



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**



**WELCOME TO NUⁱⁿ
NORTHERN IRELAND 2024**

Start your journey as a Queen's student

WELCOME

On behalf of the university, and as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), it is my pleasure to welcome you to Queen's University. We are delighted that you have chosen to pursue your academic and personal goals with us, and we look forward to supporting you on your student journey.

We are committed to providing you with a world-class education that prepares you for success in your chosen field, and we are equally committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all our students. Our goal is to help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to become global citizens, able to navigate the complexities of our interconnected world with confidence and compassion.

We have created this Welcome Guide to support with everything you need to know before you leave your home country to settle into life at Queen's.

We offer a wide range of programmes and services to support your academic, personal and cultural growth. Our teams are here to assist you with everything from the immigration and visa process, to support in finding accommodation and getting involved in campus activities. We also offer in-session English-language support and a variety of events and activities throughout the year.

Once again, Welcome to NUin Northern Ireland 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus.



Professor Margaret Topping
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
(Global Engagement)



QUEEN'S AND THE USA

As a global university, Queen's has a diverse student population and strategic partnerships across the world. We currently have over 120 global partnerships, including collaborations with institutions across North America. We're delighted to be partnered with Northeastern University for research, education and student mobility programmes and especially excited to be an NUin partner site, offering students an opportunity to experience Northern Ireland.



We are extremely proud of our connections in the USA. Over many years, we have welcomed American students to Queen's and now have a vibrant and diverse population of over 300 students from across the United States studying with us for a semester or for full degree programmes from bachelors through to PhD level.



We've expanded our scholarship provision for North American students seeking to study at

Queen's. This has involved renewed commitments to nationally competitive scholarships such as the Fulbright, Marshall and Mitchell awards and the introduction of new awards such as our



undergraduate scholarship, 'The Future Leaders Award'.

Our links with the USA have been further enhanced through the role of our University Chancellor, Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton was appointed our first female

and 11th Chancellor in 2020, a position previously held by both Senator George J. Mitchell and the late Tom Moran, the former chief executive of the Mutual of America life insurance company and renowned philanthropist.

BEFORE
YOU ARRIVE



ACADEMIC STUDY IN NORTHERN IRELAND



Queen's University is located in Northern Ireland which is geographically situated on the island of Ireland and politically and economically part of the UK. As such, Queen's is a UK institution and follows the same educational structures as England and Wales.

The first university in the UK dates back to the 11th century. This long and distinguished history of higher education is continued to the present day with top UK universities consistently ranking among the very best in the world, and maintaining excellent links and reputations with partner universities and employers worldwide.

FAST FACTS ABOUT UK BACHELORS DEGREES:

- Degrees are usually 3 years in duration (unless a placement or study abroad is included)
- Students do not study 'general education', they declare a major at the point of application
- Students tend to be less timetabled in the UK than the USA with more focus on independent study and research
- Testing and assessment tends to be less frequent and with a heavier weighting – it is unusual to have a weekly class test and more likely to have a couple of larger assignments or tests each semester
- Grading and degree classifications tend to differ to US systems – you can view the Queen's grading system at the end of this section

	The UK	The USA
University types	Vast majority are public universities, with a small number of private specialist institutions	Mixture of public and private
Duration	3 years (NI, England, Wales), 4 years (Scotland)	4 years
General Education	No – direct entry into your subject area	Common
Major	Declared at point of application	Declared during study
Honors Track	All students	Restricted
Application method	Through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).	Direct to institution or state system, or Common Application
Admissions philosophy	Academic merit, fit to major	Holistic, fit to institution
Changing major/ transferring	Very rare – examined on a case-by-case basis	Common
Fee structure	Tied to overall program	Tied to credits

During your semester at Queen's, you will take 4 modules (classes). These modules will be aligned to your intended major or course of study at Northeastern, unless you are undeclared at this stage. Three modules will be full (20 CATS points) modules and your fourth module (10 CATS points) will be a cultural module which is specifically designed as a 'place based' module to support your exploration of Northern Ireland.

