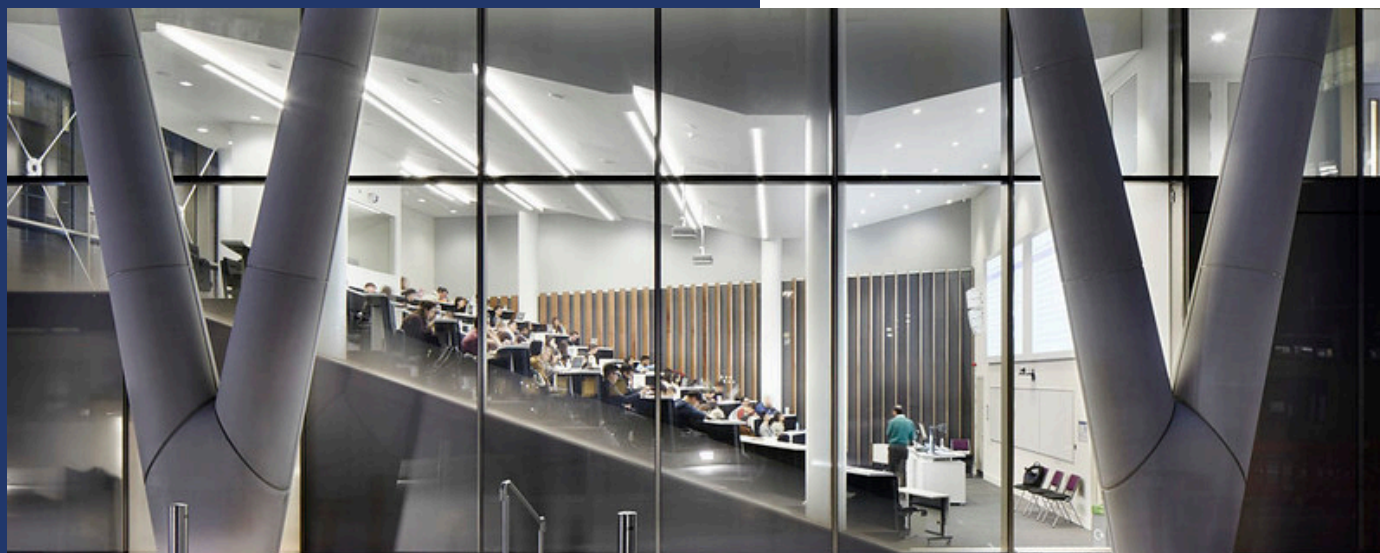


SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

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A message from the Head of School

Happy new academic year to all students and staff!

This year, we welcome over 900 new students to the School across our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. With new faces, fresh ideas, and plenty of opportunities ahead, it promises to be a fantastic year for our whole community.

Alongside welcoming new students, we also celebrate the outstanding achievements of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Camille Terrier on her promotion to Reader, and Cristina Gualdani on being awarded a European Research Council Starting grant. These are truly fantastic achievements!

I'm also pleased to welcome a few new colleagues to the School of Economics and Finance. Katty Paredes, who joined our School as the UG Education and Quality Officer, and Rosetta Duan, who will be joining us as the UG Student Support Officer.

I look forward to meeting you at forthcoming events, and I wish you a productive and lively academic year.



Professor Alp Atakan
Head of School



QMUL shortlisted for University of the Year

Queen Mary University of London has been shortlisted for University of the Year in the 2025 Times Higher Education Awards, recognising our continued commitment to tackling inequalities, transforming lives, and opening doors of opportunity.



NEW MSc in Financial Technology (Fintech)

Starting September 2026, our new MSc brings together finance, AI, and regulation. Developed in collaboration with the Schools of Computer Science and Law, students will master cutting-edge tools like machine learning, blockchain, and big data, while building the expertise to create innovative financial solutions and navigate global regulatory challenges. [Visit the course page to learn more.](#)

