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Welcome from the Director of the Doctoral College

Dear Researchers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to QMUL and the Doctoral College. My name is Mike Watkinson and I am the Director of the Doctoral College and Deputy Dean for Research for the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

As Director of the Doctoral College I am supported by a number of colleagues: David Williams, Deputy Dean for Research for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Paul Allen, Deputy Dean for Postgraduate Studies for the School of Medicine and Dentistry, Zi Parker, Doctoral College Manager and Nancy Schumann, Doctoral College Administrator, together with a range of colleagues from Professional Services and student representatives.

The Doctoral College supports all of QMUL’s PhD students across the three faculties and forty-nine research centres and we aim to ensure that your time here is as productive and stimulating as possible. This document has been put together to provide you with a source of information and useful contacts as you begin your PhD at QMUL, which we hope will allow you to make the best possible start.

With all good wishes,

Mike

Professor Mike Watkinson, Director of the Doctoral College

Doctoral College Mission Statement:

The Doctoral College provides support to all QMUL PhD students to enable them to flourish in our research community. It enhances the postgraduate research student experience by cultivating a lively and innovative cross-disciplinary community of researchers. The Doctoral College works in partnership with academic Schools and Institutes, the Researcher Development team, QMUL Careers and Enterprise Centre, and the Students’ Union, to offer a wide range of flexible training and development activities, careers support and social events. Through these activities the Doctoral College aims to give postgraduate research students and Early Careers Researchers the best possible experience at QMUL, allowing them to reach their full potential and ensure that researchers are prepared for life beyond their PhD.
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http://www.doctoralcollege.qmul.ac.uk/
Regulations, Forms and Guidelines.

The Research Degrees Office looks after the rules, regulations and paperwork around doing a PhD at QMUL. Most importantly the Research Degrees Office look after the Code of Practice for Research Degrees and Academic Regulations for Research Degrees. The code of practice and academic regulations contain information on supervisions, progression points and annual leave for PhD students.

All PhD students should read the full code of practice and academic regulations upon commencing a PhD.

Code of Practice:

http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/docs/research-degrees/PGR_CodeofPractice_2016-17_final.pdf

Academic Regulations:

http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/policyzone/Academic-Regulations-2016-17-FINAL.pdf

Research Degrees Office Contacts

For general queries and letter requests please email: researchdegrees@qmul.ac.uk

Please note that the office closes at 4pm every day.

It is recommended that you call us if you need to visit the Research Degrees Office after 4pm.

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Training and Networking Events available at QMUL

Doctoral College Events

Induction April / October

The Queen Mary Research Student Induction is our formal welcome to you. Induction introduces you to PhD study at Queen Mary – what you can expect over the course of your time with us; key milestones; and the support and training opportunities we offer. It is also an opportunity to meet your fellow students and QMUL staff in a friendly and informal setting. Induction runs twice a year, once at the beginning of the Autumn semester and once during the Spring semester.

The 2017/18 October induction will be on Tuesday, 24 October 2017.

The 2017/18 April induction will be tbc April 2018.

For more information and to reserve a place go to: http://www.cpdbookings.qmul.ac.uk and search for course code: DC100 – the course code is the same for October and April Inductions.

Cohort Training Days

Cohort training days provide specific researcher development training tailored to a specific year of PhD research. Not only will these help you to make the most out of your time as PhD student but you will have the chance to meet, chat and work with fellow PhD students from different disciplines across QMUL.

Cohort Day year 1
First Year Cohort Day: Maximising the Impact of Conferences and Networking

At this stage in the PhD some students have already attended conferences, and many will be thinking about it. Networking is very important at conferences, but many students are unsure how to go about it; recent surveys of PhD graduates have shown that networking skills are one of the main things they wish they had developed more effectively during their PhD.

2017/18 – 11 June 2018

Cohort Day year 2
Second Year Cohort Day: Understanding the impact of your research

This event gives PhD students the opportunity to find out about ‘impact’ and what it means to researchers, the college and the Research Councils, as well as to consider the impact or potential impact of their own research and how this can be communicated to others.

The 2017/18 Year 2 cohort day date tbc, venue tbc

Cohort Day year 3
Third Year Cohort Day: Employability

The third Doctoral Cohort Day focuses on helping students make plans for life beyond the PhD, whether they decide to follow a career within or outside of academia.

