

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Participants will take part in a series of workshops, masterclasses and seminars which will be delivered either on campus or online via our Virtual Learning Environment. Participants must complete an assignment based on work completed during a week-long residential summer school which will take place in July 2019 on Queen's campus. Participants must successfully complete all elements of the programme to be eligible for the guaranteed conditional offer and any potential grade reduction in their admissions offer. This programme is funded by Queen's University as part of the Widening Access and Participation Plan.



School Promotional Visits	Monday 1st October – Wednesday 14th November 2018
Applications Open	Monday 29th October 2018
Applications Close	Friday 16th November 2018
Students Notified of Outcome	Early January 2019
Welcome and Orientation Event	Tuesday 29th January 2019
Subject Skills Session (Online)	Saturday 16th – Sunday 24th February 2019
Subject Specific Session	Tuesday 2nd April 2019
Core Academic Skills (Online)	Saturday 6th – Sunday 28th April 2019
University Information Session	Tuesday 25th June 2019
Pathway Residential Summer School	Sunday 21st – Friday 26th July 2019
Next Steps Session	Tuesday 29th October 2019
Pathway Celebration Event	Saturday 7th December 2019

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PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME



THE PROGRAMME

At Queen's University Belfast we are committed to recruiting students who will be successful at our University irrespective of their educational or social background. The **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME** provides a route for talented young people from Northern Ireland who have the ability to study at Queen's University, but may require additional support and encouragement to reach their full potential.

Throughout Years 13 and 14, Pathway students will benefit from a structured series of events designed to aid progression to Queen's University, including admissions guidance and support. They will also participate in a residential summer school in July 2019.

Queen's University has selected seven course specific Pathway streams for the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME 2019** which include:

- AHSS (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Archaeology and Palaeoecology
- Business
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Food, Microbiology and Environment
- Law

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Participants on the programme will benefit from advice and guidance to prepare them for the transition into undergraduate study at Queen's University. Upon successful completion of the Pathway Opportunity Programme, participants will:

- Receive a guaranteed conditional offer of a place at Queen's University Belfast for their chosen Pathway course stream.
- Be eligible for a reduced offer of up to two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard entry offer to Queen's University. (For example, where the standard offer for a course is AAA, they may be eligible to receive a reduced offer of ABB).
- Receive a support bursary upon 1st year entry to Queen's University.

To avail of these benefits students must complete all compulsory elements of the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME**. All offers are made on a conditional basis and the potential grade reduction is based on performance in an academic assignment in the chosen Pathway subject.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME** students must meet the following criteria:

Section A

- Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland and be in full-time attendance at a school or college in Northern Ireland.
- Applicants must currently be in year 1 of an acceptable (to the University) two-year Level 3 qualification** such as A-Levels, BTEC etc.
- Neither of the applicant's parents have attended university nor obtained an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in the UK, Ireland or abroad. However, if a parent is currently studying for their first degree or has graduated within the last 5 years the application will still be considered.
- Applicants must have at least 7 GCSEs (or equivalent acceptable to the University, such as BTEC) at grades A*-C, including English Language, of which 5 must be at grade B or above.**

** Applicants are required to meet any specific subject requirements for the course they are applying to. We advise students to research course specific entry requirements via our Course Finder on our website (www.qub.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate) prior to application.

In addition to meeting all of the above criteria in section A, we are looking for students who meet at least ONE of the following Section B criteria:

Section B

- Applicant is eligible or is currently receiving free school meals (FSM) and/or Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).
- Applicant is the main carer for a family member or dependant.
- Applicant's permanent residence postcode is classified as being in a "disadvantaged neighbourhood" by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.
- If the applicant is care experienced or currently in the care of a Health and Social Care Trust, they are automatically offered a place on the programme provided they meet the academic requirements of Section A: Northern Ireland resident, 1st year of a 2 year Level 3 programme and GCSE (or equivalent) grades.

Queen's University welcomes applications from students with a disability or long-term condition.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME 2019** will open on Monday 29th October 2018. Students who wish to apply should complete the online application form which can be found at go.qub.ac.uk/QUBPathway.

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