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Queen Mary University of London

Senate

Paper Title	**Semester Dates - Academic Years 2033-2034**
Outcome requested	To **approve** the recommended dates.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	Senate is asked to note the following: • From the start of the next admissions cycle (late September / early October 2026), programmes of 5 years+ will need to be set-up requiring the approval of dates to 2033/34. • The student record system requires a minimum 5 years of academic dates at any one time to create accurate student records and to create CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies) dates required for international students to apply for a visa to study in the UK. • In line with Senate's decision to change the academic year dates for 2026/27, revised dates are presented for 2027/28 and 2032/33 to accommodate on-campus winter graduation events. • Future dates are published as 'provisional' allowing for further changes to the academic year should the need arise.
Questions for Senate to consider	Is Senate content to approve the proposed semester dates for 2033/2034 and revisions to 2027/28 and 2032/33?
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Queen Mary Academic Regulations.
Strategy and risk	2.01 – student experience
Reporting/ consideration route for the paper	Senate
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Executive Summary

Semester start and end dates are fundamental to effective curriculum planning, clear communication of attendance requirements to students, and coordination with the Student Loans Company (SLC) in relation to tuition fee liability and maintenance loan payments. They also underpin the creation and maintenance of applicant and student records, which support statutory reporting requirements, including submissions to HESA Data Futures.

Semester dates are currently approved up to and including the 2032–2033 academic year. To enable the continued management of future applicant and student records, approval is now required for a further year of dates.

Following the November Senate meeting, amendments were made to the 2026–2027 academic year to accommodate on-campus winter graduation ceremonies. In line with this decision, approval is sought to revise the 2027–2028 and 2032–2033 academic years to ensure sufficient capacity to host events in the Great Hall without disruption to teaching activity.

Academic Year Amendments

To support the configuration of five-year (and longer) programmes for the forthcoming admissions cycle, approval is required for the 2033–2034 academic year semester dates.

The proposed structure retains the established model of 12-week semesters, with a welcome week for both September and January entrants. Examination periods will remain unchanged: two weeks and two days in January, four weeks and two days in May/June, and two weeks in August. Each semester will begin on a Monday.

Future semester dates will continue to be published as provisional on the University website. Should changes to the academic year structure be agreed, a review of any previously published dates will be undertaken.

Appendix A sets out the proposed academic dates for 2033–2034.
Appendix B sets out the revised academic dates for 2027–2028 and 2032–2033.

Trudy Mason
Director of Registry Services

Appendix A – Semester Dates, Academic Year 2033-2034

Semester 1

- Welcome Week: 12 – 16 September 2033
- Teaching: 19 September 2033 – 9 December 2033
- Study period: 12 – 13 December 2033
- Bank holidays: 26 – 27 December 2033

Semester 1 - Examination Period

- Study period: 3 – 4 January 2034
- Examinations: 5 – 20 January 2034

Semester 2

- Welcome Week: 16 – 20 January 2034
- Teaching: 23 January 2034 – 14 April 2034
- Bank holidays: 7 April and 10 April 2034

Semester 3 - Examination period for Semester 2 & Year Long Modules

- Study period: 2 – 3 May 2034
- Examinations: 4 May – 2 June 2034
- Bank holidays: 1 May and 29 Ma7 2034

Late Summer Resit Period

- 7 – 18 August 2034

Vacation Period

- 14 December 2033 – 2 January 2034
- 17 April 2034 – 28 April 2034
- 5 June 2034 – 11 September 2034 with formal teaching commencing 18 September 2034

Appendix B – Semester Date Changes 2027-2028 and 2032-2033

2027-2028 Semester 1

- Welcome Week: 13 – 17 September 2027 (previously 20-24 September)
- Teaching: 20 September – 10 December 2027 (previously 27 September – 17 December 2027)
- Study period: 12 – 13 December 2033 (previously 20-21 December 2027)

All other semester dates remain as previously agreed.

2032-2033 Semester 1

- Welcome Week: 13 – 17 September 2032 (previously 20-24 September)
- Teaching: 20 September – 10 December 2027 (previously 27 September – 17 December 2032)
- Study period: 12 – 13 December 2033 (previously 20-21 December 2032)

All other semester dates remain as previously agreed.

2027 Amended

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