

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Further Information Provided by Queen's University Belfast

Queen's University Belfast welcomes students from the USA. This leaflet is designed to provide you with information on reasons to choose Queen's, our entry requirements for US students, living in Belfast and Northern Ireland, accommodation, tuition fees, sources of funding and key contacts. You should read it alongside Queen's undergraduate or postgraduate prospectus and our website, which include further details of individual degree programmes.

We hope that you will pursue your interest in studying at Queen's University Belfast and look forward to hearing from you.

Why study at Queen's?

There are many reasons why international students choose to come and join us at Queen's. These include:

- The Times Good University Guide 2009 ranked a number of Queen's subjects within the UK top 5 (Dentistry (No 1), Celtic Studies, Pharmacy, and Social Work); within the top 10 (Aeronautical Engineering, Agriculture, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Food Science, Mechanical Engineering, and Social Policy) and top 20 (Accounting & Finance, Anthropology, Archaeology, Architecture, Chemistry, French and Music).
- Queen's University Belfast is a member of the elite Russell Group of UK universities, an association of 20 major research-intensive institutions in the UK.
- Queen's has an international outlook. In 2008, the University welcomed record-breaking numbers of international students from over 80 countries and a high proportion of our staff are from outside Northern Ireland.
- Queen's academic staff are undertaking world-class research across the full range of disciplines; our students are taught by people extending the frontiers of knowledge in their subjects.
- International students are guaranteed a place in Queen's University accommodation for their first year.
- We offer transport from the airports on arrival and a free, 2-day Orientation programme for international students, followed by Welcome Week for all new students.
- Queen's is committed to providing its students with the most modern and up-to-date facilities in support of teaching.
- Queen's offers lower tuition fees and living expenses than many other similarly well-regarded UK universities.
- Queen's is located in a safe area in a vibrant, compact city with easy access to some of the most spectacular scenery in the British Isles and good links to the rest of the UK.
- UK universities have an international reputation for high-quality teaching, research and resources, and their qualifications are recognised throughout the world.
- Studying in the UK can be cost effective as undergraduate programmes have a duration of 3 years, Masters programmes have a duration of just 1 year and PhD programmes can normally be completed in 3 to 4 years.

Entry requirements for students from the USA

Postgraduate (Graduate) - Holders of a four-year bachelor degree with a CGPA of at least 3.3 will be considered for direct admission to postgraduate (graduate) diploma or taught masters courses. For most courses, your major subject or the content of your bachelor's degree may also be considered.

Holders of a good four-year bachelor degree and, normally, a good masters degree may be considered for admission to postgraduate research programmes (MPhil/PhD).

Application procedures

Postgraduate: Applications for postgraduate taught and research programmes at Queen's University Belfast should be made online at: pg.apply.qub.ac.uk. Please read the guidance notes for applicants, available to download from the following website, before commencing your online application.

www.qub.ac.uk/home/ProspectiveStudents/InternationalStudents/InternationalPostgraduate/HowtoApply/

The application deadline for admission for international students is flexible, however, we encourage you to apply as early as possible for all programmes so that arrangements can be made for tests, interviews and collection of references, where required. If you are seeking financial support, you should refer to the relevant School web pages for information on deadline dates for postgraduate funding applications, as this will also determine when your application for admission should be submitted.

Tuition fees and living costs

The tuition fees for new students in 2009-10 will be as follows.

Postgraduate courses and research

Classroom-based courses:

£9,418 (US \$13,656)

Courses with a laboratory or workshop component:

£11,539 (US \$16,731)

Medical or dental courses involving clinical provision:

£21,087 (US \$30,576)

Undergraduate courses

Classroom-based courses:

£9,418 (US \$13,656)

Courses with a laboratory or workshop component:

£11,539 (US \$16,731)

Pre-clinical elements of medical and dental courses:

£12,757 (US \$26,822)

Clinical elements of medical and dental courses:

£24,066 (US \$34,896)

US \$ equivalents are given for guidance only

Exchange rate as at February 2009: £1 GBP = \$1.45 USD

Northern Ireland is recognised by the British Council as having the lowest cost of living in the UK. We estimate, as a guide, that you should allow between £6000 and £7000 (US \$ 11,676 – US \$ 13,622) to cover your expenses for one year.

