

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Queen's University Belfast

Summary from Marshall Scholarship Website

This Scholarship is for Graduate Study in any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Queen's University Belfast and will be for two years (with a possibility of a third year for doctoral studies) . If awarded a Queen's University Belfast Marshall Scholarship candidates would be expected to study at Queen's University Belfast.

The following information is taken from the Queen's University Belfast website:

The University's mission is to provide the widest possible access to learning through international excellence in teaching and research in an environment of equality, tolerance and mutual respect, thereby enhancing educational, economic, social and cultural development in Northern Ireland and throughout the world. Queen's University Belfast has a record of academic achievement which stretches back more than 150 years. Founded by Queen Victoria, the Queen's University in Ireland, was designed to be a non-denominational alternative to Trinity College Dublin which was controlled by the Anglican Church. The University was made up of three Queen's Colleges - in Cork, Galway and Belfast. The most significant date in the early years of the University's life was 1908 when the three Queen's Colleges, and the Royal University (which replaced the Queen's University in Ireland in 1879), were dissolved and replaced by the Queen's University of Belfast and the National University of Ireland.

There are many reasons why international students choose to attend 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.
- Queen's is committed to providing its students with the most modern and up-to-date facilities in support of teaching.
- 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.

Further Information Provided by Queen's University Belfast for NAFA

Queen's University is one of the most prestigious universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland. It is the UK's Entrepreneurial University of the Year, and a member of the Russell Group – the 20 leading research-intensive universities in the UK – which includes Oxford and Cambridge.

Already well within the world's top 250 universities, Queen's goal is to become a Global Top 100 university within the next five years.

The University has an international reputation for the quality of its research and education, and is enhancing this further by forging global connections with key organisations around the world. These include prestigious institutions in the United States, such as Georgetown University in Washington DC, with which Queen's has extensive academic links in areas ranging from cancer research to law, politics, history and creative writing.

A close and dynamic partnership exists between Queen's world-leading Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology and the US National Cancer Institute in Maryland. The University is also creating closer links with other institutions, including the University of Massachusetts, Lowell; Vanderbilt University in Nashville and universities and colleges in Iowa, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, North Carolina, California, South Dakota and Illinois.

Our links with the United States were further underpinned by the visit of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Queen's in 2009. During this historic visit we re-affirmed our commitment to work closely with the United States administration, the Northern Ireland Executive and business leaders on both sides of the Atlantic, to raise aspirations, create wealth and improve the quality of life for all our people.

The University has more than 17,000 students from over 80 countries around the world, including undergraduates and postgraduates from the United States. Our international students play a crucial role in enriching our thriving research culture, contributing to a cosmopolitan and diverse learning environment and enhancing our cultural life.

With one of the most breathtaking campuses in the UK, Queen's is currently investing millions of pounds to create a student experience which is second to none. Major projects include the \$75 million new McClay Library, one of the finest university libraries in the world, which was designed by Boston-based architects Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbot.

An added attraction is our location at the heart of Belfast, capital city of Northern Ireland. Less than one hour's flight from London, and two hours from Dublin by train, it is one of the regions in the United Kingdom with the lowest living costs. Belfast is one of the safest cities in the world in which to live, and also one of the friendliest, with a famously warm welcome.

Queen's campus and location

The Queen's campus is sited in Belfast – the capital city of Northern Ireland and one of Europe's friendliest and most fashionable regional capitals.

The University campus is located in attractive South Belfast, only 15 minutes' walk away from the city centre and in a lively area with plenty of student facilities.

Belfast is served by two airports and is linked to a multitude of major cities in the UK and Europe, including 30 flights a day to London. Belfast is only a 50-minute flight from London.

Did you know...?

- Queen's is a member of the Russell Group of the UK's 20 leading research-intensive universities, similar to the United States' Ivy League.
- In October 2009, Queen's won Entrepreneurial University of the Year (Times Higher Awards 2009).
- Queen's is ranked in the top 20 in the UK in 19 subject areas (Times Good University Guide 2010).
- In September 2007, Queen's was shortlisted for the prestigious Sunday Times University of the Year award.
- There are 17,000 students from over 80 countries at Queen's.
- Preference is given to international students when University accommodation places are being allocated.
- Queen's is investing \$450 million to further enhance its research strength and educational provision.
- Queen's academics are both world-class teacher and researchers.
- Queen's offers a number of merit-based Scholarships to American students.
- Queen's students enjoy a first-class experience with access to world-class facilities.

- Northern Ireland has one of the lowest costs of living in the UK.

Academic Areas of Excellence

Queen's is a broadly based, research-driven university with a dynamic world-class research and education portfolio and strong international connections.

The University's priority is to achieve nationally and internationally recognised research excellence in all of its many and varied disciplines, with world-class research in distinctive niches and thematic areas. An emphasis is placed on the expansion of inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary activities.