More news

- **Second Applied Finance cohort achieves 100% pass rate at Level 4.** Our second cohort of the Applied Finance degree apprenticeship, with apprentices from Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank, has achieved a 100% pass rate in the Level 4 Investment Operations Specialist apprenticeship. They have now progressed to the Level 6 Financial Services Professional apprenticeship, which they will complete over the next two years.
- **New cohort joins, featuring apprentices from three new employers.** This term, we welcomed 21 new apprentices onto the Level 4 programme, including participants from three new employer partners: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), CVC Capital Partners, and Park Square Capital. If you work for a potential employer and would like to learn more about our Applied Finance apprenticeship programme, please contact us at sefapprenticeships@qmul.ac.uk.
- **July Campus Week.** Apprentices on the Economics Masters Apprenticeship Programme (EMAP) joined us on the Mile End campus last month for their bi-annual Campus Week, which included two in-person personal development days. The week concluded with a networking event for apprentices and staff in the Graduate Centre.
- **New EMAP cohort.** Eighty-seven new apprentices have started on EMAP this month, joining us from partner employers such as the civil service, the Bank of England, and several local authorities.
- We are also preparing to welcome our final levy-funded intake this December, with more than 90 apprentices expected to begin the programme.
- **Working Paper Series** Please take a look at the new [EMAP Working Paper Series website](#) which features papers written from our Economics Master's Apprentices whilst on programme.



Class of 2025 students graduate in the Queens Building

A huge congratulations to all of our students who graduated in July! Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. We're excited to see where your journey takes you next.

As we look ahead, we're eagerly anticipating the upcoming Winter Postgraduate Ceremonies and the chance to celebrate even more of our talented students.

Undergraduate student prize winners

The Corry Prize winner
Samantha Whitten

The Corry Prize for the best 3rd Year Economics Project. Bernard Corry was a professor in the Department of Economics from 1966 until his retirement in 1996, and died in January 2001. He was always a strong advocate of projects, and to mark his many contributions to the Department of Economics, and the economics profession in the UK, his colleagues established an annual prize for the best project. The first award of this prize was made in 1997.

Coddington Prize winner
Corey Jake Latchford

Coddington Prize for improvement in 1st year Mathematics and Statistics. Alan Coddington joined the newly created Department of Economics in 1966 and later served as Professor until his death in 1982. Remembered for his skill and humour in teaching quantitative methods, one of his former students established a £100 prize in his memory, awarded to the first-year student showing the greatest improvement in quantitative modules.

Krystyna Renner Prize winner
Ivo Ivanov

The Krystyna Renner Prize for second-year achievement. This prize was established by Mark Renner in 1994 in memory of his mother, and is awarded to a second-year student on the basis of both effort and performance, with first preference being given to students on the Economics and Politics programme.

Kieran Dhaliwal Prize winner
Swati Singh

The Kieran Dhaliwal Prize for a second-year student based on a combination of academic merit and charity work. Kieran Dhaliwal was a student who had just started his third year when tragically killed in a road traffic accident. This prize is awarded in his memory and was first awarded in 2015.

Academic Excellence Prize winners
Najifa Naba (Year 1)
Anuska Mishra (Year 2)

Academic Excellence Prize for the highest achieving student in Year 1 and Year 2.



SEF Academics awarded with Principal Fellowship (PFHEA)

Professors Eileen Tipoe and Luigi Ventimiglia have been awarded Principal Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA), the highest level of recognition for teaching and learning leadership, held by fewer than 2% of higher education professionals in the UK. [Read the full story on our website.](#)



Seven Sisters and Guildford walks

PhD students and staff at the School of Economics and Finance have enjoyed the final days of summer on a series of lively outings organised by Dr John Morrow. The events offered opportunities to enjoy nature, and connect with colleagues across the School.

Research news

- SEF's Dr Cristina Gualdani has been awarded a prestigious European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant, one of only 12% of proposals selected from nearly 4,000 applications across Europe. Her research will develop new econometric methods to better understand how firms compete in real-world markets, with the potential for major scientific breakthroughs. [Read the full story on our website.](#)
- The School is organising the Fourth International Conference in Education and Scholarship Research in Economics and Finance on 7 November 2025, with the support of [Teaching with Historical Perspectives](#) and the [Centre for Education and Scholarship Research in Economics, Finance and Business Management](#).

Teaching prize winners for 2025

We would also like to congratulate the following staff members who were awarded Undergraduate Teaching Prizes over the summer:

- Excellence in Undergraduate Core Module Teaching: Luca Larcher
- Excellence in Undergraduate Elective Module Teaching: Manolis Noikokyrus
- Special Commendation: Ioanna Lachana
- Special Commendation: Jan Toczynski
- Excellence in Undergraduate Class Teaching: Chiara Bernardi, Ezgi Kurt and Mahmoud Shahin



Earn while you learn as a Student Ambassador

If you're interested in outreach, helping others make choices when considering universities, and you're a confident communicator, consider applying to become a Student Ambassador for the School of Economics and Finance. You'll make new friends, gain skills and experience, and enjoy flexible, £13.99 p/hr paid employment to fit around your studies.

