

## Further Information Provided by Queen Mary, University of London

Queen Mary is one of the largest Colleges of the internationally renowned University of London, one of the world's foremost academic institutions. The College currently has over 14,000 students, about 30 per cent of which are international students, making for a truly cosmopolitan student population that is welcoming to students from all over the world.

Queen Mary offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses together with extensive research opportunities. Our academic departments are split into three faculties:

- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science and Engineering
- Medicine and dentistry

Over 90 per cent of Queen Mary's departments scored four or above in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. More than half of the research assessed in the RAE is at least "internationally excellent". The Times Higher calls Queen Mary the "biggest star" as their table charts the college at 13th – a climb of 35 places since 2001.

The College has several leading international research units such as the Centre for Commercial Law Studies and the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Biomedical Materials. Queen Mary, University of London is a leading research university, ranked in the top hundred universities in the world (The World's Top 200 Universities 2006) and in the top 10 in the UK for graduating starting salaries in the UK (*The Sunday Times University Guide 2006*).

Queen Mary is a popular destination for students from the USA. The College's Study Abroad programme is one of the largest in the UK and increasing numbers are also now coming to us for postgraduate study. Queen Mary has many strong links with US institutions. Our US Exchange Partners include: Boston College, the University of California, Richmond University, The University of Miami, and Hunter College, CUNY. Study Abroad students come to us from schools all over the United States with particularly strong associations with Duke, Northwestern, Boston College, and University of Southern California amongst many others.

Queen Mary is the only College in the University of London to have an integrated teaching, research and residential campus. The main Mile End campus is located between the two financial areas of London – 'The City' and Docklands – and a mile west of the London 2012 Olympic park. Studying on campus means that you have all the benefits of a campus community as well as the limitless opportunities of living in London.

Queen Mary also has a reputation for delivering innovative; high-quality teaching to its students at all levels of study. The College offers English Language and foundation courses preparing international students for both undergraduate and postgraduate entry.

The College has invested heavily in new and existing resources, boasting excellent academic, housing and social facilities on campus. Students have access both to the College's modern library and to the collections of the University of London library. All students have free email and internet access and the student-to-computer ratio is one of the highest in Britain. The most recent addition to the campus is the new Student Village, which won a Housing Design Award in 2005. The village contains residences, a shop, a launderette and a central reception as well as a 24-hour security office.

The Advice and Counselling Service and on-campus Health Centre offer a range of advice and support services to all students. The College also offers an airport pick-up service and a comprehensive welcome programme to help international students adjust to life at Queen

Mary and in London.

Queen Mary Students' Union has a lot to offer students as it shares use of the University of London's extensive sports facilities where students can take part in sports such as football, cricket, hockey, netball and rowing. The Union competes against other colleges of the University of London as well as nationally against other UK universities. The Students' Union also has more than 60 clubs and societies supporting all types of student activity, many geared towards international students. Popular annual events at the College include the Freshers' Ball, Rag Week which raises money for a variety of charities and the Summer Ball. Queen Mary students will automatically become members of the Students' Union (QMSU) and also of the University of London Union (ULU) and the National Union of Students (NUS).

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