Whilst you are a Northeastern student, you will become part of the Queen's University community for your semester in Belfast. As such, you will follow the academic calendar, teaching and assessment methods of Queen's and will become familiar with the UK's approach to higher education.

GRADING INFORMATION

QUB Numerical Mark Ranges	US Letter Grade Equivalent
66+	A
63-65	A-
60-62	B+
57-59	B
53-56	B-
50-52	C+
45-49	C
43-44	C-
40-42	D
0-39	F

ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

NUin students are advised to arrive in Belfast on Saturday 7th September. You will have been offered the opportunity to participate in the NUin group flight which Northeastern University is coordinating. Queen's University will arrange an airport collection service for students taking this group flight. On this date, you will arrive to Belfast and make your way to student housing. If you are not travelling on the group flight, you are advised to arrive on the 7th or 8th of September to ensure that you can begin welcome and orientation activities on Monday 9th September.

NUin students will have a bespoke Welcome Day on Monday 9th September in which students will meet with the team coordinating NUin academic modules and experiential programming. Across the remainder of the week, NUin students will participate in a mix of bespoke



orientation events and join in the wider study abroad welcome programme to meet with new students from across the world.

Further information on arrivals and orientation will be shared with you at the NUin webinar scheduled for August. Useful pre-arrival information is available on the **Immigration Support Service** website and will continue to be updated during the summer. This includes guidance on **Travelling to Belfast**. Please also see the guidance below in the Visas/Immigration section about arriving via a UK airport (eg Belfast, London, Manchester, Edinburgh) and not via the Republic of Ireland (eg Dublin).



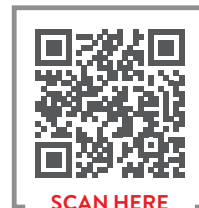
KEY CAMPUS INFORMATION

We ensure our students are internationally connected, benefitting from both a multicultural experience on campus and a range of global opportunities with our network of partners. The sports and library facilities we offer has been highly rated by students and our new central campus Student Centre, 'One Elmwood', including a new Students' Union, with over 200 clubs and societies.



IMMIGRATION SUPPORT SERVICE

Before you arrive and while you are studying with us, specialist immigration advice is available from Immigration Support Service team at:



SCAN HERE





**RANKED
4TH
IN THE WORLD
FOR INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK**

(Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2024)



**RANKED
70TH
IN EUROPE
FOR TEACHING
EXCELLENCE**

(QS Europe University
Rankings 2024)



**93%
OF QUEEN'S GRADUATES
WERE IN EMPLOYMENT
AND/OR FURTHER STUDY
15 MONTHS AFTER
COMPLETING THEIR COURSE**

(HESA Graduate Outcomes, 2020/21)



**19 QUEEN'S
SUBJECTS IN THE
TOP 200
IN THE WORLD**

(QS World Rankings by
subject 2024)



**RANKED
202
IN THE WORLD**

(QS World University
Rankings 2024)



LIVING COSTS

When you study at Queen's, your money goes further. We have the lowest cost of living for students in the UK and affordable accommodation packages mean you can enjoy a better quality of life than in other cities. On a student budget there are lots of free activities, from events and festivals, to city tours, exhibitions and karaoke nights.



UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION



As a Northeastern University student at Queen's University Belfast, you will be staying in Elms BT9. Elms BT9 is a purpose-built accommodation facility for students, offering a range of modern, comfortable and secure accommodation. Set in a leafy residential area, this modern village style residence is located just 10 minutes' walk from the University

campus and 30 minutes' walk from Belfast city centre.

You will have a single ensuite bedroom within a shared apartment (Sycamore) and you will share a kitchen/living room space in addition to having access to wider shared facilities on site.