Areas of research excellence at Queen's range across the whole spectrum: from Creative Writing and Poetry in the Seamus Heaney Centre to the design of new catalysts for cars; from Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies to Vascular Biology and its implications for Vision Science; from Cognition and Culture to Renewable Energy; and from Drug Design and Synthesis to Healthcare for the Mother and Child.

There are a wide variety of one-year postgraduate taught programs that have attracted many North American students. Some of these are: Violence, Terrorism and Security, Comparative Ethnic Conflict, Creative Writing, Irish Studies, Human Rights Law and Sonic Arts (Music).

Links with the USA

One of the University's guiding principles is the recognition that knowledge knows no boundaries, and the forging of international partnerships is central to the realisation of its Vision for the Future. Queen's has links with universities around the world and is committed to enhancing these partnerships still further. American faculty and research scholars from the USA have contributed significantly to research collaborations, and have highlighted the key achievements of Queen's in the USA. We host a number of American delegations each year and our academic faculty have visited the USA many times. Queen's links with the USA include student and faculty exchanges, research and taught collaborations.

Georgetown University

Queen's has established strong academic and research ties with Georgetown University in Washington, DC. This major initiative includes collaboration on a variety of academic disciplines including Cancer Research, Peace and Conflict Studies, Law, Politics, and the Humanities. The universities have also worked closely on developing joint seminars and conferences. The President of Georgetown, Dr. John DeGoia, received an honorary degree from Queen's in 2008.

Vanderbilt University

The relationship with Vanderbilt University is a broadly-based program of research partnerships and faculty/student mobility. Opportunities for collaboration between Queen's and Vanderbilt are being explored in respect of English (Creative Writing), Music (Sonic Arts) and Chemistry/Pharmacy (Drug Discovery). Additionally, Belfast and Nashville have been Sister Cities since 1995 which has strengthened the ties between the universities.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

The link between Queen's and UMass Lowell involves research as well as both student and faculty mobility. To date the areas of collaboration have included Archaeology, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Irish Studies.

Fordham University

Every summer Queen's is honoured to host students from the Fordham University School of Law. Fordham students are able to attend lectures given by Queen's academics and meet solicitors, barristers and politicians.

University of Maryland

Queen's is developing its academic links with the University of Maryland. In January 2010, a group of 20 social science students from Maryland who are interested in the study of deeply divided societies visited the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy for a talk by Dr John Garry on the theme of consociationalism and conflict resolution. A further group of Maryland students will be visiting in 2011 for an expanded series of talks and events. Given that many academics in both institutions focus on political conflict, further academic linkages between Queen's and Maryland are being actively considered.

Boston College

A long standing relationship exists between Queen's and Boston College. The collaboration between the institutions has involved the mobility of both students and faculty. Through the Irish Studies Initiative, academics at Queen's are able to apply for a short term teaching exchange at Boston College.

Study Abroad at Queen's

Queen's also offers American students the opportunity to study at the University as a visiting student for a short period of time. We offer programs during the academic term as well as in the summer. It's a great opportunity for students to fully integrate into the University and experience all that Queen's has to offer. The University works with partner institutions, study abroad providers and individual students directly.

Additionally, there are two summer programmes available for study abroad students. The International Summer School in Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary program aimed at providing students with the opportunity to learn about a vast range of subjects and disciplines from Irish and Northern Irish perspectives.

The University is also offering a new programme entitled, "Ties that Bind: Linking Irish and American History". This programme will focus on the historical connections between Irish and American history.

For further information visit: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/StudyAbroad/> <http://www.qub.ac.uk/history>

Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington, DC

Queen's University Belfast works closely with the Northern Ireland Bureau based in Washington, DC.

The role of the Bureau is to represent and raise the profile of Northern Ireland in the US. The Bureau liaises with legislators, educators and the business community in order to identify areas of cooperation between the US and Northern Ireland.

For further information visit: <http://www.nibureau.com/index.htm>

Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAUS)

The Development and Alumni Relations Office supports a global community of 100,000 graduates in over 100 countries. An international association network helps with professional, career and social networking whilst alumni magazines, e-bulletins, and an email for life service help alumni to keep in touch long after they leave the University. The Perks discount scheme is a tangible benefit, packed with offers for retail outlets, restaurants, hotels and leisure activities.

For further information visit: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/home/Alumni>

The Irish Studies Initiative

The Irish Studies International Research Initiative, Queen's University Belfast, currently in its third year of funding, has sought to develop links between Irish Studies scholars at Queen's and US higher education institutions. In 2008 the initiative created a faculty exchange programme with Boston College, and they have continued to fund Masters and PhD studentships, many of which have been awarded to students from US institutions. It is hoped that such studentships will continue to foster links between Queen's and higher education institutions in the US and contribute to future research in Irish Studies.

For further information visit: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/IrishStudiesGateway/IrishStudiesInitiative/>

Queen's University Belfast: Entrepreneurial University of the Year 2009

Queen's University Belfast was named the 'Entrepreneurial University of the Year' at the Times Higher Education Awards 2009. The award, sponsored by the National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship (NCGE), recognises and celebrates Queen's University's outstanding commitment to entrepreneurial activity.

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