2017/18 date TBC - please look out for email communications from the Doctoral College.
GradFest
QMUL’s Graduate Festival is an exciting cross-disciplinary week of events that aims to showcase the cutting-edge research being conducted by PhD students at QMUL and to bring researchers together. GradFest takes place in the February reading week each year. For 2018, it will run 19 to 23 February and be packed full of workshops, seminars, training sessions, networking events and symposia, across all three faculties and all three main campuses, ending with a conference and debate, all of which QMUL PhD students are invited to participate in and attend.

GradFest is a unique opportunity for PhD researchers to present and disseminate their work in a variety of formats, develop innovative skills, and engage in new conversations and collaborations with a range of colleagues.

We’d love to hear from you! Feel free to get in touch with us at z.parker@qmul.ac.uk or visit the festival website on https://qmulgradfest.wordpress.com/

PGTips
PGTips is a twice monthly drop in opportunity for PhD students to get together and discuss and share tips on aspects of working in research or give a short presentation about their research. The Doctoral College provides tea, coffee and cake for these events.

Please drop in at any time during the two hour session but be aware that ‘tips presentations’ will be at the beginning of the sessions!

PGTips Graduate Centre:

Room 1.01, 12:00-14:00

1st November

“10 top tips for getting started in Public Engagement”

15th November

PGTips: Headspace – join us for some tea, cake, mindfulness and ‘headspace’!

29th November

“Applying for associate fellowship of the HEA!”

13th December

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The Doctoral College offers funding for PhD students to propose and host an event during the annual Graduate Festival. We have up to 15 awards of £400 available to QMUL PhD students. The event can be a seminar, workshop, performance, exhibit, installation, specialist training session or other format on any topic of your choice but should be aimed at a PhD audience. We have space for events available at Mile End, Charterhouse Square and Whitechapel Campuses.

We’d love to hear from you! Feel free to get in touch with us at qmulgradfest@gmail.com

Website: https://qmulgradfest.wordpress.com/
Centre for Academic Development (CAD): Development and training for postgraduate research students.

Queen Mary research students have access to training and development opportunities within the CAD, other departments in the college, and outside QM.

Transferable skills

All full-time PhD students at Queen Mary are expected to take part in two weeks of transferable skills training activities per academic year (part-time students should complete a pro-rata rate of training as appropriate). Suggested activities include attending and presenting at conferences, participating in or helping to organise journal clubs, writing groups and seminar series, and attending training courses or workshops. Selection of appropriate activities and courses should form part of your relationship with your supervisor. The training and development activities you take part in should be recorded using the Skills Points System. More information about this system can be found on the Doctoral College website.

Research skills

While the CAD provides many opportunities for PhD students to develop their transferable skills, during your PhD you will obviously require and develop many skills which are more specific to your discipline. These may be technical skills, methods of data analysis, language skills or a wide variety of other research-related skills.

You will probably find that you will develop many of these skills naturally during the early stages of your PhD through a combination of trial-and-error, and interactions with your supervisors and colleagues. Individual schools/institutes also run training sessions on research-related skills, which you are encouraged to attend, and there are also many external courses which you can access. More details about what is offered and expected of you in your discipline can be found from your school/institute.

QMUL Development Programme

The Researcher Development Programme is a series of workshops and training courses run by the CAD and designed to help you to recognise and develop key skills and attributes needed to effectively manage your research, and to prepare and plan for the next stages of your career. It also provides opportunities for you to meet other research students and post-docs from different departments and campuses, which can be a valuable and interesting experience. Click here to find out more.

Events and competitions

In addition to the CAD’s regular programme of courses and workshops, the Doctoral College also offers events and competitions for postgraduate research students. These will be advertised on the Doctoral College website, by e-mail, and using posters and fliers, so do keep your eyes open! Click here to visit the Events page on the Doctoral College website.
External opportunities

Hopefully, during your PhD, you will take advantage of many of the opportunities that exist at Queen Mary. It doesn’t have to stop there though – there are a vast number of events and activities outside the College that you can get involved with. 
**Click here to find out more.**

School PhD Seminars and events

The various schools across Queen Mary run various reading groups and research seminars. For detailed information please contact the school directly. A selection of regular events is listed below.

