

Research in Linguistics

The department of Linguistics and the research group of Applied Linguistics are part of Queen Mary's School of Languages, Linguistics and Film, a large, multidisciplinary School with some 80 PhD students covering a wide range of research specialisms. We are currently inviting applications from highly motivated students who are looking for a supportive and exciting place to do their research.

Research Areas

Linguistics

The nature of language, its structure, and its connection to thought. How language is used across individuals, situations, and time. There are three main research groups: Formal Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, and Experimental Linguistics.

Applied Linguistics

Strengths in institutional communication, multimodality, the relationships between politics, language and culture, and computer-mediated communication. We also have a special interest group in health communication.

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Funding

- Mobile People: Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholarships
 - QMUL Principal's Postgraduate Research Studentships
 - London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP)
 - London Interdisciplinary Social Science (LISS) Doctoral Training Partnership
 - There are also specific international scholarships schemes These are co-funded and applicants should make an applications to the sponsor as well as to Queen Mary
 - Self-funded applicants are welcome to apply
- More information on each scheme can be found at:
qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding_phd/

Application process

1. Identify a potential supervisor.

Before making a formal application to one of the PhD programmes on offer, you should discuss your ideas with a potential supervisor within the School. Use departmental staff lists to find a supervisor.

2. Develop your research proposal.

Your research proposal is an important element of our decision-making process. You should work closely with your potential supervisor to develop this.

3. Gather the necessary documents.

Your application will need to be supported by a number of other documents. Before applying online, make sure you have collected everything, including two academic references.

4. Complete the online application form at qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/subjects/

All applicants to the School are automatically considered for QMUL Principal's Studentships, and no additional application for this studentship competition is required. For other schemes (e.g., LAHP, LISS), an additional funding application may be required. Check the funder's website for details.

It is essential that you consult the guidance at: qmul.ac.uk/sllf/language-centre/postgraduate-programmes/phd-in-applied-linguistics/

Entry requirements

- PhD research proposal that has attracted support of a prospective supervisor
- Bachelor's degree with at least 2:1
- Master's degree with merit (60%) or higher
- IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 7.0 in writing if English is not your native language.

Application deadlines

September 2024 entry

HSS Principal Studentships: **24th January**

China Scholarships 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 Queen Mary scholarship pages for guidelines

Student profile

Marc Barnard, working on: Changing perception and production among migrant speakers from the North of England, supervised by Professor Devyani Sharma and Dr Bronwen Evans.

"The linguistics department at Queen Mary has provided me with an excellent, constructive environment to pursue my research interests. There is a high standard of supervision, and the staff are keen to collaborate with students and provide them with feedback on their work. There are numerous opportunities to get the experience necessary for an academic career, whether this is teaching, presenting at conferences or taking part in postgraduate research training."