SPCS PGT Student Welcome

MSc Chemical Research, MSc and PG Cert programmes in Physics and Astrophysics

6pm – Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} September 2022
Prof Adrian Bevan

Acting Head of School and Head of the Department of Physics and Astronomy.
Student Ambassador Opportunities
Hello from your Students’ Union!

Muneer Hussain – Vice President Science and Engineering
Welcome to Queen Mary Students’ Union!

About us

• Queen Mary Students’ Union is student-led and is here to represent and support you during your time here and make sure your experience at Queen Mary is the best it can be.

• We work to improve the student experience by representing students’ views, supporting student skills development and providing hundreds of opportunities and events throughout the year.

• We also offer several on-campus services including shops, bars and cafes, an Academic Advice Service and volunteering programme.

• Many students also work for the Students’ Union, with all roles paying at least the London Living Wage.

• Our aim is simple – we want to make your time at Queen Mary the best it can be!
Our Mission
Together, we improve students’ lives

Our Vision
We want to be at the heart of the student experience

Our Values
Student-led, Democratic & Transparent
Supportive, Inclusive & Accessible
Welcoming, Fun & Committed
Executive Officers 2021-22

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Get Involved

Are you ready for some new experiences? We have loads of opportunities available to you to make friends, spark new interests and gain new skills. With so much on offer there’s something for everyone!

**Societies**
We have over 200 student-led Societies. These include academic, campaigning, cultural, faith, educational, music groups and more.

**Volunteering**
From one-off one-day opportunities to regular ongoing roles, we offer lots of ways to volunteer and make a difference in the local community. We also offer opportunities at events like the London Marathon!

**Student Media**
Our Student Media Outlets cover filmmaking, journalism and radio broadcasting.

**Green Mary & Sustainability**
If you’re passionate about the environment get involved in our Green Mary projects and campaigns! We run regular events on and off campus, including at our on-campus allotment and garden and along Regent’s Canal.
There are lots of ways to get involved with Sport at Queen Mary. We have something for everyone from complete beginners to talented athletes.

**Club Sport**
We offer over 60 Sports Clubs who provide opportunities to get involved in competitive & non-competitive sport through training sessions, social events and participation in local, national and international competitions.

**Qmotion Sport & Fitness Centre**
Our on-campus Sport and Fitness Centre offering great facilities across three floors, including female only gym, olympic lifting platforms, studio spaces, a sports hall and squash court. There’s great value flexible memberships and over 25 group exercise classes per week including HIIT, Yoga, Circuits & Pilates.

All members receive a free personalised training programme every 6 weeks, with fitness instructors on hand at all times.
Sport & Fitness

Get Active
Our turn up and play, no commitment sports programme offering over 20 sports sessions every week in a relaxed and fun environment for just £2.50 a session. Some sessions and our outdoor pop-ups are free, and we also run a weekly wellbeing walk!

Social Leagues
Create a team and join one of our Social Leagues with your friends, flatmates or coursemates. Sports include netball, cricket, football and more!

Community Foundation
Our Community Foundation offers the opportunity to gain qualifications and coaching experience, alongside making a positive difference in our local community through sport.

Talented Athlete Programme
Offers support to high performing athletes. We offer support to each athlete to achieve their degree and performance goals whilst at Queen Mary.
Events and activities

To make your time at Queen Mary exciting and unforgettable we offer a packed programme of events throughout the year on-campus, online, around London and further afield!

• Our events include weekly club nights on-campus including the legendary Hail Mary night, urban night E1 and indie night Monday’s Calling.

• We also run trips & tours, theatre visits, arts & crafts sessions, wellbeing events and gala events.

• Events this year have included a petting zoo, day out at Thorpe Park, Boat Ball down the Thames, dog therapy, Greatest Show Circus Event, outdoor cinema, picnics and many more.

• We also run celebrations and liberation campaigns for things like Black History Month, LGBT+ History Month and Lunar New Year.

