



QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST

INTERNATIONAL
STUDY CENTRE

RUSSELL GROUP EXCELLENCE, UNBEATABLE VALUE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION, FOR LESS

Queen's University Belfast has been shaping futures for 180 years. Today, this Russell Group institution offers outstanding education and exceptional value – all in one of the UK's most affordable cities, bursting with career potential.



YOUR PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The International Study Centre is your first step towards studying at Queen's University Belfast. Here, you'll prepare for your degree with support from staff who really care.

Learning on Queen's historic campus, you'll have access to state-of-the-art facilities from day one. We can't wait to welcome you!

94%
of all pathway students were eligible to continue to Queen's University Belfast in 2023/24



RICH ACADEMIC HERITAGE

9th oldest UK university, with a proud history of innovation spanning 180 years.



AFFORDABLE EXCELLENCE

Competitive tuition fees and guaranteed progression scholarships at a top 3 UK university for value for money.
(StudentCrowd Awards 2025)



RESEARCH IMPACT

Over 99% of Queen's research environment was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent
(Research Excellence Framework 2021)



RUSSELL GROUP

One of the UK's 24 leading research-intensive universities.



I FEEL LIKE I'M PART OF A FAMILY.

"I can't even express in words how welcoming the centre is – I feel like I'm part of a family. Everyone cares about your wellbeing and that's really heart-warming."

Bisola, Nigeria
Student Ambassador

- International Foundation
- BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences

MEET OUR ALUMNI

88%
of graduates achieve
a 1st, 2:1 or 2:2

(Based on International Study
Centre students graduating from
Queen's University Belfast in 2024)

From inspiring leaders to incredible pioneers, Queen's graduates have been making their mark on the world since 1845. Now, our students are turning ambition into achievement, building remarkable careers across the globe.



UNLOCK YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL

Your employability matters at Queen's. You'll have access to tailored careers guidance, industry workshops and real-world opportunities – all designed to help you develop as a future-ready graduate.

CAREER SUPPORT

Top 3 UK university for careers service
(StudentCrowd Awards 2025)

EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES

Top 5 UK university for job prospects
(StudentCrowd Awards 2025)

FUTURE-READY ROADMAP

Follow a personalised career journey throughout your time at Queen's – with skills development, career planning and employer insight built in from day one.

FUTURE-READY AWARD

Gain formal recognition for taking part in over 100 accredited extracurricular activities – and show employers you have the skills they want.

I GOT A GOOD JOB IN LONDON QUICKLY AFTER GRADUATING.

"The structure of my degree at Queen's gave me the opportunity to study a placement year in Hong Kong. This is something that I think made me stand out from other candidates when applying for jobs. I got a good job in London quickly after graduating."

Vicky, Hong Kong, China
International Foundation
BSc (Hons) Actuarial Science



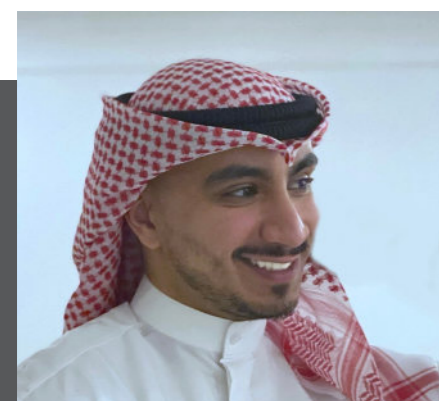
I GOT OFFERED A JOB 30 MINUTES AFTER GRADUATING!

"I got offered a job 30 minutes after graduating! It was an exceptional learning experience to train me to become an accomplished aerospace engineer."

Dennise, Indonesia
Design Engineer at Blow Moulding Technologies

International Foundation
BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering

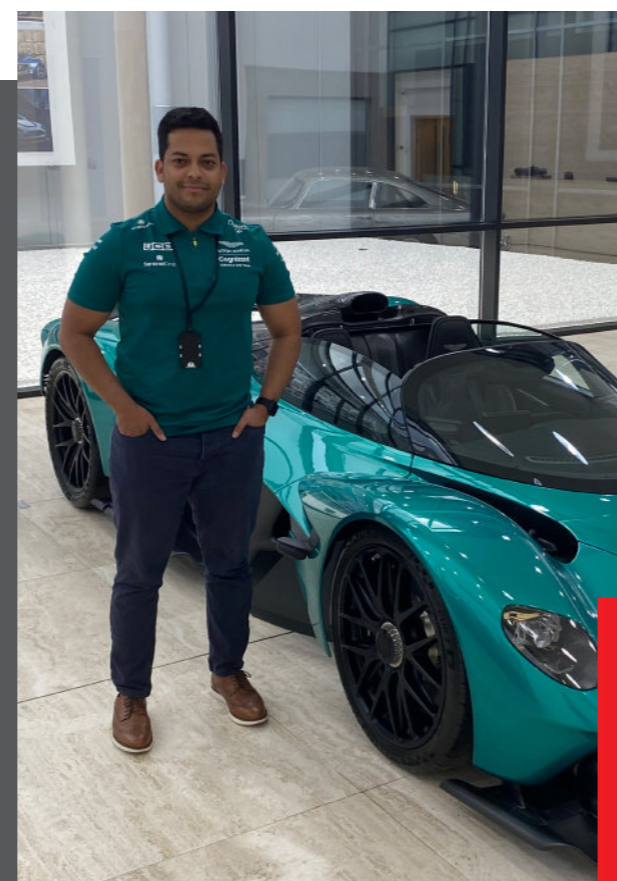
Hear Dennise's story



I FELT FULLY PREPARED AND CONFIDENT.

"I owe my academic and professional success to Queen's. Hospital and community placements were provided each year where we shadowed senior pharmacists' daily routines and practices. I felt fully prepared and confident when I graduated."

Ali, Kuwait
Pharmacist at Jaber Al Ahmad Hospital
International Foundation
MPharm Pharmacy



"After researching, I found that Queen's engineering alumni went on to work at big companies like Aston Martin and Rolls Royce, where I ended up getting a placement. It's the best decision I have made in my life."

Hassan, Pakistan
Q & Accessories Engineer at
Aston Martin Lagonda

International Year One
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Check out more of our
students' success stories:
qubisc.com/success

Learn more about preparing
for your future career:
qubisc.com/employability

WELCOME TO BELFAST

Friendly, fun and affordable, Belfast is the ideal student city. Northern Ireland's cosmopolitan capital may be compact, but it packs a lot in.

WHY STUDENTS LOVE BELFAST



BEST FOR YOUR BUDGET

Belfast is the UK's most affordable student city, so you can enjoy your time here for less.

(NatWest Student Living index 2024)



WELCOMING AND SAFE

The hospitality and warmth of the local people is legendary, helping you feel safe and at home.



A VIBRANT HUB

Rich in culture and history, Belfast is a thriving global food, arts and shopping destination.



EASY TO EXPLORE

Walkable and with good transport links, Belfast is a student-friendly city made for discovering.



ONE OF THE UK AND IRELAND'S MOST **VIBRANT AND AFFORDABLE** CITIES, PACKED WITH ENERGY, CULTURE AND HISTORY

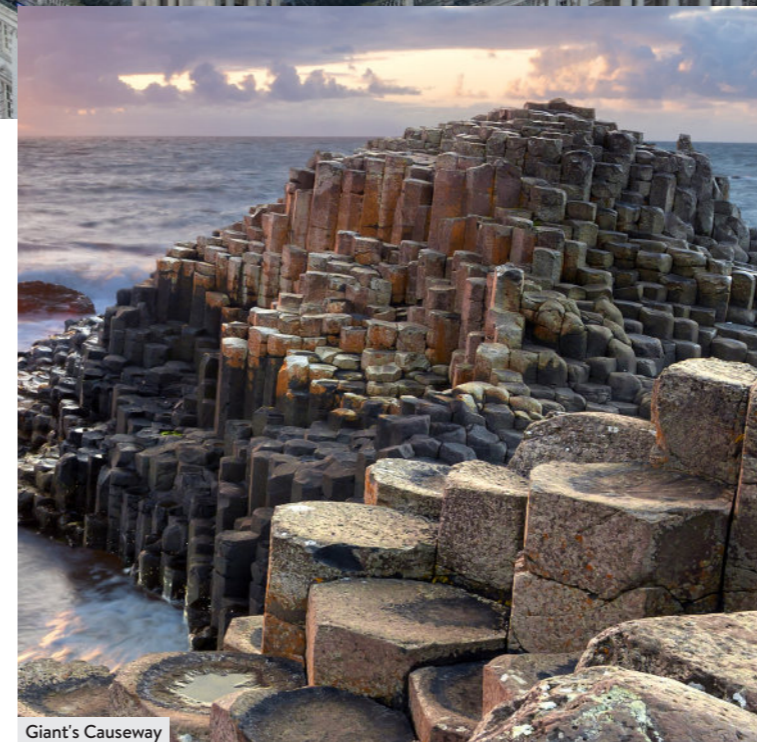
(The Complete University Guide 2025)

LONDON
1 hour 10 minutes
by plane

DUBLIN
2 hours by train



2 airports in Belfast
60+ direct flight destinations from Belfast to UK, Europe and beyond



Giant's Causeway

BEYOND THE CITY

Belfast is your gateway to Northern Ireland's breathtaking landscapes – from dramatic coastlines to mountains. The country's natural beauty is so striking that it's often chosen as a filming location. And best of all, it's all within easy reach for you to explore.

