



# The Queen's Partnership Project: Enhancing the Educational Experience

## What is Student Partnership and Engagement?

Successful student partnership and engagement is designed to develop and apply effective strategies to learning, teaching and assessment, which are subject to review and enhancement through constructive and continuous dialogue between students and staff and where all the stakeholders are capable and equal partners.

Fundamentally, partnership demands a relationship in which students and staff, at all levels and representations are invested in the process of learning and working together. The Partnership is therefore a committed approach and way of working and is not an end-product.

Partnership requires mutual respect and collaboration between students and the University, with direction and priorities agreed.

There are a number of supporting documents which provide more detailed information on the Partnership Project, including the Queen's Partnership Framework and Implementation Strategy. These can be accessed on the Queen's website at <http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/studentpartnership>.

## The Role of Schools

Whilst the University and Students' Union will implement initiatives at strategic levels to enhance partnership and engagement, School-Student partnership has the potential to have the greatest impact and will enable specific responses to the needs of individual Schools and programmes of learning.

Enhanced student voice and representation at School levels can open dialogue and co-operation to effect real and meaningful change and will facilitate accessible review for continual improvement to the partnership process.

Individual School approaches can also serve as examples of best practice for shared learning across the University to support embedding of a culture of partnership.

## What is expected of you?

The Director of Education, Director of Graduate Studies/Chair of the School Postgraduate Research Committee and Student Representatives should meet at the beginning of each semester to decide how best to initiate a Partnership Project involving the wider student and staff body of their School.

Meet with the wider staff and student body to decide what Project you will undertake.

Ensure Partnership is an item on **every** SSCC Agenda.

You should aim to complete at least **one** Partnership Project in the year which must be initiated in the first semester with the option to further develop, embed or extend the project in the second semester or to initiate a second project. If you complete a Project early, for example, or feel the School has the capacity to undertake more at the same time, then certainly do more! Using the Partnership Projects template, describe, track and review your Project, before sending it to the Students' Union and Academic Affairs in line with the specified timelines noted below.

**More information is available in the full document entitled: The Queen's Partnership Project. You can also contact the Students' Union Education Officer at [su.education@qub.ac.uk](mailto:su.education@qub.ac.uk) or Academic Affairs at [academic-affairs@qub.ac.uk](mailto:academic-affairs@qub.ac.uk).**



The DE/DGS/SPRC Chair and Student Representatives will have the opportunity to provide updates to Academic Board in Semester 2 on the progress of their Partnership Projects. Progress will also be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Queen's Partnership Group Leads. A summary review report will be provided to the Education Committee and the Research and Postgraduate Committee at the end of the year.

### **Timelines**

The following are the project deadlines for the pilot year. Please send all confirmations, updates, and submissions to both the SU Education Officer at [su.education@qub.ac.uk](mailto:su.education@qub.ac.uk) and Academic Affairs at [academic-affairs@qub.ac.uk](mailto:academic-affairs@qub.ac.uk) by the dates/times detailed below, at the latest.

Please clarify 'Partnership Project' and your School in the subject line.  
E.g. 'AEL –Partnership Project'

- Project Confirmation: **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 12pm**
- Project Update: To be provided **by the end January 2019** on request from Academic Affairs/Students' Union Education Officer.
  - Academic Board will be facilitating a meeting devoted to consideration of Partnership projects in early February 2019 at which School representatives will have the opportunity to discuss their project(s). Schools are asked to ensure a suitable representative is available to attend this meeting to provide an update on project(s).
- Project(s) Submission and Evaluation: **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 12pm**

Following the final submission of Partnership Projects in Semester 2, the Students' Union Education Officer and the University will undertake a full evaluation of the pilot year. This will involve gathering feedback from students, staff, and any other partners involved.

The Students' Union Education Officer, and Pro-Vice Chancellor Education and Students, would like to thank you for your engagement, help, and support.

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