**The Blizard Institute offers the following seminars:**

- **Blizard Institute Seminar**
  External speaker
  One Wednesday a month at 1.15pm-2.15pm
  Perrin Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus

- **Blizard Club**
  Two internal (Blizard) speakers/research groups
  Wednesdays at 1.15pm-2.15pm (except when there is a Blizard Seminar)
  Perrin Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus

- **Blizard Institute PGR Day**
  A day of oral presentations by third year students and poster presentations by second year students, with first and second prizes in each category, plus an external guest speaker, lunch and evening drinks reception.
  Usually held in mid-April
  Clark-Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus

- **Blizard Institute Symposium**
  An overview of the past year of the Blizard Institute, celebrating research achievements and education successes. All staff and students are invited.
  Usually held in early summer (June/July) followed by a barbecue
  Perrin Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus

Further details for all of the above can be found on the website: http://www.blizard.qmul.ac.uk/events.html or students can contact Vijay Algoo (v.algoo@qmul.ac.uk).

There is also a group of PGR students who organise their own informal get-togethers, to give mini-presentations and to socialise/network. All PGR students and post-docs in the Blizard are invited to attend but staff are not. These are held monthly, usually on a Thursday from 5pm.
Blizzard PGR Club
Informal group for PGR students and post-docs to present their current research and socialise
Monthly (usually on a Thursday from 5pm)
Contact Chris Todd (c.todd@qmul.ac.uk) or Amy Danson (a.f.danson@qmul.ac.uk)

The School of Economics and Finance runs the following:
- Economics and Finance seminar series - Monday and Thursday 1-2.30pm throughout semester 1 and 2 (Seminars from external speakers covering all research areas in the School).
- Econometrics reading group – Tuesdays, 1-2pm
(Semester 1 and 2)
- Micro Theory reading group – Wednesdays, 12-1pm (Semester 1 and 2)
- PhD student workshops – Weekdays, 1-2pm or 5-6pm
Details are available on the school’s homepage http://econ.qmul.ac.uk/events/seminars/index.html

The School of English and Drama runs weekly Graduate Research seminars on Thursdays 5.30-7pm.
Details can be found here: http://www.sed.qmul.ac.uk/newsevents/index.html

The School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science runs a number of reading groups. For details please contact the email list on phd@lists.eecs.qmul.ac.uk

The School of History runs a PGR Training Forum, every second Wednesday during term time from 3-5pm; which is followed by a PGR-run seminar series called “Historical Research Forum” from 5-7pm. The latter is exclusively for PGR students.

The Department of Linguistics within the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film runs a number of seminars. To keep up to date with their events subscribe to their email list: linguistics-research@qmul.ac.uk. A complete list can be found on their website: http://linguistics.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/events

The School of Maths runs the QUiPS seminars, which are PhD-led internal research seminars that happen most Wednesdays during term-time. The dates for those are available here: http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/seminar-series/queen-mary-internal-postgraduate-seminar
In addition to these, there are a number of research seminars given by visiting academics and details can be found on the school’s homepage http://www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/home

The School of Physics and Astronomy offers the following seminars:
- Particle Physics Research Centre (PPRC) seminars take place on Friday afternoons during the teaching term at 13:30 in room 410 on the 4th floor of the G O Jones building: http://pprc.qmul.ac.uk/research/pprc-seminars/all
- Astronomy Unit (AU) seminars take place on Friday afternoons during the teaching term at 14:30 in room 610: http://astro.qmul.ac.uk/seminars/series
- The Cosmology group (part of AU) has a cosmology and relativity discussion group at 3pm on Wednesdays during term time (including exam term), and a seminar follows at 4.30pm.
• The Centre for Research in String Theory (CRST) weekly seminar takes place on Thursdays at 2pm in GO Jones room 610.

• The Condensed Matter and Materials Physics Group (CCMMP) hold weekly seminars on Tuesdays at 2pm in 610 (invited) and on Thursdays at 2pm in 410 (internal).