Dark Hedges

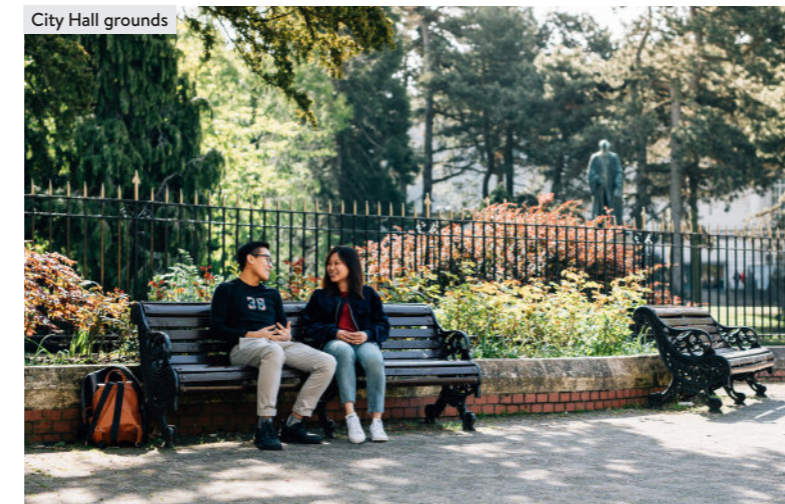


"What first drew me here was the rich history, culture and breathtaking landscapes. But what truly makes this place special is its people. The warmth, humour and sincerity of the locals made me feel welcome from day one – I've never experienced anything quite like it."

Hailing, Mainland China

- Pre-Master's
- Master of Business Administration

Learn more about life in Belfast, including living costs:
qubisc.com/living



A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Belfast is a thriving hub where careers begin. As one of the UK's fastest-growing tech cities¹, it's attracting major investment and creating thousands of jobs. With strong links to global employers, Queen's puts those opportunities within reach.

Queen's students benefit from links with major international employers – many of which are based in Belfast

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| ARUP | IBM |
| CITI | KPMG |
| DANSKE BANK | ORACLE |
| DELOITTE | PWC |
| EY | RANDOX |
| FIRST DERIVATIVES | SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS |



UP TO 20,000 NEW JOBS

Created in the next decade, thanks to the £1 billion+ Belfast Region City Deal.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Every Airbus wing includes components manufactured in Northern Ireland.

OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS

Northern Ireland is a top European investment location for US cybersecurity firms

(Financial Times fDi Markets 2025)



BELFAST IS A REALLY GOOD CITY TO BEGIN A CAREER IN BUSINESS.

"Belfast is a really good city to begin a career in business. A lot of the consulting firms are here, like Deloitte, Isio, PwC and EY."

- Jesselyn, Indonesia
- International Foundation
 - BSc (Hons) Actuarial Science and Risk Management

¹ UK Digital Economy Council 2021



96%
of students felt welcomed by the centre
(Student Experience Survey 2025)

INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

Begin your academic journey at the International Study Centre – a welcoming space close to everything on campus.

From the moment you arrive, our friendly team will be here to support you, guiding you through every step of life as an international student. With expert teaching and tailored programmes, we'll help you build the confidence and skills for success in your degree and beyond.

QAA Reviewed
Quality Assurance Agency
for Higher Education

"The inclusive academic and pastoral support enhances the quality of the learning experience."

(QAA Report 2023)



ACCOMMODATION

Choose from safe, comfortable and affordable accommodation – all close to campus and with 24/7 on-site support. Live alongside university students and be part of Queen's vibrant student community from the start. With a busy calendar of social events, it's easy to make friends and feel at home.

Explore your accommodation options:
qubisc.com/accommodation

A CAMPUS THAT INSPIRES

With historic buildings, cutting-edge learning spaces and green quadrants, Queen's campus has the wow factor. Blending seamlessly into leafy streets, cafés and shops, it's a beautiful and dynamic place to learn – just minutes from the heart of Belfast.



