

# Queen Mary University of London PhD Induction

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# A brief history of Queen Mary

Queen Mary has its roots in 4 historic London Colleges:

- Queen Mary College (*founded 1887*)
- Westfield College (*founded 1882*)
- The London Hospital Medical College (*founded 1785*)  
(*hospital dates to 1740*)
- St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College (*founded 1843*)  
(*hospital dates to 1123*)



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Queen Mary College dates back to the opening of the **People's Palace** on Mile End Road in 1887.

People's Palace founded as part of a Victorian drive to improve the social and educational conditions of the people of the East End.

## These foundations are evident today

- UK's 1<sup>st</sup> Living Wage Campus
- Champions public engagement, and research that makes a contribution to both the international research community and local people
- Support of local schools - St. Paul's Way Trust and Drapers' Multi-Academy Trust
- Seeks to foster a vibrant but inclusive research community



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- Queen Mary was admitted to the University of London in 1915.
- In 1989 it merged with Westfield College to become Queen Mary and Westfield College (QMW).
- Westfield College was founded in 1882 with the specific aim of preparing women to obtain degrees from the University of London. It received its Royal Charter of Incorporation in 1932 and admitted male students for the first time in 1965.
- In 1995, the medical colleges of St Bartholomew's Hospital and The Royal London Hospital (founded 1740) merged, and joined Queen Mary to form the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry – so creating Queen Mary University of London as we know it today.



# So where are we now?

- ca. 27,000 students - including **~2000 PhD students** - and ~4600 staff
- Working in 3 Faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Engineering, and Medicine and Dentistry
- Across 5 campuses: at Mile End, Whitechapel, Charterhouse Square, West Smithfield, and Lincoln's Inn Fields
- Also, one of the world's 20 most international universities – with students from 170 different countries, and 35% of staff born outside of the UK
- International teaching in China (BUPT and Nanchang) and Paris (LLM).

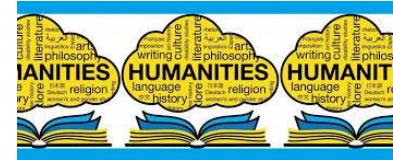


# A Research Intensive University

- **9 Nobel Prize winners** among former staff and students
- Ranked **92<sup>nd</sup> in the world and 9<sup>th</sup> the UK** by U.S. News & World Report 'Best Global Universities 2024'.
- **>£130m annual research income**
- Ranked joint **7<sup>th</sup> in the UK** for quality of research in 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF)
- Ranked **14<sup>th</sup> in the world** for the quality of our research, THE World Ranking 2024
- **Top 10** in the UK for a number of subjects including: Drama, Film, Computer Science & Informatics, Politics & International Studies, Engineering, Economics and History
- A member of the **Russell Group** of research intensive universities
- Ranked **1<sup>st</sup> in the Russell Group and 3<sup>rd</sup> among UK universities** for social mobility
- **First university** to receive a Platinum Engage Watermark from National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement

# Internal Organisation

- **Humanities and Social Sciences** - Business and Management, Economics and Finance, Geography, History, School of Arts, Law, Politics and International Relations
- **Science and Engineering** - Biological and Behavioural Sciences, Physical and Chemical Sciences, Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, Engineering and Materials Science, Mathematical Sciences
- **Medicine and Dentistry** - Barts Cancer Institute, Blizard Institute, Institute of Dentistry, Institute of Health Sciences Education, William Harvey Research Institute, Wolfson Institute of Population Health
- **Cross cutting University Research Institutes** – Digital Environment Research Institute, Precision Health Research Institute



# Internal Organisation

**Also** home to more than **50 Research Centres** – ranging from the Centre for the Study of the History of Emotions in HSS, the Antennas and Electromagnetics Research Group in Science and Engineering, to the Centre for Experimental Cancer Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

**And... various Research Council Doctoral Training Centres:**

**EPSRC** Data-centric Engineering

**EPSRC** Artificial Intelligence and Music (AIM)

**EPSRC** Intelligent Games and Game Intelligence

**EPSRC** Centre for Doctoral Training in Media and Arts Technology

**ESRC** The London Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (LISS) (DTF RESEARCH COUNCILS UK)  
(with KCL and IC)

**NERC** Doctoral Training Partnership (with Birkbeck, Brunel, KCL, Royal Holloway and UCL)

**BBSRC** LIDO Doctoral Training Partnership (with Birkbeck, KCL, LSHTM, UCL, RVC)

**AHRC** London Arts and Humanities Partnership (with KCL, UCL, and others)

**STFC** Centre for Data Intensive Science (with Southampton, Sussex, Portsmouth and OU)





# So what does all that mean for me?

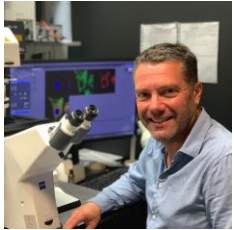
- You are not alone!
- You will work very closely with your **supervisor**
- You will be part of a lively and supportive graduate community in your **School, Research Group** or **Research Centre**
- You are also a member of an **incredibly rich intellectual environment that stretches across Queen Mary - embrace it!**
- Many of the best ideas in research come from 'left field' – from conversations with people working on other projects, and in other fields: seek out those conversations
- You are also a member of Queen Mary's **Doctoral College**



# Queen Mary Doctoral College

The Doctoral College oversees the **admission, training and development, academic progression and award of degrees** for all of Queen Mary's PGR students

We are here to **support you** and help you make the most of the opportunities Queen Mary has to offer: **making sure the wide range of activities that go into successful research connect up**



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**Thank you**



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