• The Materials Research Institute (MRI) holds bi-weekly seminars with external speakers on Wednesdays at 2.30pm in PP1 - http://www.materials.qmul.ac.uk/events/. They also hold Graduate Training Sessions on Wednesday afternoons between 12.30 and 2.30pm http://www.materials.qmul.ac.uk/training/

The William Harvey Research Institute runs the Endocrine Club and WHRI seminar series on alternate Mondays at 12.45 -1.45pm during term time. A detailed programme is available here: http://www.whri.qmul.ac.uk/events-fundraising/annual-reviews-seminars
Queen Mary Diploma of Researcher Development (Q-Dip)

The Doctoral College at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) now awards the Queen Mary Diploma of Researcher development (Q-Dip) in recognition of the completion of 210 hours of researcher development activities over the course of a PhD. The researcher development skills are mapped against the following four main domains:

- A: Knowledge and Intellectual Abilities
- B: Personal Effectiveness
- C: Research Governance & Organisation
- D: Engagement, Influence & Impact

The total of 210 points has to be spread across all four domains with a minimum number of points required in each domain:

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Upon successful completion of a PhD, all QMUL students who log 210 hours of researcher development activities on the Skills Point Database will be awarded the Queen Mary Diploma of Researcher Development by the Doctoral College.

Once the Doctoral College receives notification of PhD students passing their PhD, students who have met the requirements of the Queen Mary Diploma of Researcher Development will automatically receive the Q-Dip along with their PhD certificate. This process will be administrated by the Doctoral College.

Please see the next page for information on logging your 210 hours of researcher development.
PhD Skills Points Database

https://webapps2.is.qmul.ac.uk/sps/

Every PhD student is expected to take part in approximately **210 hours** of development activities over the course of their studies. This is the quantity of training advised by the UK Research Councils, and is roughly equal to two weeks training and development for each full-time year of study.

The PhD Skills Points Database captures generic and discipline-specific developmental activities that students are involved in, through the allocation of points. Points are given for courses or workshops run by the Centre for Academic Development (CAD), schools and institutes, and external organizations. Points are also awarded for participation in other activities such as conference attendance, teaching and attending seminars.

Read our guide on [How to use the Skills Points System](#).

Key facts:

- Points can be accrued at any time during your PhD program.
- Activities such as attendance at conferences or giving research presentations will be eligible for a set number of points.
- Some recurring activities (such as attendance at a seminar series) will have a maximum tariff of points that can be gained, either per year or over the course of the degree.
- PhD students who have attended external courses or events which they believe have helped them develop their research or transferable skills will be able to apply to be awarded points, subject to verification by their supervisor and/or the CAPD.
- If students come to QMUL with significant prior development training (gained, for example, through previous employment), this training may be accredited, subject to approval by the CAD who will also determine the points allocated.

Points gained are mapped against the four domains of the [Vitae/RCUK Researcher Development Framework (RDF)](#) in order to assist students and supervisors in planning individual personal development.
Helpful contacts in Queen Mary

Student Union
Queen Mary Students’ Union (QMSU) is a democratic membership organization that is the voice of all Queen Mary students. You automatically become a member of QMSU when you join Queen Mary. The Union’s mission is to improve students’ lives through listening to your feedback, electing students to represent your views, and by providing opportunities and services. If you are studying medicine or dentistry, you will also become a member of the Barts and The London Students’ Association (BLSA).

The Union is a registered charity so every penny of profit goes back to you to support campaigns, welfare and student activities. Across the QMUL campuses, the Union also runs social spaces, gyms, shops, cafes, bars and restaurants where you can take a break, relax or grab something to eat.

Website: www.qmsu.org
Twitter: @QMSU
Facebook: Queen Mary Students’ Union (QMSU)
Instagram: @QMSU

Research Degrees Office
http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/research-degrees/research-degree-students/index.html

The Research Degrees Office (RDO) provides an administrative service to research degree students in the Doctoral College and staff involved in their supervision. It provides information on research degree procedures for research degree students.

The Research Degrees Office is in Room 2.13, Second Floor, Graduate Centre, Mile End Campus.

The address for correspondence is:
Research Degrees Office
Queen Mary University of London
Mile End Road
London E1 4NS

For general queries and enquiries please call: 0207 882 5864
Or you can email: researchdegrees@qmul.ac.uk

Library
http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/

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Paula Funnell (Whitechapel)

Careers
Careers support Queen Mary University of London students in all aspects of career development - from finding work experience and graduate jobs to starting your own business, or pursuing further study.