• Our main Students’ Union events programme is complemented by hundreds of events throughout the year from our Clubs & Societies.
The Students' Union is also responsible for representing students at Queen Mary, and we help students to have their say and make their voice heard. Elected reps listen to student feedback and work with the University to change things to improve your experience here and run campaigns and projects throughout the year.

Elections & Reps

- The Students' Union Elections run in September and January so students can decide who represents them. We have over 50 part-time representations and every school and year group has a Course Rep. Everyone has the opportunity to run to be a rep.

- Being an elected rep is a great experience and you can make a real difference to the student experience here at Queen Mary!

- We make sure our reps are able to improve their CV, meet new people, build new skills and help them to have a positive impact. You’re able to run your own campaigns and projects and be the voice of the students you represent.
Help & Support

Academic Advice Service
The Students’ Union’s Academic Advice Service is here to help students if they encounter academic problems while studying, offering confidential advice and guidance on appeals, complaints, assessment offences and de-registration.

Advice & Counselling
The Advice and Counselling service provide a range of specialist, professional and confidential services to support you whether you are disabled, have financial problems, need immigration advice or just need to talk to someone or pointing in the right direction.

Liberation Work
We have dedicated, elected Liberation Representatives to assist with any needs. We also run liberation campaigns throughout the year including Disability Awareness Fortnight, Black History Month, LGBT+ History Month and Jewish Heritage Fortnight.
The Students' Union is a not-for-profit charity. Every penny of profit we make is reinvested back into the activities, campaigns and opportunities we provide for students. We run lots of spaces on campus and offer over 250 student staff roles every year - giving you the opportunity to have a job on campus whilst you study. All our student jobs pay at least the London Living Wage.

Venues

Drapers Bar and Kitchen and The Griff Inn are located on campus and have a tasty range of food and drink at student friendly prices! By night these venues are home to some of our biggest on-campus events. They’re a great place to hang out with friends, have fun and party!

Cafés

Ground Café and The Shield Café offer the best coffee on campus and are the perfect spot to take a break between lectures, study or catch-up with friends. They offer hot drinks, smoothies, delicious pastries from the local Rinkoff Bakery and a range of sandwiches, paninis, sushi and salads.
Our Places and Spaces

Shops
The Village Shop and Union Shop are located on the campus and offer a lunchtime meal deal, stationery and groceries. Union Shop is also home to all our official swag and merch, whilst the Village Shop located in the Student Village is our convenience store offering groceries, toiletries, fresh & frozen food, alcohol, stationery and much more, all on the doorstep of halls.

Places & Spaces
If you need somewhere to chill out or study, the Students’ Union Hub and The Nest are great places to spend time between lectures. A student favourite is our table football and lunch area where we have microwaves to heat up your own lunch.

Our Multi-Faith Centre is also located in the Students’ Union Hub, with Friday Prayer held each Friday in The Nest.
Find out more....

Visit the Welcome Fair on 21, 22 & 23 September.

Visit our welcome website www.qmsu.org/welcome

Follow us on social media to see what we’re up to @QMSU
Thank you!

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Queen Mary Students' Union (QMSU)
Meet your Careers Consultant

Pash Selopal

**Careers Consultant**
SPCS, SEMS

**Early Careers Recruitment**
Frontline, Bloomberg, Gartner

**Book an appointment** (F2F or Online):
https://www.qmul.ac.uk/careers/how-to/book-an-appointment/
School Exl. Hours: Monday PM – G.O Jones/Online

**Connect on LinkedIn:**
linkedin.com/in/pselopal
QM Careers Hub video
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To receive vacancies and events, complete your ‘Profile’ and...

