmes offered, research undertaken, and activities engaged in at QBS. As well as our QBS subject specific association groups, in this section we've identified some student opportunities on offer that embody the PRME Principles.

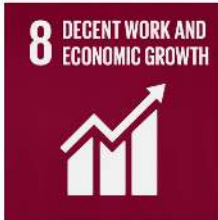
# PRME

## Principles for Responsible Management Education

### THEY SAID WHAT?

“Developing responsible leaders has never been more important, and we view it as a core aspect of our role at QBS. PRME, along with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, gives us a global framework in which to do that”

Dr Laura Steele  
Director of ERS



### KEY DATES

- Sign up at the Freshers Fair
- Society formals (dates vary)

### ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

- [go.qub.ac.uk/accsoc](http://go.qub.ac.uk/accsoc)
- [facebook.com/QUBAccSoc](https://www.facebook.com/QUBAccSoc)
- [accounting-society@qub.ac.uk](mailto:accounting-society@qub.ac.uk)

### ECONOMICS SOCIETY

- [go.qub.ac.uk/ecosoc](http://go.qub.ac.uk/ecosoc)
- [facebook.com/qubeconomics](https://www.facebook.com/qubeconomics)
- [economics-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:economics-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### FINANCE & ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

- [go.qub.ac.uk/finsoc](http://go.qub.ac.uk/finsoc)
- [www.facebook.com/FandAQUB](https://www.facebook.com/FandAQUB)
- [finance-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:finance-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

- [go.qub.ac.uk/mansoc](http://go.qub.ac.uk/mansoc)
- [facebook.com/QUBMgtSoc](https://www.facebook.com/QUBMgtSoc)
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## ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

The QUB Accounting Society seek to organise events for students to bring them closer together and interact throughout the academic year with their peers. This allows students to build relationships with those in their class and also network with potential businesses. We liaise with all the Big 4 Accounting firms to host events and bring students opportunities to get to know employers. This can lead to internships and possible job offers.

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

Studying Economics, or simply interested in one of the most important social sciences of our age? Then join the Economics Society! With many events to choose from such as Kilkenomics (the economics and comedy festival in Kilkenny), The Trinity Economics Forum in Dublin (Ireland's largest student run economics forum), guest speakers, socials (including quizzes, mini-golf, and bowling), competitions and much more!

## FINANCE & ACTUARIAL SOCIETY

The QUB Finance and Actuary Society is a subject-society. We are not exclusive to Finance and Actuary students and welcome other QBS students! We hold exciting events so you can make new friends and meet people on your course. Popular events include the annual Mystery Tour and a fabulous Formal.

## MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

The QUB Management Society offers a wide range of academic, professional, social, and personal opportunities to members from all QBS disciplines through the strong relationships we have formed with QUB Clubs, Societies, Organisations, Staff, Local Businesses, and Graduate Employers. Opportunities range from industry-leading guest speeches, networking events which solidify student bonds with professionals and entrepreneurs from all backgrounds, updates on placements, internships, and graduate jobs.

# Northern Ireland Business and Human Rights Student Ambassador Programme

## AT A GLANCE

- Are you ready to become an ambassador for ethics and human rights in business?

## KEY DATES

- Applications close in October

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- All Students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Become a QBS Ethics Ambassador
- Develop your skills and knowledge
- Learn about human rights in business

## FIND OUT MORE

- Places on the Programme are limited. For more information please email Dr Laura Steele.
- [laura.steele@qub.ac.uk](mailto:laura.steele@qub.ac.uk)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/QBSERS](http://go.qub.ac.uk/QBSERS)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/bhrambassador](http://go.qub.ac.uk/bhrambassador)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Northern Ireland Business and Human Rights Student Ambassador Programme is a collaborative initiative between Queen's Business School and the Northern Ireland Business and Human Rights Forum. The purpose of the Programme is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to act as ambassadors to promote ethics and human rights within business during both their academic studies and future professional careers. The Programme is open to students at any level from across Queen's University.