Student Ambassadors are our most powerful brand advocates. You are role models and use your personal experiences to support and advise prospective students on university life.

Main responsibilities

- Supporting and assisting staff at university open days, offer holder days, campus tours, taster days
- Participating and presenting on student panels and Q&As
- Supporting marketing staff in virtual activities and social media
- Writing a personal profile for the website and other media communications

- Outreach activities: facilitating workshops around the country with Discover Economics
- Supporting central departments with recruitment and outreach activities
- Office-based administrative roles
- Supporting university marketing campaigns

How do I apply?

The application process to become a Student Ambassador is open! Please fill in this online [application form](#)

You do not need any previous experience to apply. You will go through a full recruitment process from application to interview. The ability to communicate professionally via all media is essential, so the quality of your written communication will be considered.

Any questions, please email:

sef-studentrecruitment@gmul.ac.uk

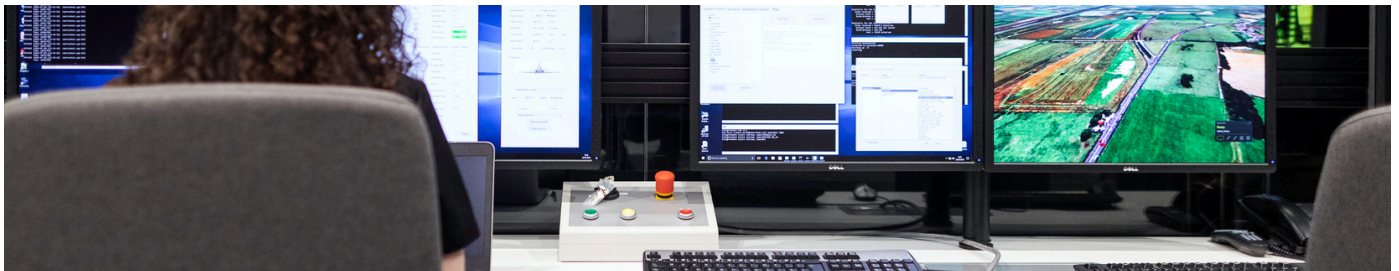




Apply now for qNomics

qNomics is an extracurricular, Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) accredited programme open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students across all year groups. It offers a unique opportunity to put your degree into practice while working on real projects. Running from October to March, you'll join a small team and collaborate with local businesses, charities, and investment firms. Under the guidance of a professional mentor, your team will develop tailored advice based on the specific needs of your assigned project. To apply for the programme, please complete the [application form](#).

For any questions, [contact econ-qnomics@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:econ-qnomics@qmul.ac.uk).
Find out more about past projects on the [qNomics website](#).



NEW AmplifyMe Pathways for MSc students

AmplifyME Pathways is an innovative online platform offering students the chance to experience live simulations of real tasks from careers in finance. During these simulations, students will collaborate and compete with students from across the globe, gaining practical insights into different areas of the industry.

The platform offers three specialist pathways:

- **Markets** – trading and asset management
- **Banking** – financial statements and company valuation
- **Quant** – automating processes and trading strategies using Python

With leaderboards tracking performance, top students may be fast-tracked for job and internship opportunities with leading financial institutions. In addition to live simulations, AmplifyME Pathways also provides on-demand learning resources for each pathway and access to expert career advice, helping you build the skills and confidence to stand out in the competitive finance sector. [You can learn more here](#).



Join us for Twelfth Night at the Globe Theatre!

On Sunday, 29 September, some SEF Academics are heading to the Globe Theatre on the Southbank to see a highly praised production of Twelfth Night. They've reserved £5 standing tickets for the first five students who sign up: [Sign up here](#).

Plan for the evening:

- Meet: Bankside Pier at 19:00
- Head into the theatre: 19:20

Don't miss this chance to enjoy Shakespeare in one of London's most iconic venues! For more details about the production, see [Shakespeare's Globe](#).



Last Alumni Social of the year

Thank you to all our alumni who attended the Alumni Social at The Banker, despite the disruption caused by Tube strikes. It was a pleasure to reconnect with long-standing members of our community and to welcome new faces. We look forward to hosting our next alumni gathering in the new year!



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Follow the links to join our social media networks. Social Media is a great way to stay up to date with all the exclusive events and opportunities happening within the School of Economics and Finance!

