

Research in Law

The School of Law at Queen Mary offers research opportunities in virtually any field of law you choose. All supervisors are qualified members of staff with their own major research projects and publications. Our large and thriving community of postgraduate research students numbers around 120 at any one time.

Research Areas

The School of Law can supervise PhD projects in virtually any field of law. However, the major research activity is broadly defined by the following research groups:

- Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- Aviation and Shipping Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Competition Law and Policy
- Criminal Justice Law
- Economics and Finance
- Energy and Natural Resources Law
- Ethics and Equality
- EU Law
- Global Law and Governance
- Human Rights Law
- Information Technology, Media and Communications Law
- Insurance and Tax Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Law
- International State Crime
- Legal Theory and Legal Humanities
- Public International Law
- Regulation and Compliance

Funding

- QMUL Principal's Postgraduate Research Studentships
- Intellectual Property PhD - Herchel Smith Scholarships
- PhD Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTA)
- London Interdisciplinary Social Science (LISS) DTP studentships are offered by the ESRC through the QMUL- King's College - Imperial College Partnership.
- London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP). Students are offered by the AHRC via a partnership between several London Universities (LSE, SAS, KCL and UCL)
- There are also externally provided specific international scholarship schemes for China, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, and others.

More information on each scheme can be found at qmul.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/funding

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Application process

1. Review the research areas and entry requirements for Law PhD at Queen Mary.
2. Qualified candidates should submit an Online application. Applicants are strongly advised to identify and contact a potential supervisor(s) prior to applying, especially if applying for a studentship. Applicants should consult the Academic Staff list on the School of Law website to identify an appropriate staff member to contact prior to formally submitting an application.
3. You should include an employment history CV including details of any legal vocational experience relevant to your proposed area of research, in addition to your academic background.
4. The School of Law application process also requires a Research Proposal and a Personal Statement. Your application will not be reviewed without them.

Before starting the online application please consult the latest information on required supporting documentation and entry requirements published at qmul.ac.uk/law/postgraduate/courses/law/139691.html

Entry requirements

- Distinction on an LLM or equivalent qualification
- IELTS 7.5 with 7.5 in writing if English is not your first language

Application deadlines

September 2024 entry

- Law studentships & GTA: **6th December 2023**
- China Scholarship Council: **31st January 2024**
- Herchel Smith Scholarship: **June 2024**
- LAHP and LISS awards: **Late January 2024**

Please check the deadlines for international scholarships. Self funded students are invited to apply throughout the year. The PhD is open for applications from October to the beginning of June each year.

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Student profile

Natalie Gail Simone Corthésy

Natalie's research centres on the problematic issue of increased commercial use and registration of country names in the context of intellectual property. For example, Iceland v Iceland Foods and France.com v Atout France.

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