The Programme is based upon three elements which must be fulfilled for the student to be put forward for Future Ready accreditation and receive a certificate from QBS and the NIBHRF.

- **EDUCATE:** Participate in three interactive half-day workshops organised by QBS and the NIBHRF exploring issues around human rights, business ethics, sustainability, and responsible management.

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- **ENGAGE:** Attend two online or face-to-face events. For example, meetings of the NIBHRF, the UK Global Goals Roadshow, or any other relevant activities as approved by QBS and the Forum.
- **ENCOURAGE:** Organise and deliver a student-led activity at the QUB Development Weeks held in May/June. This may include, but is not limited to, a talk, mini conference, or workshop open to students from across the University.

In addition, students will be required to complete a reflective workbook in order to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed over the course of the Programme.

# Handy Helpers

Volunteer projects to help students and society



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## AT A GLANCE

- Take part in a wide range of one-off volunteering opportunities in the local community

## KEY DATES

- Open registration

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Variety of opportunities
- Make a difference to your local community
- Make new friends
- Build your skills

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/helpers](http://go.qub.ac.uk/helpers)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Handy Helpers, co-ordinated by Queen's Student' Union responds to the needs of the local community through student volunteering projects such as community gardening, logistical support at events, community litter-picks, decorating charity premises and supporting social activities for older people.

The Handy Helpers initiative has been the driving force behind the regeneration in a number of areas in Belfast. Student volunteers cleared area's, planted hundreds of plants and painted surrounding walls and fences, transforming a dead space into a welcoming area for residents and students to enjoy together.



Student volunteer efforts have not only improved the physical environment of those living, studying and working in South Belfast but have brought significant social, economic, cultural and mental health benefits to students and society.

At the first Handy Helpers event you attend, you will receive a loyalty card which will be stamped at every Handy Helpers activity in which you participate. At 3, 5 and 10 stamps you will be given a small reward for being an awesome volunteer. We don't want to give away too much, but some of the rewards include vouchers, hoodies and travel mugs. But the best reward of all is that you will be making a positive, tangible difference in your local community.



# Remote Opportunities

Help society globally from the comfort of your own home



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- For many activities, all you will need is internet access and some free time

## KEY DATES

- Open to applications at any time

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Engage in a range of projects around the globe from home
- New opportunities added throughout the year

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/RemoteOpportunities](http://go.qub.ac.uk/RemoteOpportunities)
- [Contact su.volunteer@qub.ac.uk](mailto:su.volunteer@qub.ac.uk)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Volunteering is not only about what you can give back to your community, but also what you get out of it, including building great skills and training that you can use on your CV. You can do anything from helping tutor disadvantaged children, help map rural landscapes to help aid workers, to helping a local charity set-up their website, all from the comfort of your own home!

Queen's promotes volunteering opportunities that we hope will provide you with a rewarding and enriching experience. There are currently around 29 volunteering opportunities identified by the University for you to review and join!



# Belfast Hills Partnership

Practical Environmental Conservation



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Carry out ecological and conservation work in the Belfast Hills and surrounding areas

## KEY DATES

- Various seasonal events through out the year

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your understanding of sustainability, and help drive environmental change
- All training is provided
- Spend time outdoors making a difference

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHills](http://go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHills)
- [go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHillsFutureAward](http://go.qub.ac.uk/BelfastHillsFutureAward)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Learn new skills, help the local environment, improve your physical and mental health and have great craic while doing it! You can discover and explore areas of nature throughout Belfast, including some hidden gems, whilst earning a Future-Ready Award.

Activities are seasonal and include tree/hedge planting, tree nursery work, wildflower meadow creation, litter lifts, invasive species management and wildlife surveys.

Training is provided, so all abilities and backgrounds are welcome. Everyone who is capable of a little light work and enjoys spending time outside can join.