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Application timelines

Typical Graduate Scheme Calendar

Useful links:
https://www.brightnetwork.co.uk/application-deadlines/jobs/graduate-schemes/
https://targetjobs.co.uk/graduate-schemes
https://www.graduate-jobs.com/schemes
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b4_IpHeLb9NldVWgWKq14nMxHEvF3qMpEd3QdOc7Ck/edit#gid=815296917
Where to look
School specific support

Regular newsletters with a round-up of opportunities – offered by QMUL, employers and external partners.

SPCS Careers-related information on QMplus

1:1 Careers Appointments (In-Person and/or Online)

Highlighting opportunities and resources to your Academic Advisors

'Science & Engineering' wide events & workshops

Week 7
SPCS Student Support

Harvey Abraham-Green
Welcome to the School

From your Student Support Officer
Harvey Abraham-Green

Student Support Officer

h.abrahamgreen@qmul.ac.uk

MS Teams
Where to find us?

SPCS Admin Office – Room 110 (first floor)
Open Monday to Friday (10 – 4pm)
Academic and pastoral information and support
Book a support meeting online or visit the office.
What does a SSO do?

• First point of contact for all students and signposting support
• Offer advice on matters which may be impeding your ability to study
• Monitor attendance and engagement with your studies and coursework.
• Feedback and Improving the student experience
• Oversees all EC claims made by Physics and Chemistry students
Extenuating Circumstances (ECs)

What are Extenuating Circumstances?
Extenuating circumstances are usually personal or health problems. Health problems include your emotional wellbeing and mental health, as well as your physical health. Extenuating circumstances do not include computer problems, misreading your exam timetable, employment commitments, planned holidays or events, or local transport delays.

How to make a claim?
Please visit MySIS to make an EC claim online.

Claims must be supported evidence (unless you self-certify)

Student’s can self-certify up to 3 times each year (for up to 7 days each time)

Receiving a decision
University Support Services

Advice and Counselling Service
• Located in Geography Square

Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS)
• Located in the Bancroft Building Room 3.06 (3rd Floor)

QMUL Library
Located on Library Square (Temporary entrance opposite Ground coffeeshop)

Careers Services
Located in room WG3 of the Queens' Building

Students’ Union (QMSU)
Located within the Students’ Union Hub
Student Wellbeing at QMUL
Advice and Counselling Service
Advice

▪ Funding your studies
▪ Applying for Hardship Funds
▪ Dealing with Debt
▪ Budget planning
▪ Welfare rights and benefits
▪ Tuition fee issues
▪ Immigration Law
▪ International student issues
Counselling

Counsellors are currently offering online appointments via MS Teams, and some face-to-face appointments.

- Relationship problems
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Difficult decisions
- Identity and Sexuality
- Family Problems
- Exam Stress
- Homesickness
How to contact Advice and Counselling?

Online via MySIS or their webform
The Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) offers support for all students with disabilities, specific learning differences and mental health issues at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL).
Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS)

There are specially trained advisors to support with:

- Dyslexia and specific learning differences
- Disabilities and DSA support
- Autism support and assessments
- Mental health issues
- Exam access arrangements (extra time etc.)
- Accommodation and dedicated study space

The Disability and Dyslexia Service is located on the 3rd floor of the Francis Bancroft Building in 3.06.

Please email the Disability and Dyslexia Service or use the DDS online contact form to get in touch or book an appointment.
Student Health Service

It is very important that you protect your health while studying at Queen Mary

COVID-19 and your wellbeing

You can register online – www.studenthealth.qmul.ac.uk
Student Health Service

There is a free Student Health Service available on campus (located in the Geography Building at Mile End Campus).

The Student Health Service is provided by Globe Town Surgery.

Students living in Queen Mary accommodation at Mile End or Whitechapel and students living in the borough of Tower Hamlets (postcodes E1, E2, E3 and E14) are encouraged to register with the Student Health Service.
Breakout sessions

Room 610 (this room) – Astrophysics programmes

Room 516 (5th floor) - Physics and Euromaster programmes

Room 410 (4th floor) – MSc Chemistry programmes