

# Research in Politics and International Relations

The School of Politics and International Relations has an active research community with 36 research-active academics and around 40 PhD students at one time. The research activity in this School is broadly defined by four research areas: European Politics, International Relations, British Politics and Political Theory.

## Research Areas

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### European politics

With a focus on central and eastern Europe, French politics, British politics, southern Europe and Iberian politics.

### International relations

Research on the transformations and unbinding of global politics. We have area specialists, in the Middle East, South-East Asia, regions in Africa, Latin America, the Balkans and the United States.

### British politics

Parliamentary politics; political parties; gender and representation; public policy; electoral politics; constitutional and legislative affairs; foreign policy. Research is undertaken in collaboration with the Mile End Institute (MEI), a major policy centre established at QMUL.

### Political theory

International political theory; the history of modern political thought; continental political philosophy; international political economy; race and racism; liberalism and violence; ethics and human rights; citizenship and migration; populism and radical politics; and the New Left.

## Funding

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- QMUL Principal's Postgraduate Research Studentships.
- ESRC 1+3 or +3 PhD Studentships Queen Mary is a partner in the LISS DTP
- There are also specific international scholarships schemes for Mexico, Pakistan, China, Colombia, Chile, USA and Commonwealth nations. These are co-funded and applicants should make an applications to the sponsor as well as to Queen Mary for the course.

More information at [qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding\\_phd](https://qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding_phd)

Contact for PhD enquiries:

**PGR Administrator**

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# Application process

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1. Formulate a provisional research proposal to be assessed by the School.
2. Send a short copy of your proposal (1000 words) and CV to academics whose research area matches your research topic. You can find a list of our staff here:  
[www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/staff](http://www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/staff)
3. If they are interested in supervising you they will reply and encourage you to submit a formal online application here:  
[www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/politics.html](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/politics.html)
4. If you meet the entry requirements supervisors may then arrange an interview. This may be in a panel format probably over Skype.
5. If successful, you will be offered a place, subject to demonstrating how you will fund your studies.

## Entry requirements

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- Bachelor's degree with at least 2:1 honours
- Master's degree with at least a merit
- IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 6.5 in writing if English is not your first language

## Application deadlines

### September 2024 entry

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- HSS Principal Studentships: **24th January**
- China Scholarship Council: **31st January**
- Self-funders can inquire with prospective supervisors throughout the year.

**NOTE:** Some external funding bodies require a separate application, with different deadlines.

Please check here for information:

[qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database](http://qmul.ac.uk/scholarships/database)

## Student profile

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Angus McNelly studied class formation and state formation in Bolivia.

*"Queen Mary is excellent for studying Latin America... it's an amazing academic environment. We have an excellent academic support network, we have weekly seminars, a room within the department which means you feel like a participating member of the School of Politics"*

Watch the full interview here:

[www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/research/degrees/choosingaprojectandsupervision/index.html](http://www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/research/degrees/choosingaprojectandsupervision/index.html)

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