

## Terms and Conditions for the Go Summer! Programme

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Any questions about the below terms and conditions, the application process or the opportunities on offer, students are encouraged to email [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk).

### Before applying for the GO Summer! programme

- Ensure you have read the eligibility section on the [GO Summer!](#) landing page to ensure you can apply and that you understand the terms and conditions of the available funding streams.
- Carefully read all of the instructions on the (3): [GO Summer!](#), [Tuition-free summer opportunities](#), and [Additional opportunities eligible for funding](#) pages **before** submitting any application.
- You need to carefully review the information relating to your desired tuition-free summer school opportunity(ies) - part of the personal statement is to tell us what and why you want to study at your preferred summer school and what academic and personal benefits you will gain from it.

### GO Summer! programme opportunities and deadlines

- You can apply for either:
    - one of the [tuition-free places](#) available to participate in a summer school programme at select partner universities (with the possibility of including up to three choices in your application), as well as **financial support** to help you meet the additional costs of participating (e.g. subsistence, travel). **The application deadline for these places and any funding available to support your participation is Monday 11 March 2024 at 12noon** (local UK time)
- OR**
- [financial support alone](#) to help you meet the costs of participating in one of the *eligible* summer school programme offerings at select partners. **The application deadline for funding alone for these eligible opportunities is Wednesday 03 April 2024 at 12noon** (local UK time)

### Application instructions for one of the [tuition-free places](#) and any associated funding:

- You will be able to include up to three tuition-free summer school options for which you would like to be considered, in the online application form. You must apply to the Global Opportunities (GO) team internally with [this application form for tuition-free spaces](#) - we advise that you prepare your personal statement in advance (see requirements in the "Selection timeline and criteria" section on the [GO Summer!](#) page)
- Directly after submitting the online application form, you must submit your **official transcript of records** by email to [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk) within 1 day of submitting the online application form or at the very latest by the

application deadline - whichever comes **first**. The transcript should be a PDF of your [HEAR](#). **Only** if you are only in year 1, please instead upload a screenshot of your provisional results for the current academic year from your MySIS account, as the HEAR is not yet available to you (all other students must upload their HEAR).

- **No application will be reviewed or considered for any tuition-free summer school opportunity or funding until an official transcript is received.**
- When reviewing applications, the GO team will contact you if you must send applicable supporting documentation (relevant for qualifying in a certain priority group). Where requested, this documentation must be sent to [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk) **within 3 business days** in order to be considered for that priority group.

Application instructions for **funding alone** for one of the eligible summer school opportunities:

- Apply for funding from Queen Mary via the Global Opportunities (GO) team internally with [this application form for funding for eligible opportunities](#) - we advise that you prepare your personal statement in advance (see requirements in the "Selection timeline and criteria" section on the [GO Summer!](#) page)
- Directly after submitting the online application form, you must submit your **official transcript of records** by email to [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk) within 1 day of submitting the online application form or at the very latest by the application deadline - whichever comes **first**. The transcript should be a PDF of your [HEAR](#). **Only** if you are only in year 1, please instead upload a screenshot of your provisional results for the current academic year from your MySIS account, as the HEAR is not yet available to you (all other students must upload their HEAR).
- **No application will be reviewed or considered for any funding until an official transcript is received.**
- Optional: *If you have already applied to your preferred partner university's summer school (not mandatory at the time of applying for GO Summer! funding from Queen Mary via the GO team), you may also email confirmation of your acceptance letter/email from them to [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk). If you decide to apply to the partner in advance of your funding application to the GO team, **this is at your discretion**. Some students choose to do this where they are concerned that a popular course at one of the below universities may potentially fill up and therefore wish to apply early to secure a space. If you do this, bear in mind that you may be asked to pay non-refundable costs as part of the partner's application process. The decision of whether to apply to the partner in advance or to submit such evidence in advance will **not affect the outcome of your application now with the GO team**; however, it is useful for the GO team to know for next steps, please see below (if your application is successful, you will need to apply to the partner soon afterwards).*
- When reviewing applications, the GO team will contact you if you must send applicable supporting documentation (relevant for qualifying in a certain priority group). Where requested, this documentation must be sent to [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk) **within 3 business days** in order to be considered for that priority group.

## Selection timeline and criteria

- All complete applications received by students qualifying for:
  - priority groups (1) and (2) will be reviewed on a semi-rolling, periodic basis every 3 weeks (approximately) and up through the above deadline
  - any other priority group will be reviewed and considered for remaining available opportunities/fundings after the above deadline
- Selection is managed by the Global Opportunities (GO) team who will then score the applications received by that point out of a total 100 points, based on pre-set criteria consisting of:
  - **50 points** for the personal statement (to be provided in the application form). You need to clearly state (in 500 words maximum) how participating in your preferred summer school programme tuition-free will benefit you. How will the overall programme and the specific academic course (and any funding applied for) help you individually to reach your academic and personal goals? How will your participation benefit your community, and how will the tuition-fee waiver and any requested funding enhance your participation? Please also include here any existing "contributions in the community" that support your application (see below).
  - **40 points** for academic merit (based on academic results in transcript provided)
  - **10 points** for "contributions in the community" relevant for your motivation to participate in your chosen summer school programme. What activities, work/volunteer experience, community involvement, leadership positions or participation in societies have you undertaken that support your application for your desired destination?

