

## Pricing Structure for Industry/3<sup>rd</sup> Sector PhD Studentships in The Faculty of Science and Engineering

(excluding CASE and iCASE Studentships)

The Faculty of Science and Engineering at QMUL is pleased to offer a suite of opportunities for industry/3<sup>rd</sup> sector-academic collaboration to support PhD studentships.

The level of support depends on the IP/licensing arrangements, whether the partner is commercial/non-commercial and the level of contribution from other sources, with special arrangements for SMEs as summarised below:

### Commercial Partners (minimum contribution)

**Table 1 – Total cost of Studentships for different bands, starting points, duration, funding route and type (lab or non-lab) for commercial partners**

	Lab-based						Non-lab					
	Fully external-funded			QM part-funded			Fully external-funded			QM part-funded		
	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr
<b>2022/23</b>												
Band A	£ 150,994	£ 177,563	£ 204,133	Not Available			£ 142,594	£ 167,763	£ 192,933	Not Available		
Band B	£ 120,964	£ 142,226	£ 163,487	£ 87,204	£ 108,465	£ 129,726	£ 112,564	£ 132,426	£ 152,287	£ 78,804	£ 98,665	£ 118,526
Band C	£ 99,515	£ 116,984	£ 134,454	£ 65,754	£ 83,224	£ 100,693	£ 91,115	£ 107,184	£ 123,254	£ 57,354	£ 73,424	£ 89,493
<b>2023/24</b>												
Band A	£ 155,164	£ 182,470	£ 209,777	Not Available			£ 146,764	£ 172,670	£ 198,577	Not Available		
Band B	£ 124,233	£ 146,072	£ 167,911	£ 89,460	£ 111,299	£ 133,138	£ 115,833	£ 136,272	£ 156,711	£ 81,060	£ 101,499	£ 121,938
Band C	£ 102,140	£ 120,074	£ 138,007	£ 67,367	£ 85,300	£ 103,234	£ 93,740	£ 110,274	£ 126,807	£ 58,967	£ 75,500	£ 92,034
<b>2024/25</b>												
Band A	£ 159,459	£ 187,524	£ 215,590	Not Available			£ 151,059	£ 177,724	£ 204,390	Not Available		
Band B	£ 127,600	£ 150,034	£ 172,469	£ 91,784	£ 114,218	£ 136,652	£ 119,200	£ 140,234	£ 161,269	£ 83,384	£ 104,418	£ 125,452
Band C	£ 104,844	£ 123,256	£ 141,668	£ 69,028	£ 87,439	£ 105,851	£ 96,444	£ 113,456	£ 130,468	£ 60,628	£ 77,639	£ 94,651

**Table 2 – The three main costing bands based on IP/Licensing agreements with commercial partners**

Band A	The company will receive a <b>royalty-free exclusive commercial licence</b> to use the results within a defined field of use (to be defined in the agreement)
Band B	The company will have the royalty-free right to use the results for research and development purposes, with an <b>option</b> to negotiate an <b>exclusive commercial licence</b> within a defined field of use
Band C	The company will have the royalty-free right to use the results for research and development purposes, with an <b>option</b> to negotiate a <b>non-exclusive commercial license</b> within a defined field of use

### **Non-commercial Partners (minimum contribution)**

This is only available for non-commercial 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners, e.g., Charities, NGOs, Policy Makers, etc., and only for home applicants at the UKRI rate for fees and stipend for the duration of the PhD studentships.

**Table 3 – Total cost of Studentships for different bands, starting points, duration, funding route and type (lab or non-lab) for non-commercial partners**

	Lab-based						Non-lab					
	Fully external-funded			QM part-funded			Fully external-funded			QM part-funded		
	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr
<b>2022/23</b>	£ 79,522	£ 93,457	£ 107,392	£ 45,761	£ 59,696	£ 73,632	£ 71,122	£ 83,657	£ 96,192	£ 37,361	£ 49,896	£ 62,432
<b>2023/24</b>	£ 81,547	£ 95,841	£ 110,134	£ 46,774	£ 61,067	£ 75,361	£ 73,147	£ 86,041	£ 98,934	£ 38,374	£ 51,267	£ 64,161
<b>2024/25</b>	£ 83,634	£ 98,296	£ 112,958	£ 47,817	£ 62,479	£ 77,141	£ 75,234	£ 88,496	£ 101,758	£ 39,417	£ 52,679	£ 65,941

### **Important Notes**

- Licensing and IP arrangements subject to discussion and final approval
- QMUL has a royalty free right to use the IP & technology for non-commercial activities such as teaching and research.
- The structure allows the opportunity to recruit the very best student irrespective of fee status, which provides a considerable advantage to both academic staff and external funders.
- The various options for pricing including the QM partial funding model will hopefully allow us to attract more studentships/collaborations with both industry/commercial and non-commercial partners and provide consistency across the faculty hopefully streamlining the process from different prospective.

**UKRI DTPs/CDTs, CASE and iCASE:** Please note that DTP/CDT CASE and iCASE studentships funded via UKRI, are costed as per UKRI guidance.

**QM part-funded Studentships:** A limited number of these strategic QM part-funded studentships may be available to support industrial engagement through a competitive bidding process. Examples of current QM part-funded studentships are those offered by the faculty such as the flexible match-funding scheme and those associated with our QMUL mini-Centres for Doctoral Training (e.g., *CDT in Predictive in vitro Models for Medical Innovation and Research and the CDT in Molecular Biochemical Engineering*)’

**Industry placements:** Industry partners are encouraged to host the PhD student for a period of 3-6 months where possible. For some studentships this may be a requirement which the industry partner and the academic supervisory team should discuss.

**Tuition Fees:** To maximise opportunities to recruit highest quality students, these funding levels are for **both home and international fee status students**. To support industrial engagement, QMUL will cover any shortfall in tuition fees in the event that an international student is appointed. **Please note that for non-commercial partners this is restricted to Home Applicants ONLY.**

**Consumables funding:** The funding levels include a minimum basic consumables cost of £4k/year for lab based studentships and £1.2k/year for non-lab. Therefore, additional consumable funding (*specific project costs, access to facilities, student stipend top-up, travel/conference, training*) from the industrial partner may be required depending on the nature of the PhD project.

**Flexible Research Fund (FRF):** To support the recruitment of home students, the PI/Primary supervisor will receive a Flexible Research Fund if a home student is appointed. Details of the FRF are presented in Table 4. This does not apply to PhD studentships supported by non-commercial partners.

**Heads of Terms (HOT):** Once the financial terms are understood, a Heads of Terms (HOT) can be used to confirm collaboration outline. The Heads of Terms documents will cover details such as financial contribution, IP ownership and commercialisation right, Field of use, confidentiality & publication rights.

**Table 4 – Total FRF for the duration of the PhD Studentship for different bands, duration and starting points for commercial partners and home applicants only (applies to both lab-based and non-lab studentships)**

	Fully external-funded		
	3-yr	3.5-yr	4-yr
<b>2022/23</b>			
Band A	£ 14,294	£ 16,821	£ 19,348
Band B	£ 8,289	£ 9,754	£ 11,219
Band C	£ 3,999	£ 4,705	£ 5,412
<b>2023/24</b>			
Band A	£ 14,723	£ 17,326	£ 19,928
Band B	£ 8,537	£ 10,046	£ 11,555
Band C	£ 4,119	£ 4,847	£ 5,575
<b>2024/25</b>			
Band A	£ 15,165	£ 17,846	£ 20,526
Band B	£ 8,793	£ 10,348	£ 11,902
Band C	£ 4,242	£ 4,992	£ 5,742