

WELCOME

Student's Union PGR Induction

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- We set out to be **honest, supportive, ethical, inclusive, student-led!**

How do we differ from trade unions?

- Queen Mary Students' Union (QMSU) differs from trade unions such as a University College Union in that it does not represent matters of university employment (e.g. Graduate Teaching Assistants). QMSU solely works to support and improve the student experience.

How your representatives can support you

PGR student experience is situated around individual study, their School/Institute, wider Faculty, and the general University. QMSU PGR Subject Representatives and Assistants work across each of these levels to provide ongoing support.

What do they do?

- Have regular meetings with the Head of Doctoral College, Zi Parker
- Comment and contribute to university policy and planned initiatives relating to PGRs
- Liaise with a variety of university services to answer enquiries and ensure PGR inclusion
- Attend Postgraduate Board and Student Council

This means that they can:

- Help with issues that might be beyond the scope of your Subject Rep
- Lobby for changes concerning multiple people
- Raise and address Faculty-wide concerns
- Investigate and respond to queries about Student Experience

Things they're not able to help with:

- Immigration advice — contact QMSU's Academic Advice Service for referral, or QM's Advice and Counselling Service
- University employment (eg TA roles) — contact your Queen Mary University College Union PGR Representative

How else are we supporting you?

- **Drop-Ins, Socials, and Outreach Events:** series of programming for PGR students to raise issues, have a chat, and talk about how they're doing.
- **Postgraduate Research Consultation Group:** Year-long paid focus group taking place regularly, where PGRs can talk about their experience and suggest ideas for improvements that the Students' Union team can then take forward internally and in the wider university structure. Forthcoming topics include teaching, elections, careers and enterprise, and more.
- **Pastoral Care Project:** working with the Doctoral College to implement a shared concern between their team and a Student Council policy to increase pastoral care for PGRs.
- **Communications Strategy:** working with the Doctoral College to ensure your *Subject Reps, Postgraduate Assistants, and VP Liberation, International & Postgraduates* are visible to students, as well as working to revitalise how the Students' Union communicates with PGRs in its weekly *Your Union Newsletter*. Also working to ensure School/Institute level email lists are available to PGR Subject Representatives for gathering feedback.

How to get in touch with us!

Find us in-person minimum **three days per week**, typically in the **Executive Officer office** in the Students' Union Hub behind Ground Café on the Mile End campus.

You can also reach out to us via **email**:

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