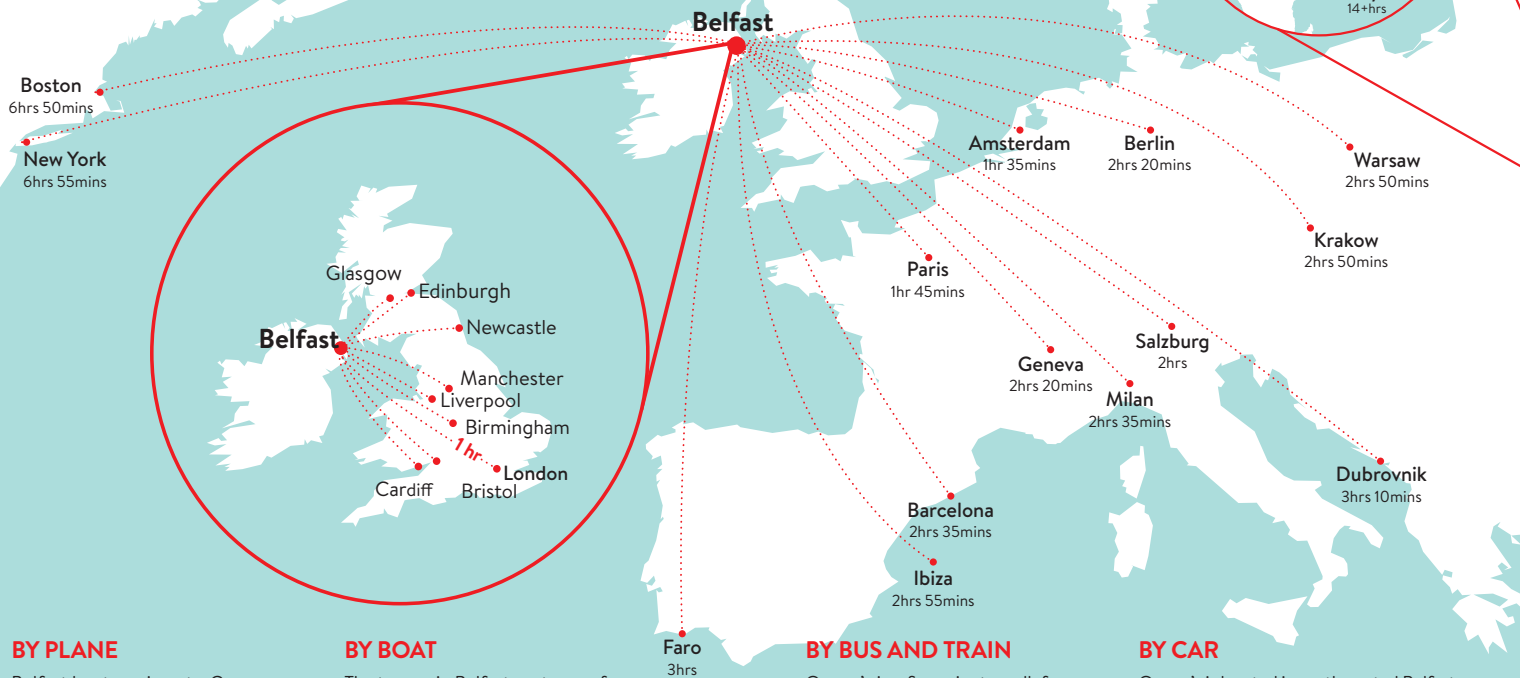
The Elms village includes the Treehouse, which is the main



social space for all students living with us and includes the coffee bar, snooker & pool tables, table tennis, TV lounge with 2 x 85 inch TV screens with BT Sports, games & karaoke room, 2 bookable kitchen spaces, outdoor BBQ area, computers and high-speed internet. Elms BT9 has 24-hour security staffing.

