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THE COMPLETE ADMISSION HANDBOOK

Studying at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)

Your complete journey for Indian students — from
“why QMUL” to landing at Heathrow, decoded step by step.

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32,000+

Students on campus

170+

Nationalities represented

#110

QS World Ranking 2026

A Shiksha Study Abroad downloadable resource, prepared for prospective Indian applicants.

What's inside this handbook

A complete, step-by-step companion for Indian students planning to study at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) — curated by Shiksha Study Abroad using official QMUL international admissions information.

Fee figures also show the INR equivalent. Conversion used: £1 ≈ Rs. 129 (indicative mid-market rate, July 2026) — rates fluctuate daily; check the live rate before budgeting.

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Russell Group

one of 24 leading UK research universities

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campuses across London, all self-contained at Mile End

170+

nationalities represented on campus

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Why Study in the UK, Why QMUL

Setting the context before you decide

For Indian students, the UK remains one of the most trusted study destinations — globally recognised degrees, shorter course durations, and a large, welcoming Indian student community. Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) adds a distinct edge to this: it's a full member of the **Russell Group** — the UK's equivalent of the Ivy League, 24 universities recognised for research quality and graduate employability — based in the heart of East London.

What makes QMUL stand out

- **The only Russell Group university in London with a fully self-contained campus** — unlike UCL or King's, which are spread across the city, QMUL's Mile End campus has teaching, halls, library and student life all in one place.
- **Genuinely international** — over 32,000 students from 170+ nationalities, with roughly half the student community from outside the UK.
- **Strong research pedigree** — ranked 31st in the world for research (Times Higher Education 2026), with 92% of QMUL's submitted research assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading (REF).
- **Deep London access** — East London location puts you close to the City, Canary Wharf and central London's job market, internships and professional network.
- **700+ degree programmes** across Humanities & Social Sciences, Science & Engineering, and Medicine & Dentistry, including over 300 undergraduate and 400 postgraduate courses.

Queen Mary traces its roots to 1785 through its founding medical colleges (including St Bartholomew's), and became a full member of the Russell Group in 2012.

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QMUL at a Glance

Key facts before you shortlist

32,000+

students across all campuses

#110

QS World University Rankings
2026

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in the world for research (THE
2026)

44%

approximate acceptance rate
— competitive but accessible

QMUL operates across five campuses, though the vast majority of Indian undergraduate and postgraduate students will be based at the main **Mile End campus** in East London — the university's self-contained residential heart. Medicine and Dentistry students study primarily at the **Whitechapel** and **West Smithfield/Charterhouse Square** campuses nearby, and QMUL also delivers an MBBS programme in Malta.

Rankings snapshot (2026)

Ranking body	Position
QS World University Rankings 2026	#110 globally
Times Higher Education (THE) 2026	#134 globally; #31 for research
US News Best Global Universities 2025–26	#94 globally; #9 in the UK

Rankings vary by methodology and are one input among many — course-specific reputation, teaching quality and your own priorities matter just as much.

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Courses & Faculties

Find the right subject area for you

QMUL organises its 700+ degree programmes across three faculties. Popular subject areas among Indian applicants include:

Business & Management	Law	Economics & Finance
Computer Science & AI	Engineering	Medicine & Dentistry
Data Science	Humanities & Social Sciences	Global & Public Health

Courses span undergraduate (BA/BSc/LLB/MBBS) and postgraduate (MA/MSc/LLM) levels, along with the International Foundation Year (IFY) pathway for students who don't yet meet direct-entry requirements. Some courses — particularly Medicine, Dentistry, and Law — carry their own specific entry criteria beyond the general requirements in this guide, so always check the individual course page before shortlisting.

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Entry Requirements for Indian Students

Direct entry, undergraduate & postgraduate

UNDERGRADUATE — DIRECT ENTRY

QMUL primarily considers direct undergraduate entry from A-Levels or the IB, but also assesses Standard XII results directly using this equivalency table (per QMUL's official South Asia/India entry requirements page):

A-Level equivalent	CBSE / ISC	West Bengal Board	Other boards
A*AA	90%	85%	95%
AAA	85%	80%	90%
AAB	80%	75%	85%
ABB	75%	70%	80%
BBB	70%	65%	75%

Actual offers may differ slightly by course — this table is QMUL's general equivalency guide, not a course-specific guarantee.

Students scoring in the **60–80% Standard XII range** may not yet meet direct-entry requirements for their target degree, but can be considered for the **International Foundation Year (IFY)** — a pathway programme that leads into the full degree (see Chapter 5).

