Guidance notes

Am I eligible?
Applications are open to all continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students who are enrolled and in attendance on a course at QMUL and who wish to travel in the UK or worldwide during the long summer vacation. Eligible dates for the summer vacation are those which apply at the Mile End campus and for 2019/20 these are 30 May – 13 September 2020 so all travel must be on or within these dates for your trip to be eligible.

If you are an undergraduate student in your final year you are not eligible to apply.

If you have previously received an award you can apply again but please note that the fund is relatively small and therefore first time applicants are a priority.

PhD students will also be considered as a lower priority for awards from this fund as there is a considerable amount of other funding available for PhD students to travel, please see details of the QMUL Postgraduate Research Fund and Doctoral College Initiative Fund on the website here: www.doctoralcollege.qmul.ac.uk/ PhD students in the SMD please see website for the Travel Grant for PhD students here: www.qmul.ac.uk/smd/graduatestudies/currentstudents/travelgrant/

What is being offered?
Awards will be made to travel which is related to students’ academic interests or personal development. Successful applications should demonstrate a detailed schedule or programme of events with a planned outcome. The funds at the Expeditions Fund committee’s disposal are limited and awards are intended to contribute to, not cover, the cost of your trip. Awards are for a minimum of £250 and often the minimum award is made. Funds are provided by Registry, the Alumni Office and from two historic bequests to the university - the Alice Mutton bequest is specifically for Geography students, travelling anywhere and the Ruth Owen bequest is for undergraduate students in Drama, English, French, German, Hispanic Studies or History, travelling out of Europe – however students from all Faculties are eligible to apply.

Applications will be considered at an Expeditions Fund committee meeting shortly after the closing date and successful applicants will be informed of the outcome in writing. Awards will be paid directly to the student before travel or by 31st July 2020 at the latest.

What conditions are attached to the award?
Awards are provisional upon the completion of a detailed QMUL Risk Assessment. Please note students should not travel to any part of the world that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office designate as “advising against all travel to” as at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice Funding will not be allocated to a student who wishes to travel to an area which may endanger their safety.
Recipients must take out adequate travel insurance for the duration of their trip.

In accepting an award, you agree to undertake travel as described in your Expeditions Fund application and to provide a written report of the expedition, at least two sides of A4, to be submitted during the autumn semester by the deadline of 11th December 2020.

Your report will be used in marketing and publicity by Queen Mary. You may be contacted by the Alumni Office to participate in their fundraising events, if appropriate, though this will be optional.

If you have any questions about the fund you can visit the Student Enquiry Centre, Ground Floor Queen’s Building, Mile End Campus
or
Contact us in 3 easy steps:

- Login to your MySiS portal via mysis.qmul.ac.uk
- Click on Student Enquiry Centre Online
- Log your enquiry

Please ensure that your online application is submitted by the closing date of Thursday 9th April 2020.