Room WG3 of the Queens' Building,
Queen Mary University of London
Mile End Road
London E1 4NS

Telephone: 020 7882 8533

Email: careers@qmul.ac.uk

Website: http://www.careers.qmul.ac.uk/index.html

Language Centre
The Language Centre has been established for over twenty years and, in 2012, became an academic department within the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film. We offer a range of programmes in academic English and study skills, including in-sessionals for students currently studying at Queen Mary, pre-sessional programmes, foundation programmes and pre-masters graduate diplomas to prepare students for their undergraduate and post-graduate studies, courses in modern foreign languages, and courses for specific purposes (including law and medicine and dentistry).

http://language-centre.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/

Language Centre Resources:
Academic English Online
A web resource of interactive activities for students to develop and improve their academic English language skills.

http://aeo.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/

Adjusting to UK Study
A web resource of videos to help international students familiarise themselves with academic culture in the UK.

http://language-centre.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/adjusting-index

Multimedia, CALL and e-learning Projects
Read about our past and current multimedia and computer-based projects

http://language-centre.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/projects
Conference Presentations
Access our archive of conference presentations given by members of Language Centre staff.

http://language-centre.slif.qmul.ac.uk/conference-presentations

IT and Research Data Management
Research Support within IT services

The ITS Research group provide computing facilities, support and resources to assist researchers in performing cutting-edge research at Queen Mary. They offer a wide range of services to meet the needs of researchers across the three faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences; Science and Engineering; and Medicine and Dentistry.

Research Data Management Support
The Research Data Management Group is tasked with implementing and expanding research data management and curation services and resources. For help on managing your research data, contact researchdata@qmul.ac.uk

DMPOne
https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/

The Digital Curation Centre (http://www.dcc.ac.uk/) provides a tool to help with outlining and developing a data management plan via DMPOne; the tool contains plan templates for a variety of funding bodies, pre-formatted with the specific questions that would be required to be answered as part of a grant application.

Thinking Writing
http://www.thinkingwriting.qmul.ac.uk/

A resource for teachers in Higher Education, exploring connections between thinking and writing.

Writing Retreats
Thinking Writing runs writing retreats for postgraduate students several times each year, and for undergraduate students in conjunction with the departments. These are held on one of the QM campuses in London and offer students a chance to get away from the pressure of studying and the distractions of everyday life, and work on the writing. The retreats are not classes or workshops but are a quiet space for writing together with other people, facilitated by a member of Thinking Writing who structures the day with a series of short tasks and goal setting activities. You can find out more on our retreats here: http://www.thinkingwriting.qmul.ac.uk/node/63

Advice & Counselling
The Advice and Counselling Service offers a free and confidential service to all Queen Mary students, including those from Barts and The London, QMUL’s School of Medicine and Dentistry.

https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/

Tel: +44 (0)20 7882 8717
Queen Mary Services

Central lab services
http://www.qmul.ac.uk/research/facilities/index.html
http://www.qmul.ac.uk/ilab/

Research Facilities

Researchers make use of a variety of facilities and resources at Queen Mary – many are listed on this page.

Queen Mary also contributes to the RCUK-backed equipment sharing database equipment.data and is piloting a new online system for booking our research facilities called ilab.

**Antenna Measurement laboratory**
http://www.eecs.qmul.ac.uk/facilities/view/antenna-measurement-laboratory

The Antenna Measurement laboratory supports the work of the Antennas and Electromagnetics Group and offers one of the best university experimental facilities in Europe. Contact m.candotti@qmul.ac.uk.

**Augmented Human Interaction laboratory**
http://www.eecs.qmul.ac.uk/facilities/view/augmented-human-interaction-laboratory

The Augmented Human Interaction (AHI) laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies including full-body and multi-person motion capture, virtual and augmented reality systems and advanced aural and visual display technologies. Founded on a collaboration between the Interaction, Media and Communication and the Computer Vision research groups, the AHI enables exploration of the potential of digital media to enrich and transform human communication.