There is no need to apply for your accommodation separately – QUB will automatically allocate your room, which you will be able to access from 7 September 2024. If you have a disability or any specific accessibility needs, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing NUin@qub.ac.uk

GETTING TO BELFAST AND QUEEN'S



BY PLANE

Belfast has two airports, George Best Belfast City Airport, and Belfast International. Flights from Belfast to the rest of the UK take less than an hour, and are reasonably priced*.

BY BOAT

The two main Belfast routes are from Liverpool and Cairnryan. An alternative route runs from Holyhead to Dublin, with excellent motorway connections between there and Belfast.

BY BUS AND TRAIN

Queen's is a five minute walk from Botanic Train Station. A connection to Dublin is just one stop away, via Belfast Central Station. Coach and bus services arrive at Great Victoria Street, which is also connected by rail.

BY CAR

Queen's is located in south central Belfast and as such is close to both Northern Ireland's main motorways, connecting it easily with the rest of Ireland.

*Based on average flight times from 6 major UK cities



FUN FACTS ABOUT BELFAST

- **Belfast is home to Ireland's tallest building (and bar!)** Belfast's Obel Tower is the tallest building in Ireland, standing at 85m with 27 floors. Hastings Grand Central Hotel is the second tallest building, with 23 floors and a height of 80m, making the luxurious Observatory Bar on the top floor the tallest bar in Ireland with some of the most spectacular city views you'll ever see.
- **Belfast was nicknamed Linenopolis** In the 1800s, industry in Belfast was booming. Among shipbuilding and the production of rope and tobacco, the city paved the way in the world's linen industry. By the end of the

19th Century Belfast was known as the world's linen capital and was nicknamed Linenopolis.

Many of the city's linen houses were in the district now known as the Linen Quarter.

- **Titanic was longer than the height of the world's tallest building** Belfast was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, the world's most famous ship which, when it was constructed in the early 1900s, was longer than the height of the world's tallest building at 882 feet and six inches in length. Weighing 46,328 tonnes, Titanic was to be the largest manmade moveable object the world had ever seen.

- **The symbol of Belfast is a seahorse** Pointing to the city's maritime history, the symbol of a seahorse has strong connections with Belfast. Early merchants printed the creature on their coins throughout the 17th Century, and two seahorses still feature on Belfast's coat of arms. You'll also spot seahorses around the city, including the seahorse sculpture at Belfast's port and the glowing seahorse logo on the side of the lofty Grand Central Hotel.
- **Led Zeppelin first played Stairway To Heaven here** The historic Ulster Hall, which dates back to 1862, is where Led Zeppelin famously took to the stage to debut Stairway to Heaven in March 1971.
- **You can dine in a Victorian office cubicle inside the Titanic Hotel** Titanic Hotel is housed in the former headquarters of Harland and Wolff. The beautifully restored Victorian building contains the Drawing Offices where RMS Titanic was dreamed and designed, and in the Wolff Grill Restaurant

you'll find an original Victorian office cubicle that can be booked for private dining!

- **CS Lewis was born in Belfast and the surrounding landscapes likely inspired The Chronicles of Narnia** Writer and theologian, Clive Staples Lewis was born in east Belfast in 1898 and later attended Campbell College, a private boys' school that's still open today. Among his most famous works were The Chronicles of Narnia, a series of fictional children's books believed to have been inspired by hills, forests and castles around Belfast and across Northern Ireland.
- **We have sister cities in USA and China** Did you know Belfast has two sister cities? Nashville, Tennessee in the United States and Hefei in eastern China have been our sister cities since 1994 and 2005 respectively.
- **Belfast is a Sister City of Boston and Nashville** which allows Belfast to strengthen trade, investment, tourism, cultural and educational links.