The role is flexible, so volunteers can decide how much or little time they commit with activities taking place usually on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Whether you're a seasoned conservationist or a complete novice, don't be shy, get involved!



# Peer Mentoring

Students supporting students



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- The opportunity to make a difference to the lives of new students as they make the transition to Queen's

## KEY DATES

- Normally recruited from Jan to March

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students
- Become a mentor from Level 2

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Develop your communication, study and personal skills
- Work as part of an enthusiastic team and make lasting friendships
- Develop strategies for dealing with both personal and academic issues

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/mentor](http://go.qub.ac.uk/mentor)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Peer Mentoring at Queen's offers you, as a new student, the opportunity to access guidance and advice from students who have already completed Level 1.

In level two, you can become a Peer Mentor. It's subject-based and mentors are selected by School staff and trained by the Learning Development Service. Subject-based undergraduate peer mentors are trained to support incoming first years with transition and, in some cases, provide a level of academic support through the facilitation of study groups.

All mentors are trained in one to one and group communication skills, facilitation skills, coaching skills and generic study skills support.



Students' contribution and engagement with the scheme is monitored by the School/discipline Academic Lead. Peer mentoring aims to make the transition to University smoother and less daunting.

# Student Ambassadors

Act as an ambassador for your university



## SOCIALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Welcome guests on to campus and highlight the facilities the university has to offer

### KEY DATES

- Apply through MyFuture

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Accompany the Recruitment team to school talks to deliver student focused presentations about studying at QUB
- Support on campus events such as Open Days, Taster Days, Residential and Teacher events
- Learn more about QUB history

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/futureready](http://go.qub.ac.uk/futureready)

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Becoming a Queen's Student Ambassador will allow you to get involved with many different types of activities, developing skills you already have as well as gaining new ones.

Successful candidates will be invited to represent Queen's at a range of corporate events, participate in many activities, and assist with student recruitment fairs throughout their time at Queen's, and as a Queen's graduate.



## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Being a Student Ambassador is a deeply rewarding opportunity, you'll obtain:

- Paid work opportunities
- Full training to build your knowledge and skills
- Networking for future career opportunities
- Attendance at social events
- Those who complete the programme will receive the Future-Ready Award (previously DegreePlus)

# Queen's Academy

Mentoring young people to raise educational ambition



## SOCIALISE

### AT A GLANCE

- Support students in academic skills workshops, lectures, seminars and throughout the university application process

### KEY DATES

- Apply through in MyFuture

### WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit schools to tell pupils about university life
- Empower children with the knowledge and vocabulary associated with QUB
- Opportunity to participate in a short summer residential experience, staying at Elms Village at Queen's

### FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/WPUAcademy](http://go.qub.ac.uk/WPUAcademy)

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Queen's Academy is designed to raise the aspirations of young people who are most able but least likely to progress to Higher Education. Queen's University students have the opportunity to get involved by mentoring young people and participating in the junior or senior academy programmes.

Junior academy mentoring involves being an ambassador for the University, passing on knowledge and experience of university life. Senior academy mentoring involves passing on subject and course knowledge to potential applicants.

Mentoring as part of the academy requires a positive and enthusiastic attitude to higher education that will in turn help to raise the aspirations of participants. Training will be provided as part of this Future Ready (previously DegreePlus) opportunity.



### THEY SAID WHAT?

“ It helped me on different ways to study. It helped me to see what the student life is like. ”

Queen's Academy participant

# Homework Clubs

Raise the educational attainment and aspirations of children and young people



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Gain hands on experience tutoring and working with young people.

## KEY DATES

- Applications at the start of each semester

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Make a valuable contribution to your community
- Register for a Prestige Award
- Eligible for Future Ready Award
- An optional opportunity to attend specialised awareness workshop on areas such as special educational needs

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/homework](http://go.qub.ac.uk/homework)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Would you like to help local children and young people improve their study skills, build their confidence and raise their aspirations about further and higher education?