**£700
MILLION**

investment in
world-class facilities.

TOP 3

UK university for
campus and facilities

(StudentCrowd Awards 2025)

**BEST
STUDENTS'
UNION**

in the UK

(Whatuni Student Choice
Awards 2025)



McClay Library

MCCLAY LIBRARY

An award-winning, 24-hour library with collaborative spaces, quiet zones and the latest smart technology.

ONE ELMWOOD

Home to the Student Centre and Students' Union, this vibrant hub offers support services, study spaces and places to socialise – from catching up over coffee to gigs in Mandela Hall.

BOTANIC GARDENS

Right next to campus, this attractive park offers the perfect escape – whether you're studying in the sunshine or exploring the Victorian Palm House.



Students' Union and Student Centre



Computer Science Building



Physical Education Centre (PEC)



Botanic Gardens



Take a virtual tour
of the campus

QUEEN'S DEGREES. GLOBAL IMPACT.

Choose from degrees shaped by world-leading research – from cybersecurity to global health. At Queen's, you'll gain knowledge that matters, taught by experts at the forefront of their fields.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Gain a global perspective and career-ready skills at Queen's Business School – a triple-accredited institution with degrees recognised by leading professional bodies.

=2ND IN THE UK

for Graduate Prospects in Accounting and Finance
(The Complete University Guide 2026)

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

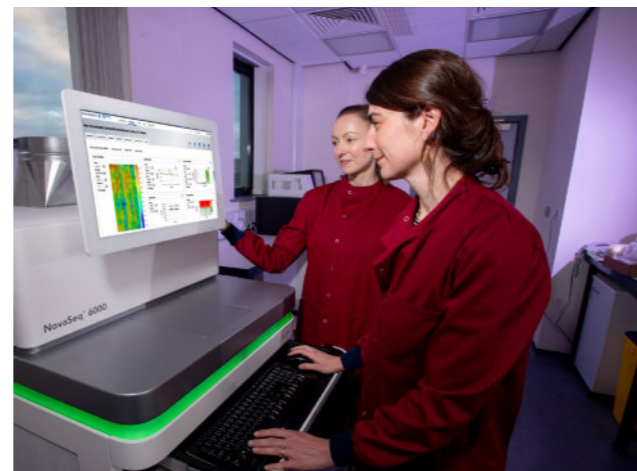
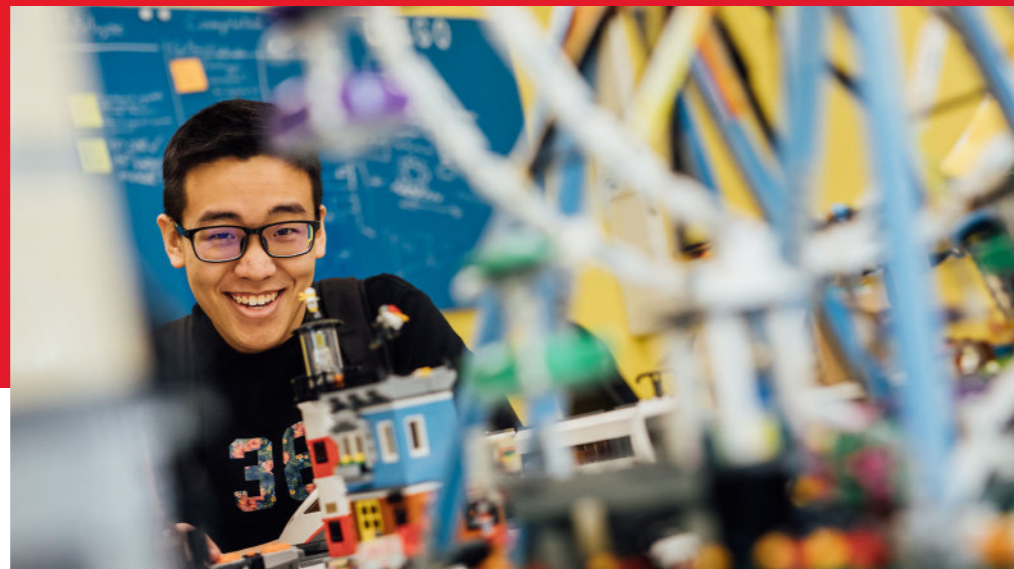
Apply your learning through placements and consultancy projects with companies including Aviva, Citi, EY and KPMG.

STUDENT MANAGED FUND

Join a real investment team and manage a live portfolio – developing skills in stock pitching, equity research and portfolio construction.

