

Associate Research Students

This policy concerns external PhD students who wish to perform part of their PhD project at our School. External means they are registered for a PhD at their home institution only, and they will return to it for finishing their degree.

Applying for associate study:

Applicants must submit an online application here:

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/associate/>

Please allow sufficient time to apply before the intended start date.

Entry points:

It is possible to start associate study at three points during the year:

- September
- January
- May
- Other entry points may be considered with agreement from Admissions and the RDO.

Associate students can apply to study for up to 12 months.

Entry requirements

- Associate students must be currently enrolled on a PGR programme at another university.
- If English is not the applicant's first language, evidence of English language proficiency must be provided. Associates must meet a minimum requirement of IELTS 5.5 with no less than 5.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking (or an equivalent approved test). Tests must have been taken within 2 years of your proposed start date.

Supporting documentation

Associate applicants must provide the following supporting information:

- Completed online application form: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/associate/>
- Confirmation of student status letter from current institution, to include dates of registration.
- Degree transcripts.
- If degree was from a UK university, please upload a transcript of marks for each year.
- If degree was from an overseas institution, a transcript of your marks for each year of study should be provided and a copy of degree certificate together with a certified translation if the document is not in English. Please note that original documentation will be required before enrolment. International applicants are also advised to include high school transcripts.
- Statement of purpose. This should explain why applicant want to study on chosen programme and how it will help applicant's life and career.
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)/ Resume.
- English language test certificate (if applicable).
- International/EU applicants should provide evidence of English language ability: IELTS, TOEFL, or other acceptable proof. Please see the international students section for more details.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Students who are not [EEA](#) or Swiss nationals may require [ATAS clearance](#) to undertake certain courses. Further information on ATAS can be found on our [Advice and Counselling webpages](#).

Fees and associated costs

Please see our [University Fee Regulations](#).

Depending on the area of research, one of the following fee bandings will apply:

- £0 per month
- £100 per month
- £400 per month

You will be notified which fee banding applies to you at point of offer.

Desk space

Associate students will be able to hot-desk in the PhD room (MB-402), space allowing.

Further questions:

Please email k.hale@qmul.ac.uk