PACKING CHECKLIST

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Passport
- CAS statement
- Accommodation confirmation
- Passport-sized photos (always good to have a few)
- Currency (safer to carry debit/credit cards than cash (GBP), but always good to have some cash on hand)
- Photocopies of documents (to keep them as backup)
- Visa letter

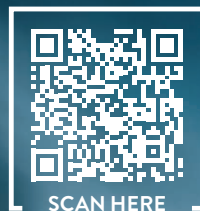
Now that you've got the important bits sorted, here's a packing checklist in case you are cramming everything in your luggage bags.

WHAT TO PACK

- Warm clothes (don't worry if you don't have winter clothes, you will find plenty of shops in Belfast)
- Gadgets (a portable charger is always helpful)
- Universal Adaptor
- Things that remind you of home
 - Family photos
 - Favourite books
- Any prescribed medication that you require

DON'T BOTHER WITH

- X Cutlery and crockery (included in your accommodation package)
- X Restricted entry products based on UK government regulations



- X Blankets and Duvets (student accommodation will provide this)

- X Notebooks and Stationery
- X Lots of Toiletries (they weigh a lot so just bring what you need to cover your first week and you can purchase more in Belfast)
- X Pets – pets are not permitted in student housing unless they are designated service animals and have prior approval from the university
- X Self-defence products – Belfast is a safe city. Please note that products like pepper spray are illegal in the UK.

A photograph of two young women sitting at a table in a bright, modern setting, likely a cafe or office. They are both smiling and looking at a laptop screen. The woman on the left is wearing a brown jacket and has her hand to her chin. The woman on the right is wearing a dark striped sweater. They are holding red paper cups. The background shows a large window with a view of a city street and buildings.

WHEN
YOU ARRIVE

REGISTER WITH THE UNIVERSITY

All students are required to complete online registration at the start of each academic year via the **Qsis Registration Portal**. You will receive a 'Welcome Email' with full instructions from late August onwards. You will receive an email when the Registration Portal is live. If you have any queries, please email nuin@qub.ac.uk, or call the Student Helpline on +44 (028) 9097 3223



**Q SIS
REGISTRATION
PORTAL**





STUDENT INFORMATION POINT

We have a dedicated team on the Student Information Point who can help you with any queries you may have. You can contact them via:

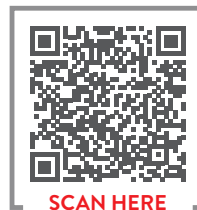
studentconnect@qub.ac.uk

Having your Student Services based in One Elmwood means you can access everything from one convenient place. Get advice on careers with our dedicated

employability team; access a comprehensive range of free, flexible, and responsive support services from our Student Wellbeing Team, support from the Learning Development Service and the Widening Participation Unit; get financial support, access to disability services and visa and immigration help from the Immigration Support Service.

INFORMATION SERVICES

IT Services is responsible for the University's main computing facilities; this means they will play a big part in your University experience. Visit their website for everything you need to know to get started with IT in Queen's, including what to do next once you have registered, how to obtain your IT username and password, connecting to the Wi-Fi, and getting support for IT:



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Once you have received your student ID card, you will also have access to the Library.



DISABILITY AND WELLBEING

DISABILITY SERVICES

We understand that students may be experiencing disability in various forms such as mobility, physical or mental health related illnesses. It is essential that everyone feels comfortable and safe as part of the community at Queen's University. If you require any information about disability services available at Queen's and in Belfast, feel free to contact the University.

The University has a dedicated team and you can contact them here:



**CONTACT
DISABILITY
SERVICES**



**STUDENT
WELLBEING
SERVICE**

STUDENT WELLBEING

You can contact our Student Wellbeing team at any time throughout the academic year. All our support services are free of charge and open to all Queen's students at all levels.



Your NUin Team will provide you of details of your private health insurance.

As a visiting student at Queen's, you are required to have private health insurance and **will not have access to the National Health Service (NHS)** for routine medical care.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

In case of a medical emergency, there are several outlets you can choose from depending on the how severe the emergency is.