## Priority group system for allocating available funding and tuition-free places

- The tuition-free places and all associated, available financial support are distributed according to Queen Mary's [Funding priority group system](#), with priority group (1) being considered the highest financial need. This ensures that available resources and subsidised opportunities are prioritised for students from low-income and widening participation backgrounds.
- Qualifying in a priority group on the basis of household income for GO Summer! opportunities is determined by the annual household income data for the *current* academic year held by Student Finance as of 01 January 2024. If your household income is not assessed by Student Finance, or if you have not provided your consent for Student Finance to grant your university access to your data by this date, Queen Mary will not have access to this and will therefore not be able to consider you for the relevant priority group on the basis of annual household income.

## GO Summer! Bursary funding

- This is a **fixed** award amount, and eligibility will depend on your [priority group status](#), and selection will depend on remaining funds available. **Funding amounts are as follows:**
  - £1000 maximum award to students qualifying for priority group (1)
  - £700 maximum award to students qualifying for priority group (2)
  - £500 maximum award to students qualifying in any other priority group
- If your application is successful and you are awarded the GO Summer! Bursary, you may use this to help cover expenses you will incur during your preparation for / participation in the partner summer school, for example, those related to travel, housing, health insurance, visas etc.
- If your application is successful, you must fulfil the below requirements to remain eligible to receive the GO Summer! Bursary (you will be emailed the first document during pre-departure). Failure to do so would result in you being required to pay back any funding received:
  - Sign a GO Summer! Bursary Grant Agreement before departure (contains all requirements for funding recipients)
  - Submit a certificate of completion of your summer school programme shortly after the programme end date, as evidence of completing the intended programme (same document required for both GO Summer! Bursary and Turing Scheme funding)
  - Complete the one social media/promotional activity contribution required for all GO Summer! opportunities

## Turing Scheme Funding

- If you study abroad at one of the GO Summer! summer school opportunities for a minimum duration of 4 consecutive weeks (28 days), you can also apply to Global Opportunities to receive additional funding from the Turing Scheme, as part of the GO Summer! 2024 application process.
- If eligible, you could receive a generous cost of living grant to help you cover your subsistence costs abroad: this would be £17 (priority groups 2-7) or £21 (priority group 1) per day of your placement. Priority group 1 students are also eligible for a fixed-rate travel grant depending on the distance to the destination abroad (consult the individual opportunities to know the travel grant amount available per host destination). As this is a grant, this is not money that you have to pay back except if you do not meet the requirements as a funding recipient (see below).
- In the selection process, the GO team considers the highest scoring applications as assessed by the specified criteria in conjunction with Queen Mary's [Funding priority group system](#). This ensures that available funding first reaches students coming from a widening access background who demonstrate the highest financial need and who also submit strong applications.
- Please consult the individual opportunities via the links below to know the *total* amount of funding (including Turing Scheme) that you could be eligible to receive.

- If your application is successful and you have been informed that you will be considered eligible for Turing Scheme funding, as a funding recipient you must fulfil the below requirements (the first two documents will be emailed to you during pre-departure). Failure to do so would result in you being required to pay back any funding received:
  - sign a Grant Agreement before departure (contains all requirements for funding recipients)
  - submit a duly completed Confirmation of Stay with start and end dates (forms will be provided to successful applicants upon notice of the selection outcome)
  - submit a certificate of completion of your agreed summer school programme shortly after the programme end date (same document required for both GO Summer! Bursary and Turing Scheme funding)
  - complete the one social media/promotional activity contribution required for all GO Summer! opportunities

### Eligibility Criteria, Funding Rules and General Conditions of Funding

- In order to apply, you must be either a fully enrolled undergraduate student not in your final year of study, or a fully enrolled PG taught/research student who will still be fully enrolled throughout the entire summer period, as you must still be an enrolled Queen Mary student throughout and shortly after completion of the summer school programme.
- To apply, you must follow the exact application procedures as set out on either the Tuition-free summer opportunities page or the Additional opportunities eligible for funding page.
- If applications exceed available tuition-free spaces or funding, awards will be made combining the selection criteria and the date Global Opportunities receive your application, again, prioritising students according to our [Funding priority group system](#).
- Applying **does not guarantee any tuition-free space or any funding**, and any application you submit to the Global Opportunities team or to the partner summer school is on this basis. If you are only applying for funding to support your participation in a partner's summer school, applying to the partner is also made on the understanding that you are liable for any relevant non-refundable fees, including any application fee, should your application be rejected/unsuccessful by the partner.
- Funding is conditional on you participating in the partner summer school according to their terms, completing all requirements by their stated deadlines.
- Pay attention to the **eligibility requirements for the partner summer school** you apply for, as each programme will have its own application criteria and conditions. Some partners may be offering multiple summer schools across a variety of dates. Funding is being offered **only for the session/period** listed on the below sub-pages, as we have chosen partner schools that we have assessed as affordable when compared across all offerings.
- **Any partner reserves the right to not run a particular course or their entire programme** due to internal factors, such as insufficient enrolment. In the event that you could no longer participate on the programme after a successful allocation due to the partner cancelling a particular course or their entire programme, the Global Opportunities

