

Queen Mary University of London PhD Induction

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Queen Mary Entrepreneurship
Support and Training

“We want our staff and students to be **entrepreneurial**, and we will support them to realise their ambitions and dreams. We will embrace a culture of creativity and innovation and support our staff and students to take risks, within a managed framework. We will build resilience with our communities to understand that sometimes ideas and projects will fail, and it is how we deal with and move on from failure that sets us apart.”

Strategy 2030

Entrepreneurship is...

opportunities & ideas



value



BARTS LIFE SCIENCES
DISCOVERY / DIVERSITY / DELIVERY



Want to be part of our WhatsApp group for aspiring entrepreneurs?
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QHack
An Enterprise bootcamp designed to develop your entrepreneurial skill and mind set in just 3 days [→](#)

qNomics
qNomics is a free financial advice centre for tech start-ups and entrepreneurs provided by students from the School of Economics and Finance, Queen Mary University of London.



QIncubator

QM Social Venture Fund



London Institute for Healthcare Engineering



Entrepreneurship Hub
Our Entrepreneurship Hub supports all students to develop their entrepreneurial competencies, and pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions.



Enterprise
Everyone can be entrepreneurial.
With us, develop your entrepreneurial mindset and turn your business or social enterprise idea into a reality.





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Intellectual Property (IP)

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What is IP?

IP is intangible property – ideas and knowledge – that arises from creativity.



Why is IP important?

- Impact and value to the market
- Impact to Queen Mary via REF
 - *any effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, **beyond academia***
- Reputation to Queen Mary
- Return to inventors and Queen Mary



How is IP utilised?

- Licensed to established companies for a fee and royalties collected
- Used to back spin-out companies from QMUL



What is IP?

IP	Covers	Need to apply?	Duration
Patent	Inventions	Yes	20 years
Copyright	Literary, musical, artistic works, & software	No	70 years after death
Know-how	Confidential trade secret	No	Unlimited
Design Rights	Image, look & feel	Yes	25 years
Trademark	Name, logo	Yes	Unlimited
Database Right	Databases	No	15 years

Who owns IP?

- Generally, Queen Mary owns employee inventions
- Student inventions made using significant Queen Mary resources or Queen Mary funds are owned by Queen Mary
- Exceptions when created in connection with an external funding body
- Revenue sharing policy in place between Queen Mary and inventors



Do's & Don'ts

- Keep good records
- Keep it confidential initially
- Contact QMI
- Complete a Technology Disclosure Form
 - IP protection will be sought based on QMI assessment of commercial potential
- Don't disclose details of your results (seminars, conference abstracts and posters etc) before contacting QMI



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