- a. **Call the police**
- b. **Call an ambulance**
- c. **There are on call doctors you can call for advice or a home visit if needed**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

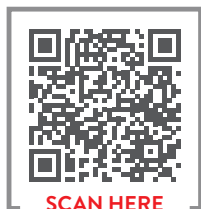
Immediate emergency
999

Non-emergency police
101

Royal Victoria Hospital emergency
028 9063 2250

**Elms Village Residential
Life Team**
028 9097 4718

HOW TO GET AROUND BELFAST



SCAN HERE

The best thing about the city is that everything is close by, giving you the safety and peace of mind you need. It is easy and affordable to get around Belfast by bus, taxi, train and bicycle.



SIM CARD

We understand that having access to the internet is a necessity, so here is how you can get your SIM card set up. There are two ways to get you connected:

Pay as you go: This allows you to buy minutes and internet whenever you want. You have more flexibility in choosing your contract and changing it as you like.

Some supplier names to get you started:

EE	shop.ee.co.uk
O2	o2.co.uk
Giffgaff	giffgaff.com
Three	three.co.uk

GETTING INVOLVED

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT QUEEN'S

My Queen's includes details and events to help you make the most of your personal time while studying at Queen's. From meeting new friends, to joining clubs and societies, there is something for everyone. We have international student led events bi-weekly and wellbeing on Wednesday events, most of which are free and are a great opportunity to unwind and meet new people. The **International Students Events Programme** is designed to provide a range of events for new and returning international students to Queen's throughout the semester, and includes City Sightseeing Bus Tours, Arts and Crafts, Coffee, Chat and Boardgames and QFT Film Night.



MYQUEEN'S

Students are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible to help them settle in and meet new friends while finding out useful information for their time at Queen's.



TERM DATES:

16 September 2024 –
13 December 2024

THE STUDENTS' UNION THE HEART OF CAMPUS

Welcome to the Students' Union! We are here to help you get the most out of your time at Queen's. We provide you with vital support, opportunities to socialise and different activities to help you make friends and develop your skillset alongside your studies.

The new state of the art Students' Union is a vibrant social hub with a revamped gig venue – Mandela Hall, the Union Bar, the Union Shop, Outdoor terraces, multiple hang out spaces and tech friendly study spaces right where you want them.

In the SU you also will find:

- **Student Officers** – the team is here to help you, represent you, organise campaigns to make the changes you want and lead the Union on your behalf
- **SU Advice** – provides students with free, independent, confidential, and non-judgemental advice

- **SU Enterprise** – Whatever your degree pathway, SU Enterprise help you develop creative thinking, generate ideas, and improve your entrepreneurial skills
- **SU Voice** – Stand up for what you believe in with SU Voice!
- **SU Volunteer** – Why not join the 5,000 students who are involved in volunteering at Queen's every year?
- **SU Lounge** – hang out, play pool and make yourself a cuppa on us.
- **SU Clubs & Societies**
- **SU Sexual Health Clinic**
- **Union Bar & Terrace**
- **Union Shop**
- **Mandela Hall**
- **SU Rooftop Garden**



QUEEN'S
STUDENTS'
UNION



SU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

There are so many reasons to get involved in Clubs and Societies whilst at Queen's but many students find it's a great way to make friends and meet like-minded people. Many courses have related societies, but they do much more than discuss what happened in your latest lecture – they give you a little bit more from life at Queen's: more fun; more time to be part of something; more time to find out about you. Academic societies can also help enhance

your studies and your career opportunities in the process.

Not sure what to go for? Check out our A-Z list:



   @queensstudentsunion

 @QueensSU_  @yourQUBSU

STUDENT CARD PERKS

Once you've got your student card, you can use it around campus for things like:

- Access to the library. You can use it for printing in the library
- Access to Queen's Physical Education Centre (PEC)
- You can use it to purchase from on-campus shops and cafés



HOW TO TOP UP YOUR STUDENT CARD?