The Homework Clubs Programme gives Queen's University volunteers the chance to provide homework support to children and young people who live in areas of educational underachievement. These pupils may not have the opportunity to complete their homework at home which can lead to underachieving in school, low confidence and limited future opportunities.



Student volunteers interact with the children/young people on a social level by engaging in meaningful conversations and by organising recreational activities as well as homework tutoring, which subsequently aids their own personal development, raises their social insight and improves their employability prospects.

Homework Clubs is a perfect opportunity for you to make a positive change in your community, get involved in something rewarding and gain hands-on experience for your personal and professional development.

# Student Representatives

Represent students at University meetings



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Contribute to decision making at QUB

## KEY DATES

- Nominations to become a School or Course Representative open in October

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Help develop the learning partnership between staff in your school and students in your cohort
- Suggest, develop and implement solutions related to creating a more vibrant campus life
- Let students contact you about issues they want to raise

## FIND OUT MORE

- [change@qub.ac.uk](mailto:change@qub.ac.uk)
- [q-su.org/studentvoice/](http://q-su.org/studentvoice/)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Are you aware of issues academic or otherwise that concern your fellow students and you? Do you want to belong to a body that can make a real difference and can impact upon the decision making processes of the University? Then you should put yourself forward for membership of the Students' Union Council.

All students are entitled to stand for the Council, which is elected annually in October and is responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Students' Union. The Council effectively manages the Union President and the six Vice Presidents.

If you want to gain experience of democratic structures, governance arrangements, committee work and debating, membership of the Students' Union Council is the ideal choice for you.







# Elite Athlete and Academy Scholarship

All it takes is all you've got



SOCIALISE

## AT A GLANCE

- Top performing athletes in 2023-24 accessed two tiers of support:
  - \*Tier 1 = £2k towards academic fees, £3k stipend and access to full suite of services
  - \*Tier 2 = £3k stipend and access to full suite of services

## KEY DATES

- Applications normally open in July and close in September

## WHO'S IT FOR?

- Open to all students

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Quality coaching
- Fitness & skill development
- Academic mentoring

## FIND OUT MORE

- [go.qub.ac.uk/eliteprogramme](http://go.qub.ac.uk/eliteprogramme)

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Elite Athlete and Academy Scholarship Programmes are designed to develop and nurture student athletes at Queen's. Currently there are five academies - Rugby, GAA, Soccer, Rowing and Hockey - with over 35 teams and 600 students competing each year. Add this to the thousands of students active in clubs and societies and sporting alumni worldwide creates a unique collegiate spirit and values base that embodies all that is good about Queen's.

Each academy has set sports specific criteria for students to meet with over 100 Academy Scholarship places available each year. There is a pathway developed that facilitates the Student Club into the Academy and then on to the Elite Athlete Programme.

Queen's University recognises that combining high level sport and higher education can be difficult. The University is fully supportive of elite athletes who manage themselves well and are proactive in organising their sport and their studies.



## THEY SAID WHAT?

“ I have been supported by the University through the Elite Athlete Programme which provided me with the background team and support who helped me rise from the national level of my sport to the international stage, whilst still being able to achieve a high level degree from a world class institution. ”

Andrew Mellon  
BSc Business Economics  
Elite Athlete participant

# Over To You

What will you do?

## WHAT NEXT?

Whatever your interests, we hope you have been inspired to get more out of your time at Queen's Business School. There are so many opportunities there isn't room to fit them all in one brochure, so keep watching out for new events and activities. From travel, to work experience, to sports, to volunteering, the choice is yours. What will you do?

## DISCLAIMER

All information correct at the time of writing. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the content of this brochure, you are encouraged to directly contact the activity providers to get the latest information. Deadlines may change. Some activities may have to be withdrawn for unexpected reasons. While most opportunities are open to the majority of students, restrictions relating to your programme may apply.





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