Sources of funding

A list of sources of funding, together with application forms, guidance notes and information on closing dates, can be found on Queen's Postgraduate Awards Office website (www.qub.ac.uk/home/Research/PostgraduateOffice/).

There are a number of prestigious scholarships for US students which may be used for postgraduate study at Queen's:

Mitchell Scholarships

www.us-irelandalliance.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=34

Marshall Scholarships

www.marshallscholarship.org

Fulbright Postgraduate Student Awards

www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens

In 2008-09 Queen's was very pleased to admit two Mitchell Scholars and one Marshall Scholar.

US Federal Loans - Many US students opt to finance their studies at Queen's through US Federal Loans. Queen's is approved by the US Department of Education for participation in the Federal Family Education Loan programme. Graduate students may apply for Stafford and Graduate Plus loans to cover the full cost of attendance at Queen's, including tuition, accommodation, personal expenses, airfare, etc. Undergraduate

students may also apply for Stafford loans, and their parents may apply for Parent Plus loans. For further guidance on applying for Stafford and Plus Loans, please see: www.qub.ac.uk/ilo/usloans/guidelines.htm.

Accommodation

International students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation for at least their first year at Queen's. Residences are located within easy walking distance of the University in a pleasant residential area. All accommodation is self-catering and a significant proportion is en-suite with internet access. For a virtual tour of accommodation at Queen's, an online copy of the Accommodation handbook, and information on accommodation fees, please see Queen's Student Accommodation website (www.qub.ac.uk/sacc/).

Belfast and Northern Ireland

Despite its small size, Northern Ireland offers a great variety of landscapes, cultural and leisure opportunities. It has a heritage enriched by both Irish and British ties and an intriguing and complex history which has fascinated people across the world.

Within 90 miles of the Queen's campus, you can climb dramatic mountain ranges, visit the rugged Atlantic coastline, or explore scenic lakes and a rural way of life. At the same time, Northern Ireland's compact and lively capital, Belfast, is casting off its old image and new investment is changing the face and the atmosphere of the city. The city's historic nineteenth century architecture now competes with spectacular new developments such as the regenerated Laganside, the Waterfront Hall and the Odyssey Arena.

Culturally, Belfast is extremely vibrant; a variety of arts festivals such as the Belfast Festival at Queen's take place throughout the year in addition to the entertainments offered by the city's many theatres, cinemas, museums, art galleries, pubs and clubs. Queen's campus is located in attractive South Belfast only 15 minutes away from the city centre and in a lively area with plenty of student facilities.

Northern Ireland's climate can be wet, however, it is also mild and extreme weather conditions are rare.

Travelling to and from Belfast is easy and economical. Most British cities are within an hour's flying time from one of Belfast's two airports. Competition between budget airlines means that fares are low and there are many flights each day to the rest of the British Isles and mainland Europe at student-friendly prices. There is also a direct flight from Newark to Belfast International Airport.

Useful contacts

International Officer with responsibility for the USA:

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Useful contacts

Online information for students in the USA:

To get a personal Queen's webpage set up and receive information on the University customised for your needs, register for a personal webpage at:

http://emt.askadmissions.net/qub_ac/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=UG/PG

Students currently studying at Queen's:

If you would like to correspond directly with a US student currently studying at Queen's University Belfast, please contact the member of Queen's International staff named above. We will be pleased to put you in touch with current students, who will be able to give you first-hand information about studying at Queen's.

Queen's University Association, United States (QUAUS)

Queen's has over 700 alumni in the USA and the QUAUS organises regular events.
www.qub.ac.uk/home/Alumni/Associations/