You can top up your student card online via Queen's Online or you can pop into the library, find one of the copy rooms and use the top up machines there.



THE SLANG GUIDE

You may find yourself hearing frequently used words, without knowing what they mean! So, here is a list to help you make sense of it all!

“WHAT’S THE CRAIC?”

What’s happening? What’s up?

“BANTER”

Playful chat

“DANDER”

Walk

“CHIPS”

Fries

“CRISPS”

Potato chips

“DEAD ON”

Okay

“WEE”

Little

“EEJIT”

Silly person

“HOOVER”

Vacuum cleaner

“GRAND”

Great

“WEE-BUNS”

Easy

“QUID”

1 pound

“FIVER”

5 pounds

“TENNER”

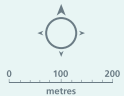
10 pounds



CAMPUS MAP



- KEY**
- ROADS/PATHS
 - BUILDINGS
 - FACULTY OFFICES
 - SCHOOL OFFICES
 - GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES
 - LOCATION
 - CAFÉ/RESTAURANT
 - UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION
 - CRÈCHE



1
The Lanyon Building



36
The PEC



2
Riddell Hall



11
The McClay Library



16
One Elmwood

FACULTY OFFICES

- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Engineering and Physical Sciences
- Medicine, Health and Life Sciences

SCHOOL OFFICES

- Arts, English and Languages
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics
- Law
- Mathematics and Physics
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences
- Natural and Built Environment
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Psychology
- Queen's Business School
- Social Sciences, Education and Social Work

GLOBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- The Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice
- The William J Clinton Leadership Institute
- The Institute for Global Food Security
- The Institute of Electronics, Communications and Information Technology (Titanic Quarter)

The Institute of Health Sciences

X1 LOCATION

- X2 Administration Building
- X3 Ashby Building
- Canada Room/Council Chamber
- F Careers, Employability and Skills
- E Centre for Cancer Research
- N Chrono Centre
- Clinical Research Facility
- M Computer Science
- J Counselling Service
- H David Keir Building
- L Development and Alumni Relations
- R Disability Services
- B Drama and Film Centre at Queen's
- Q Dunluce Health Centre
- C Education and Student Services
- P Elms Village
- D Elmwood Building
- S Elmwood Hall
- K Elmwood Learning and Teaching Centre (ELTC)
- Estates
- Finance
- Global Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions
- G Great Hall
- T Graduate School
- Harty Room
- U Health Sciences Building
- Information Services
- Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS)
- International Office
- INTO Queen's

- Jobshop 14
- A Lanyon Building 1
- Library 11
- Main Site Tower 2
- 3 Maths and Physics Teaching Centre (MAP Centre) 12
- 31 McClay Research Centre 24
- 39 Medical Biology Centre (MBC) 21
- 1 Naughton Gallery 1
- 14 Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC) 30
- 19 Occupational Health 34
- 26 One Elmwood Student Centre 14
- 27 People and Culture 3
- 14 Peter Froggatt Centre (PFC) 2
- 28 Pharmacy Building 24
- 1 Physical Education Centre (PEC) 36
- 14 Physics Building (New) 8
- 10 Physics Building (Old) 9
- 20 Queen's Film Theatre (QFT) 10
- 3 Registrar and Chief Operating Officer 1
- 35 Research and Enterprise 17
- 18 Riddell Hall 37
- 15 Safety Services 3
- 20 Seamus Heaney Centre 38
- 3 Sonic Arts Research Centre (SARC) 29
- 3 South Dining Hall 6
- 1 Student and Campus Life 1
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- 4 Vice-Chancellor's Office 1
- 5 Welcome Centre 1
- 25 Whitla Hall 7
- 11 Whitla Medical Building 22
- 33 Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine 23
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Please keep in touch with the Northeastern staff team before you arrive in Belfast. They will be happy to guide you on your pre-arrival planning and academic requirements for the NUin programme.



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