POSTGRADUATE

For postgraduate taught programmes, QMUL normally requires a Bachelor's degree (minimum 3 years) from a recognised institution, benchmarked against UK degree classifications:

UK degree equivalent	Typical Indian percentage
UK 1st Class	75% to 80%
UK 2:1	60% to 70%
UK 2:2	50% to 60%

Offer conditions vary by institution and degree — for some Indian institutions/degrees, QMUL may ask for different grades than this general guide, and offers can also be made on a GPA scale. The Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc.) is **not** considered for Master's entry.

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The International Foundation Year (IFY)

Your pathway if you're not quite at direct-entry level

If your Standard XII results fall short of direct-entry requirements, QMUL's International Foundation Year is a genuine route into the same degree — not a lesser consolation option.

Qualification	Minimum requirement
Standard XII (Central Board)	60% overall
Standard XII (State Board)	65% overall

IFY (Law) pathway: applicants are instead assessed against the minimum direct entry requirements for QMUL's LLB Law programmes, not the standard IFY grades above.

Science & Engineering pathways need specific final-year subjects

IFY Pathway	Required final-year subjects
Biological Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Chemical Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Electronic & Electrical	Maths, Physics
Engineering	Maths, and either Physics or Chemistry
Mathematics	Maths, Physics
Physics	Maths, Physics

Age requirement: you must be at least 17 years old on 1 September of the year your IFY begins (for a September 2026 or January 2027 start, that means turning 17 on or before 1 September 2026).

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English Language Requirements

Meeting the language criterion

For the International Foundation Year specifically, requirements fall into two bands depending on your chosen pathway (for start dates of November 2024 onward):

Band	Pathways	IELTS UKVI (Academic) minimum
Band 1	All Science & Engineering pathways	5.0 overall, with 5.0 in each of Writing, Listening, Reading, Speaking
Band 2	Business & Management; Economics & Finance; English Lit, Film & Drama; Geography & Development Studies; Humanities & Social Sciences; Law; Politics & IR	5.5 overall, with 5.5 in each of Writing, Listening, Reading, Speaking

SELT requirement: if you're applying for a standalone Foundation programme (like the IFY) and aren't a national of a Majority English Speaking Country per UKVI, you must meet the requirement through a Secure English Language Test (SELT) approved by both UKVI and QMUL — such as IELTS Academic UKVI or PTE Academic UKVI. A standard (non-UKVI) IELTS score is not accepted for this purpose.

Haven't taken an English test yet? You can still apply for the IFY — QMUL will make a conditional offer subject to you meeting the minimum requirement later. Direct undergraduate and postgraduate degrees typically ask for IELTS 6.0+ or equivalent; always check your specific course page, as requirements vary.

Shiksha tip: If you're below the requirement, ask about QMUL's pre-sessional English courses — our counsellors can help you compare timelines and costs.

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Fees, Scholarships & Financing

Planning the cost of your degree

International tuition fees at QMUL vary widely by course level and subject — from around **£19,000 to £52,000+ per year** (Rs. 24.51L–67.08L), with Medicine and Dentistry at the top end and most Humanities, Social Sciences, Business and Computing courses considerably lower. Always check your specific course page for an exact figure.

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Scholarships for Indian students (September 2026 entry)

Scholarship	Level	Value
President's Global Scholarship	Postgraduate	£10,000 (Rs. 12.90L)
Global Excellence Scholarship	Undergraduate	Up to £12,000 (up to Rs. 15.48L)
Global Excellence Scholarship	Postgraduate	Up to £7,000 (up to Rs. 9.03L)
Automatic high-achiever award*	Undergraduate	£3,000 (Rs. 3.87L)

*Automatic awards are offered periodically for high-achieving offer holders on eligible programmes — no separate application needed if you qualify, but availability and exact terms vary by intake. Confirm the current version on QMUL's scholarships page.

External & fully-funded routes open to Indian students

- **Chevening Scholarships** — fully funded by the UK government, covering tuition, living costs and return flights. QMUL is a Chevening partner university.
- **Commonwealth Master's Scholarships** — fully funded for eligible students from developing Commonwealth countries, including India.
- **GREAT Scholarships** — funded by the British Council and QMUL, worth a minimum of £10,000 (Rs. 12,90,000) towards one year of postgraduate study.

Be realistic about what scholarships cover: QMUL's own international awards typically run £3,000–£12,000 — a meaningful dent, but rarely a free ride against fees that can exceed £25,000/year for many courses.