**Biological and Chemical Sciences research facilities**
http://www.sbcs.qmul.ac.uk/facilities/index.html

Facilities based in the School of Biological and Chemical Sciences include: an analytical laboratory; a confocal microscopy facility; a digital and photographic imaging centre (DPIC); high field liquid phase and solid state NMR; informatics resources; medium field liquid phase and solid state NMR; a protein purification facility; scientific glassblowing; surface characterisation (XPS\ESCA, UPS, AES); an X-ray diffraction facility; and a Zebrafish facility.

**Barts Cancer Institute**
http://www.bci.qmul.ac.uk/research/lab-facilities

BCI has a variety of services which provide central support to the Research Centres and are available to other departments in QMUL and external users. Barts Cancer Institute is working with three other centres around the UK to house a multi-million pound breast cancer campaign tissue bank. The UK's
first ever national cancer tissue bank, it will house tissue for scientists to study in their search for answers to how and why breast cancer develops and spreads.

Barts Cancer institute is well equipped with additional specialist facilities including:

- Affymetrix an array facility equipped to allow for efficient and concurrent throughputs of both Gene Expression and SNP Genotyping chips
- flow cytometry facility that can provide a high quality professional service related to flow cytometric techniques using cutting edge equipment
- mass spectrometry laboratory which supports researchers with a variety of high quality mass spectrometry based analyses (covering both proteomics and metabolomics)
- Advanced Molecular imaging facilities
- and an extensive Pathology Service which offers a full range of histological techniques.

For information about the core facilities and services please contact the manager Dr Linda Hammond.

**Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science**

http://www.blizard.qmul.ac.uk/research/core-facilities.html

Blizard Advanced Light Microscopy - BALM - provides high-tech multi-million pound advanced imaging technology. Researchers are able to observe, record and analyse experiments making picture perfect images and cutting-edge scientific insights. Contact a.p.wheeler for further information. The Blizard Institute of Cell and Molecular Science is well equipped with a range of additional facilities including:

- siRNA Screening facility which allows researchers to carry out high-throughput siRNA and miRNA screens
- flow cytometry core facility with three high powered high speed flow cytometers are available as well as a three colour LED upright Fluorescence microscope
- and a pathology core facility providing histopathology services to members of Queen Mary and other academic institutes, as well as providing a diagnostic service to the private sector.

**Centre for Condensed Matter and Materials Physics (CCMMP) laboratories**

http://ccmmp.ph.qmul.ac.uk/research/laboratory-experiments

A range of well-equipped laboratories supports the work of the Centre for Condensed Matter and Materials Physics including equipment for the production of nanotubes and functionalised fullerines, and laser ablation facilities to produce nanoparticles.

**Computational research facilities**

Queen Mary runs facilities for both high-performance and high-throughput computational work. Our HTC facility, with 1440 cores, forms part of the GridPP cluster used by experimental particle physicists. Our HPC facility includes two parallel computers with 1136 Intel cores and 868 AMD cores, both with infibband interconnects. QMUL hosts a capacity cluster, Apocrita, as part of the MidPlus consortium. Access is available to users from QMUL, Warwick, Birmingham and
Nottingham. Queen Mary scientists also use the HECToR national supercomputing facility. Read a summary of our computational and simulation research.

**Film and drama studio**

[http://www.sed.qmul.ac.uk/drama/postgraduate/phd/allowance/index.html](http://www.sed.qmul.ac.uk/drama/postgraduate/phd/allowance/index.html)

A fully-equipped film and drama studio is at the heart of the stunning ArtsTwo building, a £21m development which also houses the School of History

**QMUL Archives**

[http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives](http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/archives)

The Archives are located in the Mile End Library and hold a wealth of fascinating institutional, personal archives and rare prints, dating from the 17th Century to the present day. The collections document the rich history of the College, and provide vital evidence for research in the arts, humanities and social science. Contact: archives@qmul.ac.uk

**Genome Centre**

[http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk/gc/](http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk/gc/)

The Genome Centre has successfully provided genetic and genomic research facilities to researchers within Queen Mary and the wider Life Sciences research community for over 10 years. The facility enables studies of the genome, transcriptome and epigenome on any scale, and can be booked through iLab. Find out more about Bioinformatics, which are a critical part of this research.

