

Senate Election Statements 2024
Faculty of Science and Engineering

Candidate 1: Dr Marie-Luce Bourguet

Election Statement:

By joining the Senate, I hope to help shape policies that support our academic community, promote career development and progression for all staff, and uphold the high standards of our university.

I lead both the EECS Educational Scholarship Centre (ESC) and the Centre for Academic Inclusion in Science and Engineering (CAISE). These centres play a crucial role in professional development, fostering inclusivity, promoting excellence in teaching and scholarship, and contributing to a vibrant and dynamic educational environment.

Building on these roles, as well as my involvement in the Inclusive Curriculum Steering Group and the Academic Misconduct Panel, I aim to be a strong advocate for collegiality, inclusivity, and academic integrity.

As an experienced academic with a strong commitment to excellence in education and scholarship, I believe I can make meaningful contributions to our institution's governance.

Candidate 2: Dr Timothy Fulton

Election Statement:

My approach to representing S&E on Senate is to strive for excellence in education, by making the most of the world leading research, and advances in pedagogy that QMUL is rightly proud of. I am driven by the student experience, in particular our mission towards improving social mobility and equality in higher education, however I am acutely aware of the competing, often contradictory, pressures that colleagues feel, and how this in turn creates frustration. In my current role I lead undergraduate education in three programmes, across two faculties where I strive for excellence in all that we do, whilst also recognising the limitations of the systems we work in. I seek to ease tension between research, teaching and clinical roles and intend to continue with this approach on Senate.

Candidate 3: Professor Abhishek Saha

Election Statement:

I have been a QMUL staff member for 7 years. I grew up in India and obtained my PhD in the US. I have served as a Head of Group and the Deputy Director of Research at the School of Mathematical Sciences, and currently serve as REF and Reputation Lead at the School. I was awarded the Research Excellence Award by the S&E Faculty in 2022.

I have written on higher education policy for *Times Higher Education*, the *Heterodox Academy* and the *European Review*. I am a founder member of the *London Universities' Council for Academic Freedom*, an academic-led and non-partisan organisation that develops, shares and supports good practice on academic freedom.

If elected to the Senate, I will act in the best academic interests of the university as a whole

and will advocate for policies and initiatives that uphold academic standards, advance world-leading research and actively promote academic freedom.

Candidate 4: Dr Rehan Shah

Election Statement:

I am a mathematics and engineering lecturer with uniquely under-represented characteristics that include being

- a young, early-career academic (within 2 years of joining QMUL),
- an ethnic minority (Indian),
- a T&S staff member and
- the School Lead for Inclusive Scholarship and EDI Education Champion

Contributions to Senate:

- **Academic standards:** by bringing global, interdisciplinary perspectives on modules and programmes at QMUL through my experiences of:
 - o Being an international student in the UK at undergraduate and postgraduate level
 - o Substantial teaching experience both within higher and secondary school education
 - o In-depth knowledge of STEM degree curricula at multiple UK universities I have worked at (UCL, LSE, Oxford)
- **Academic freedom and organisation:** support and foster academic freedom and advise on university policies particularly for diverse, under-represented groups in academia
- **Pedagogic research:** elevate the reputation and impact of scholarship education research through implementation of QMUL's Strategy 2030 and Active Curriculum for Excellence