

## Queen Mary Social Venture Fund Programme

Would you like to develop entrepreneurial skills and impact investment knowledge in a real-life venture fund? Be part of QMSVF!

### QMSVF Overview

Launched in 2020, Queen Mary Social Venture Fund (QMSVF) is the UK's first student-led social impact venture capital fund, dedicated to investing in 'start-ups for good'. Our mission is to make a real impact on tackling the challenges in our society today.

Each year, QMSVF recruits 20-25 student investors to go on the hunt for impact-driven startups and invest £15,000 into student-built ventures. To date, QMSVF has invested in six ventures, including [Oshen](#), [GoRolloe](#), [Leiho](#), [Sweed](#), [Biophilica](#), and [Carbon Cell](#).

To learn more, please visit <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/busman/entrepreneurship-hub/qm-social-venture-fund/>

### The Programme

QMSVF is an award-winning entrepreneurship and impact investment programme that empowers the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators from diverse backgrounds. This extra-curricular entrepreneurship programme aims to enrich your entrepreneurial knowledge and skills, broaden your horizon, foster networks for your future career.

The programme offers training led by successful venture capitalists to furnish you with the fundamental knowledge and hands-on skills about entrepreneurship and venture investment. In addition to deal sourcing, you will be involved in running the fund's other activities, such as organising forum events, competitions, and social media campaigns. You will engage with a broader community of entrepreneurs, investors, and practitioners in London and beyond.

Past student investors have gained invaluable experience:

"I really enjoyed being a part of SVF this year. From the first semester to the end of the whole programme, I have noticed changes in myself and how I conduct work of this kind, and I am really happy with that. This experience was the perfect taste of what the VC and entrepreneurial world is like, and it has inspired me to take this further in the future." **Neha Vivek, BSc Business with Law**

"The QMSVF program has been such a blessing. From building my confidence during presentations (Investment Committee & Liaison Role), to increasing my knowledge base with respect to 'How to be a VC', more specifically what a term sheet entails, how to bargain with

a founder/VC, to what VC's are looking for. The program has afforded me a wealth of knowledge that I can draw upon going forward." ***Powela Mac-Yoroki, MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation***

## **Expectations**

Once selected, you are expected to be a committed team member for the academic year, starting from **October 2024 till June 2025**.

QMSVF student investors will have the following duties/responsibilities:

- Attend weekly training sessions on **Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (TBC)**
- Actively searching, meeting, and advising student founders
- Conducting due diligence, including company analysis (e.g. business model, market sizing and competitor research etc)
- Evaluating start-up pitches and making investment recommendations
- Building networks with social entrepreneurs and industry professionals through public engagement event creation and mentoring opportunities
- Working as a team to build and strengthen QM Social Venture Fund reputation through website and social media content creation

## **Eligibility**

- Current students from the **School of Business Management** and **School of Law**
- Highly motivated and teamwork oriented
- Passionate about entrepreneurship and making a real impact in the world
- Willing to dedicate **4-8 hours per week** to work on QMSVF tasks and learning
- **NO prior finance/venture capital/investment experience required** though any entrepreneurial experience is a plus

## **Application Process**

Stage 1: Online Application (From May 2024)

Stage 2: Interview (1st Batch: June 2024, 2nd Batch: September 2024)

Stage 3: Result Notification (Early October)

Programme Duration: October 2024 – April 2025 (TBC)

**Places are limited. We accept applications on a rolling basis, please apply as early as possible.**

We are committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse learning environment. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds, as we believe diverse perspectives drive innovation and success.

**Please submit your application via this [form](#). We will contact you if you are shortlisted. If you have any questions, please email [ent-hub@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:ent-hub@qmul.ac.uk)**