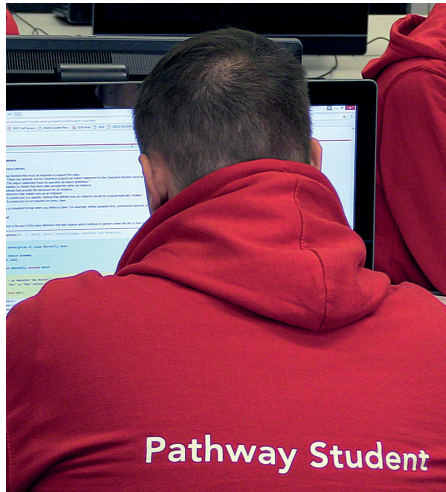


PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME

Participants will take part in a series of workshops, masterclasses and seminars which will be delivered either on campus or via our Virtual Learning Environment. Participants must complete an assignment based on work completed during a six-day residential summer school which will take place in July 2018 on the Queen's campus. Participants must successfully complete all elements of the programme to be eligible for any potential reduction in admission offer. This programme is funded by Queen's University as part of their Widening Access and Participation Plan.



KEY DATES

Monday, 6 November 2017	Applications open
Monday, 9 October 2017 - Thursday, 30 November 2017	School visit*
Friday, 8 December 2017	Application deadline
Early January 2018	Students notified of outcome
January - June 2018	Pathway first steps
Sunday, 22 – Friday, 27 July 2018	Pathway summer school
October 2018	Next steps session
Saturday, 8 December 2018	Pathway celebration event

* Please refer to our website for school visit dates

FIND OUT MORE

For information on all our services and opportunities, visit our website www.qub.qc.uk/wpu

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Pathway Opportunity Programme – a Widening Participation initiative



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, you will benefit from a structured series of events designed to aid progression to Queen's University, including admissions guidance and support. You will also participate in a residential assessed summer school in July 2018. Participants who successfully complete the programme will potentially benefit from receiving a reduced admissions offer for a programme of study at Queen's University, which may be up to two A-Level grades (or equivalent) lower than the standard offer.

Queen's University has selected several course specific streams for the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME 2018** which include:

- Archaeology and Palaeoecology
- Business
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Food, Microbiology and Environment
- Law

JOIN US

As a participant of the programme you will benefit from advice and guidance to prepare you for the transition into undergraduate study at Queen's University. Upon **successful completion** of the Pathway Opportunity Programme, you will:

- Receive a **guaranteed conditional** offer of a place at Queen's University Belfast for your chosen Pathway course stream.*
- Be eligible for an offer reduced by **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, you **may** be eligible to receive an reduced offer of ABB).**
- Support bursary upon 1st year entry at Queen's.

*All offers are made on a conditional basis. Students must complete all compulsory elements of the Pathway Opportunity Programme and select Queen's University as their firm UCAS choice to be eligible for the guaranteed conditional offer from Queen's University for their Pathway course.

This reduction in grades is valid only upon **successful completion of the programme and based on your performance in an academic assignment in your 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 attendance full-time at a school or college in Northern Ireland.
- Be currently in year 1 of an acceptable two-year Level 3 qualification* such as A Levels. BTEC etc.
- Have at least 7 grades A*-C GCSE (or equivalent eg BTEC certificate) including English Language. (5 of these 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) prior to application).

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

Section B

- Neither of your parents have attended university and obtained an undergraduate degree or equivalent level qualification in the UK, Ireland or abroad. (If one or both parents are currently studying for their first degree, or they have graduated from their first degree within the last five years, we will still consider your application).
- You are eligible for or in receipt of free school meals (FSM) at your school or college.
- You receive Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) at your school or college.
- You live in a 'disadvantaged neighbourhood'. This will be defined by your permanent residence postcode.
- You are currently in the care of or have previously experienced Local Authority Care.

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

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME 2018** will open on Monday 06 November 2017. Students who wish to apply should complete the online application form which can be found at www.qub.ac.uk/wpu

The application deadline for the PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMME 2018 will close on 8 December 2017.