**Mechanical Testing Labs**

[http://www.sems.qmul.ac.uk/research/facilities/mechtest/](http://www.sems.qmul.ac.uk/research/facilities/mechtest/)

The mechanical testing labs in the School of Engineering and Materials Science are equipped to carry out tests to determine mechanical properties of materials such as yield and ultimate tensile stresses, Young’s modulus, shear modulus, Poisson’s ratio, fracture toughness, and hardness.

The School of Engineering and Materials science is well-equipped with a range of additional facilities.

**NanoVision Centre**

[http://www.nanovision.qmul.ac.uk/](http://www.nanovision.qmul.ac.uk/)

The NanoVision Centre is a multimillion pound, state-of-the-art microscope unit, which brings together the latest imaging technologies to open up new avenues for research, combining high resolution imaging with structural, chemical and mechanical analysis. A multidisciplinary facility, the NanoVision Centre has the capacity to advance the frontiers in materials science, cell and molecular sciences, structural biology, solid state physics and the earth sciences.

**Physical Geography laboratories**

[http://www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/research/laboratories/facilities/index.html](http://www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/research/laboratories/facilities/index.html)

The Physical Geography laboratory facilities have been designed specifically to cater for physical geography and environmental science research, providing ample opportunity for varied undergraduate classes, postgraduate and academic research. The laboratories are also used for analytical work undertaken on a consultancy basis. Please contact l.cox for further information.
Centre for Micromorphology
http://www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/research/centres/micromorphology/facilities/index.html

This Centre uses an X-Ray CT system, scanning electron microscope and optical microscope. Contact l.cox or s.j.carr.

Wind tunnel facilities
http://www.sems.qmul.ac.uk/ugadmissions/programmes/facilities.php%3Faerospaceengineering%23

Housed in the School of Engineering and Materials Science, our wind tunnel facilities are made up of eight low-speed wind tunnels, a very low turbulence wind tunnel, three high-speed wind tunnels, computer-based flow control system with high-speed real-time data acquisition and processing system, colour and high-focused Schlieren systems, interactive aerodynamic simulator, PIV system.

Clinical Trials Units

Queen Mary hosts specialised Clinical Trials Units – notably the Pragmatic CTU, the Centre for Experimental Cancer Medicine, the William Harvey Clinical Research Centre, and the Cancer Prevention Trials Unit. Our partner Trust, Barts Health, also hosts a Clinical Research Centre.
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Useful links

DC website
http://www.doctoralcollege.qmul.ac.uk/

CAD website / course booking site
https://academicdevelopment.qmul.ac.uk/whats-available-for-you/phd-students/

The Centre for Academic Development provides a programme of workshops and activities tailored to meet the needs of research staff across the College. The topics include research project management, creative thinking and research leadership and management, plus Fellowship Day and Masterclasses and an ILM endorsed suite of leadership programmes. They also offer individual and group consultancy, funding opportunities, tools and resources, and we run award and recognition schemes and collaborative networks.

PhD Researcher Development Programme
The Researcher Development Programme is a series of workshops and training courses run by the CAD and designed to help you to recognise and develop key skills and attributes needed to effectively manage your research, and to prepare and plan for the next stages of your career. It also provides opportunities for you to meet other research students and post-docs from different departments and campuses, which can be a valuable and interesting experience.

The programme is very varied and includes courses designed to help you with specific aspects of your PhD (e.g. ‘Writing your Thesis’, ‘The Viva’) as well as courses to help you develop more widely applicable skills (e.g. ‘Mindmapping and Speed Reading’, ‘Critical Thinking’). The courses on the programme are delivered by experienced tutors, most of whom have a PhD and experience of research.

The courses offered are divided into three levels, according to which stage of the PhD they are likely to be suitable for. However, everyone’s training needs are different, so you are free to attend courses at whichever stage of your PhD is most appropriate for you.

CAD Course Booking Site: http://www.cpdbookings.qmul.ac.uk

PhD Skills Points Database
https://webapps2.is.qmul.ac.uk/sps/

GradFest
Website: https://qmulgradfest.wordpress.com/

DC Blog
The DC Blog keeps Postgraduate Researchers up to date with events, funding, conference calls and pieces of information we think might be useful, informative and fun.

https://doctoralcollege.wordpress.com/

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