team would work with you to determine whether an alternative programme is available, including any tuition-free spaces (please note that this may not be possible after certain partner deadlines, nor if all tuition-free places at other destinations are already filled by other Queen Mary students).

### Successful applicants: Receiving and using a GO Summer! tuition-free place and/or funding

- You may use any GO Summer! funding awarded to cover expenses you will incur during your preparation for / participation in the partner summer school, for example those related to travel, housing, health insurance, visas etc.
- **If your application for a tuition-free space (and any associated funding) is successful:**
  - You would receive a **conditional offer letter** from the GO team, which you would need to sign by the deadline provided to accept that offer and secure your space temporarily, also confirming your agreement to abide by the requirements and conditions in those documents in order to receive that tuition-free space.
  - The GO team would then nominate you to the partner university.
  - You would then need to follow instructions to complete the partner's application process by their deadlines in order to remain eligible to hold that summer school space and participate tuition-free in their summer school programme and to receive any agreed funding from the GO team.
  - Once your application is confirmed, you would also receive any applicable grant agreement(s) for any GO Summer! funding that you may have also applied for. You must also sign this/these grant agreement(s) to accept the funding offer, confirming your agreement to abide by the requirements and conditions in those documents in order to receive the funding.
- **If your application for funding for one of the eligible summer school opportunities is successful:** You would receive a conditional funding offer from the GO team. **You then must complete all of the below within 3 business days** of receiving the outcome from the GO team in order to remain eligible for the funding:
  - Apply to the agreed partner university's summer school (if you haven't already done so)
  - Email the GO team at [summerschool@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:summerschool@qmul.ac.uk) the PDF of your confirmation of acceptance letter/email for the agreed summer school (or at the very least, confirmation of application) from the agreed partner university (if you have not already done so). Once your acceptance has been confirmed to the GO team, you would then receive the grant agreement(s) corresponding to the GO Summer! Bursary, and where also relevant, the Turing Scheme. You will need to sign these to accept, confirming your agreement to abide by the requirements and conditions in those documents in order to receive the funding.
- **By submitting any application and if you are successful, you agree to follow the published procedure to complete the above steps and understand that failure to do so may result in any conditional offer being withdrawn.**
- Upon completion of the summer school programme, you must provide the GO team with evidence that you **attended in-person and completed** the agreed summer school programme (e.g. a transcript, certificate of completion), among other relevant funding paperwork.

## Promotional activities during your summer school programme

You must contribute to the promotion of short-term international experiences by undertaking a **minimum of one** of the following activities:

- Complete an Instagram Stories day-long Takeover on the Global Opportunities' [@queenmarysummer Instagram](#) account or the [@qmulgo Instagram](#) account (depending on timings), pinned on that account and shared via the other account
- Create a 3–5-minute vlog of your experience to be published on our [YouTube channel](#)
- Produce a written blog post of your experience for publication on [Queen Mary Global Bloggers](#), to be publicised across various QM social channels (including the QM website)
- Offer your services at forthcoming study abroad fairs, or deliver a presentation to other Queen Mary students on the benefits of participation in your chosen summer school
- Produce a photo journal of your experience (minimum of 10 good quality photographs, with you featuring in at least 5, with explanatory text) for use on Queen Mary publications, social media and promotional materials

## Withdrawal policy

- Withdrawals from the programme after the partner's refund deadline will not allow you to recover any costs already fronted (application fee, down payment, etc). If the refund policy is known, this is available on the relevant summer school's published webpage. This could be subject to change. It remains your responsibility to check the website and/or contact the summer school provider to ensure that you understand the refund policy and any implications this may have for you.
- If you withdraw from the partner summer school programme or Queen Mary before completing the full period of study **or** if the partner summer school is cancelled, you may be required to pay back some or all of any GO Summer! funding received (GO Summer! Bursary and Turing Scheme funding), depending on the timing of the withdrawal or cancellation.

**All applications are governed by the terms and conditions as specified on the [GO Summer!](#) webpages. If you submit a partner summer school application or a GO Summer! application, you do so on the understanding that you meet the prerequisites of application and you are confirming your acceptance of these terms.**