



University of California, Santa Cruz

Summer Programme 2025 - Terms and Conditions

The Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences have collaborated with University of California Santa Cruz to offer our students an exciting opportunity to apply to the 5-week long Global Entrepreneurship Program (GEN) in summer 2025. The programme will enrich your entrepreneurial skills and professional development.

The programme will run from 23rd June to 11th July online. Participants will travel to California for the final 2 weeks of the programme 14th July to 25th July.

Anticipated travel dates are 13th July and 26th July.

To apply, please complete the application form including a Statement of Interest (500 words max). Applicants should also submit a CV and recent academic transcript, downloaded from QGIS.

The deadline for applying through Queen's to receive funding toward attending the UC SC programme is Monday 3rd March.

Please note, proof of English proficiency (if applicable) may be requested such as TOEFL/IELTS/DET scores.

Terms & Conditions

1. This subsidised programme is exclusively for current students studying a degree at Queen's University Belfast within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. Participants must be available to attend the full programme on the advertised dates.
3. Places will be allocated on a competitive basis. The application score criteria can be found below.
4. Students must ensure that they have the correct documentation to enter the US and any other countries in which a layover may take place. Travel will likely be via Belfast International Airport however; it is possible that travel could be via Dublin Airport. In which case students must ensure they have the correct documentation to enter and exit via the Republic of Ireland.
5. Participants must hold a passport which is valid for at least 6 months after the **21 June 2025**, students must be able to confirm that their visa conditions (where relevant) do not exclude them from travelling from the UK/Ireland to the US. If you are a UK passport holder, please see the FCDO website for visa and Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA) requirements and foreign travel advice – [USA travel advice - GOV.UK](#). Other passport holders should refer to equivalent government websites for this information. You may also need to refer to the website of the US consulate or embassy in the UK as there may be different entry requirements in place for different passport holders.
6. Students are responsible for paying for and fulfilling all visa requirements. Students should check government foreign travel advice, relevant to the passport they hold. **The university will not be responsible for advising on visa issues and students are required to obtain the correct travel documents in time for travel. Please note that this can take several months. We therefore recommend you begin the visa application process as soon as your place is confirmed.**



7. Students must consult with their GP or travel healthcare practitioner to ensure they are fit for travel, regarding any health needs or vaccinations required for the host nation. Please read the information on the following webpage: <https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/north-america/united-states-of-america.aspx>.
8. Successful applicants who are in receipt of a full maintenance grant or who are care leavers/care experienced students known to the Widening Participation Unit will be reviewed on a case by case basis in terms of additional support.
9. To be eligible, you must not be in receipt of any other subsidy/bursary related to outward mobility. This includes, but is not restricted to, the Jetset Your Degree Award, Erasmus/Turing funding, and Travel scholarships that are awarded by the University's Student Scholarships and Awards Group. Checks will be undertaken, and applications will be withdrawn if you have been in receipt of any other subsidy/ bursary relating to this activity.
10. Successful applicants must pay a fee of £1,000 through a Worldpay link provided by the **30 April 2025**.
11. All recipients of this award must supply either a report (500-1000 words) of their trip or a 1-minute-long video blog to us within three weeks of their return covering the following:
 1. What aspects of the programme...
 - inspired you the most? How, and why?
 - challenged your pre-existing assumptions about the city, country, and culture the most? How and why?
 - developed your knowledge, skills and values the most? How and why?
 2. How do you feel the programme added value to your degree and career opportunities?

For both questions, these could relate directly to the programme, your free time and / or informal exchanges with fellow participants or local people.
12. Photographs of the trip will be welcomed and can include selfies / informal photographs along with photographs of work undertaken. A selection of travel reports and / or video blogs may be used as publicity material.
13. Should there be a much higher level of interest than anticipated, we reserve the right to enhance the selection criteria to include average first-year marks.
14. Participants must complete the Student International Travel Risk Assessment form provided by the faculty by the deadline requested.
15. Data held by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Office will be processed in accordance with the University's Data Protection Policy and your rights under Data Protection Legislation. It will be used to process your application; and to communicate with you prior, during and after the programme. You can view the Student Privacy Notice for more information.
16. If you provide the University with incorrect or incomplete information, or if you fail to complete the activity, or you do not meet the eligibility criteria, or you otherwise do anything which might bring the University into disrepute, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies, the University may terminate its agreement with you pursuant to these terms with immediate effect, including expulsion from the programme.



17. It is advised that successful applicants take out an enhanced travel insurance policy.
18. If for any reason, the programme is unable to go ahead, participants will be provided with a full refund.
19. If a student can no longer participate the following refund policy will apply. Refunds will be applied in accordance with the table below. The date of withdrawal is the date the University receives your cancellation in writing.
20. In exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the University, a cancelled booking may be considered for a refund where a refund is not due. Students are required to

demonstrate, with supporting evidence, extenuating personal circumstances (for example, illness or bereavement) which prohibit them from attending.

21. Cancellation Charges

Date of Withdrawal		Amount refunded
Within 14 days of accepting the offer or more than 8 weeks before departure and full payment being made	We will refund you the full amount	£1000.00
8 –5 Weeks prior to departure	30% of full fee will be taken with remainder being refunded	£700.00
4 – 1 Weeks prior to departure	50% of full fee will be taken with remainder being refunded	£500.00
Less than 7 days prior to arrival	Full payment will be charged	£0.00

Assessment Criteria

Students must be current students at Queen’s. As we hope to provide opportunities for students across all 5 AHSS Schools, the number of places allocated to students from each School will be limited.

Criteria	Scoring Criteria
Highlight any past academic or personal experience, skills, and/or interests as they relate to the program and its goals.	Clearly defined and excellent – 10 marks Clearly defined and very good – 8 marks Clearly defined and good – 6 marks Some evidence – 4 marks Basic– 2 marks No objectives defined– 0 marks
Discuss any future academic and career goals, and how your participation in the GEN program will help to advance those goals.	Excellent evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 10 marks Very good evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 8 marks Good evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 6 marks



	<p>Some evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 4 marks</p> <p>Basic evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 2 marks</p> <p>No evidence of relevancy to degree and career goals – 0 marks</p>
<p>Provide any other relevant details that would help Queen's University/UC Santa Cruz to evaluate your preparedness to undertake the entrepreneurial programme.</p>	<p>Excellent 10</p> <p>Very good 8</p> <p>Good 6</p> <p>Some 4</p> <p>Basic 2</p> <p>None 0</p>