MODERN LEARNING HUB

Learn in a new, state-of-the-art building – home to the FinTrU Trading Room, Bloomberg terminals and industry-standard software.



ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Study in a city where engineering and tech are thriving – with real-world opportunities and industry connections right on your doorstep.

YOUR SPECIALISM, YOUR FUTURE

Explore a wide choice of disciplines aligned with your interests – from aerospace, civil and mechanical engineering to computing and data science.

INDUSTRY ACCREDITATION

Stand out to employers with degrees recognised by leading professional bodies including BCS, IChemE, ICE, IET and IMechE.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Learn through hands-on experience with specialist labs and equipment – from flight simulators and automotive test cells to humanoid robots and cybersecurity suites.

PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gain valuable experience with a year in industry. Students have worked with companies including Citi, Jaguar Land Rover, GSK and Microsoft.

RUSSELL GROUP'S BEST VALUE EDUCATION

Competitive tuition fees and affordable living costs mean you could save £25,000+ over the length of your studies – for degrees in business, computer science, engineering or pharmacy at Queen's.

(Based on the average published cost of study for a comparable Russell Group 3-year undergraduate degree for 2025/26, 40 weeks' ensuite housing on campus for the first year and average rent (spare room.co.uk) for the following years.)

LIFE SCIENCES

Help work towards a healthier planet and population. Informed by cutting-edge research, your studies at Queen's can lead to meaningful impact.

WORLD TOP 20

for Pharmacy and Pharmacology
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025)

LIFE-CHANGING DEGREES

Choose from a diverse range of subjects, including biomedical science, food science, nursing, pharmacy, psychology and more.

SKILLS THAT COUNT

Access placement opportunities with NGOs, hospitals and in other healthcare settings, ready for wherever science takes you.

AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Train in cutting-edge environments such as specialist labs and the Pharmacy Practice Unit with fully stocked dispensing workstations.

OUR PROGRAMMES

Prepare for your degree with pathways designed in partnership with Queen's University Belfast. Explore your options to see what your study journey could look like.

Accredited by



PATHWAY PROGRAMMES



COMBINED DEGREE WITH PATHWAY (ICAS)

Complete your pathway and degree in a single study plan and on one visa with our iCAS – integrated Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) – programmes.

- One visa for the full length of your study plan.
- Continue directly to your undergraduate degree after your pathway.
- Apply with a range of English language qualifications, not just IELTS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Academic English

- Increase your IELTS score by up to 1 band per term.
- Learn the academic vocabulary you'll need for your degree.
- Develop study skills such as debating, interpreting, presenting and essay writing.

Pre-sessional English

- English language and study skills for Queen's University Belfast offer holders.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Leads to Year 1 of an undergraduate degree at Queen's University Belfast.

- Bridges the gap between high school and undergraduate study.
- Modules tailored to build the academic knowledge you need for your chosen degree.
- English language classes help develop your skills to meet the university's requirements.
- Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- accounting
- architecture
- biological sciences
- business
- computing
- engineering
- food science
- mathematics



Find out more:

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

Leads to Year 2 of an undergraduate degree at Queen's University Belfast.

- Complete your degree in the same amount of time as domestic students, saving you time and money.
- The same course content as first year university students, with smaller class sizes and focused support.
- Join projects and events organised by faculties at Queen's University Belfast.
- Prepare for university study with additional English language and academic support.
- Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.
- If you don't meet the entry requirements of our International Year One, our Extended International Year One (Academic) includes an extra term to build your academic skills and subject knowledge.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- accounting
- computing
- economics
- engineering
- finance



Find out more:

PRE-MASTER'S

Leads to a postgraduate degree at Queen's University Belfast.

- Increase your knowledge of academic theory and subjects related to your degree.
- Develop advanced study skills such as research, critical thinking and written communication.
- Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- accounting
- business
- finance
- law
- management



Find out more:

Explore our full range of programmes:
qubisc.com

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

Prepare for your studies and your career with our free pre-arrival and employability programmes.

Before you arrive GET READY TO STUDY

Start your journey with confidence. This online programme covers UK life, study skills and career support – all at your own pace.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-ready-to-study

While you study GET WORK READY

Prepare for career success. Set goals, build your CV and develop workplace skills while you study your pathway.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-work-ready

92%

of students felt more prepared for their studies

After completing Get Ready to Study (UK Arrival Survey 2024)

Apply online:
apply.intostudy.com

Apply via your local INTO education counsellor.

If you would like us to put you in contact with one of our counsellors please contact us.

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