■ Not sure which of these you actually qualify for? That's exactly what our free counselling sessions are for — [WhatsApp us](#) | [Register free](#)

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How to Apply — Step by Step

Your application journey, mapped out

- 1 Shortlist your course & route**
Decide on subject, level (UG/PG/IFY) and confirm entry requirements on the specific course page.
- 2 Choose your application route**
Undergraduate: apply via UCAS. Postgraduate & IFY: apply directly through QMUL's online application portal, or via an authorised representative in India.
- 3 Prepare your documents**
Academic transcripts, English test scores, personal statement, passport, and financial proof (see Chapter 9).
- 4 Submit your application**
Complete the form accurately, upload documents in the required format, and pay any application fee.
- 5 Receive your offer**
Conditional or unconditional offer, based on your academic profile and course requirements.
- 6 Accept & get your CAS**
Confirm your place and receive your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) — required for your visa.
- 7 Apply for your UK student visa**
Use your CAS to apply for your Student visa (see Chapter 10).
- 8 Plan travel & arrival**
Book flights, arrange accommodation, and prepare for pre-departure orientation.

QMUL works with a network of authorised representatives across major Indian cities to support your application. If you'd rather have one point of contact throughout your entire journey — not just the application — Shiksha's free counsellors can guide you end-to-end alongside this.

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Documents Checklist

Keep this list handy while applying

- Copies of your high school qualifications/transcripts (showing final-year subjects)
- A copy of your UKVI IELTS certificate, if already taken
- Passport-sized photographs
- Valid passport, including any previous UK visas
- Personal statement explaining your reasons for your degree choice (around 300 words for IFY applicants)
- Letters of Recommendation (for postgraduate applicants, where required)
- Updated CV / academic resume (for postgraduate applicants)
- Proof of funds / financial documents
- Offer letter and CAS (once issued, for your visa application)
- Health insurance / Immigration Health Surcharge proof

Shiksha's SOP & personal statement resources: our downloadable samples and expert reviews help you avoid the most common mistakes applicants make in these documents.

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UK Student Visa Process

From CAS to landing in the UK

Once you accept your offer and receive your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from QMUL, you can begin your Student visa application.

- Complete the online visa application on the UK government website.
- Pay the visa application fee and the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS).
- Upload your CAS reference, passport, financial evidence, and (if required) your English test scores.
- Book and attend your biometric appointment / visa interview, if applicable.
- Track your application and plan travel only after visa approval.

Item	What to know
Visa type	UK Student visa
Core requirement	Valid CAS from Queen Mary University of London
Financial proof	Evidence of funds for tuition + living costs, held for the required period
Processing	Apply well ahead of your course start date; processing times vary by season

Visa rules and fees change periodically. Always cross-check the latest requirements on the official UK government visa pages, or ask a Shiksha counsellor for the current process before you apply.

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Life at QMUL

Campus, accommodation & support

QMUL's Mile End campus is genuinely unusual for a London university — it's fully self-contained, with teaching buildings, the library, Students' Union, sports facilities and halls of residence all within the same site in East London. Medicine and Dentistry students study primarily at the nearby Whitechapel campus.

What to expect as an Indian student

- A large, diverse international community — roughly half the student body comes from outside the UK, across 170+ nationalities.
- Purpose-built student accommodation close to the Mile End campus, offering modern, convenient options for first-year international students.
- Direct Tube access from Mile End station (Central, District and Hammersmith & City lines) into central London in around 15–20 minutes.
- Dedicated international student support services for settling in, wellbeing, and academic guidance.
- Access to student societies, sports clubs, and a Students' Union recognised for its role in QMUL's UK Social Mobility Award win.

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Pre-Departure Checklist

The final stretch before you fly

- Visa approved and passport with visa sticker/vignette in hand
- Flight tickets booked, with buffer days before term starts
- Accommodation confirmed (university halls or private)
- Enough funds accessible in the UK (forex card + some cash)
- Copies of all key documents (digital + physical): offer letter, CAS, passport, visa, insurance
- UK SIM/eSIM or international roaming plan arranged
- Packing checklist accounting for UK weather across seasons
- Registered for QMUL's international student orientation / arrival programme
- Informed your bank about international usage / activated international transactions

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Get Free Counselling from Shiksha

Your next step starts here

Applying to Queen Mary University of London — or comparing it against other Russell Group and London universities — is easier with the right guidance. Shiksha Study Abroad's expert counsellors can help you:

- Confirm which QMUL course fits your academic profile and career goals — including whether you should apply direct or via the IFY pathway.
- Review your personal statement and application documents before submission.
- Shortlist scholarships (QMUL, Chevening, Commonwealth, GREAT) suited to your profile.
- Plan your English test, visa timeline, and pre-departure checklist stress-free.

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