



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
**MANAGEMENT
SCHOOL**



Queen's University
Belfast

PLACEMENT

PROGRAMME

Actuarial and
Financial Risk Management

Networking Event

23 June 2010 at 11.00 am
Old Library, Lloyds of London, London

Queen's University Management School currently runs successfully a number of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, our BSc Finance, BSc Actuarial Science and Risk Management and MSc Risk Management and Financial Regulation. Each of these degrees incorporates a compulsory placement element designed to provide our students with essential on the job training.

The Placement Programme has been running within Queen's University Management School for approximately 15 years.

Dedicated staff in the Placement Office provide a support service to students through a structured Placement Programme.

Students undertake placements from the following degree programmes:

- BSc Actuarial Science and Risk Management
- BSc Finance
- MSc Risk Management and Financial Regulation

Students studying for a BSc are required to work for a minimum of nine months in a salaried position whilst MSc students are required to work for a minimum of three months in a salaried position.

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Benefits of Placement

Regardless of the size of your organisation the recruitment of placement students has many benefits to offer your organisation. We are continuously gaining feedback from employers that our students are highly motivated, hard-working employees who are tuned in to developing the skills they need for the world of work.

Overall by offering students a period of work experience your business will gain new ideas and fresh enthusiasm as well as a cost-effective flexible solution to your recruitment needs. We seek to develop a partnership with employers, whereby once a placement is established, it will be consistently renewed year on year with a supply of high quality students.

Benefits include:

- Cost effective means of training and evaluating placement students for potential graduate opportunities.
- Bringing new ideas and fresh enthusiasm.
- An extra resource.
- Developing links with Queen's University Belfast.
- New skills and knowledge of modern practices/ technologies.
- Provide existing staff the opportunity to develop supervisory skills through mentoring a student on placement

Examples of recent placements

Allstate (Belfast and Chicago)
 Axa Insurance (Bristol and Dublin)
 Bank of Ireland (Dublin)
 Buck consultants (London)
 Civil Service NI
 Energia (Belfast)
 Hardy Group (London)
 Hibernian (Dublin)
 Intel (Dublin)
 Irish Life (Dublin)
 KPMG (Belfast and Luxembourg)
 Liberty (London)
 Mercer (Belfast and Leeds)
 Morgan Stanley (London)
 PricewaterhouseCoopers (UK)

BSc Actuarial Science and Risk Management

This is a four year degree with the third year spent in an industrial placement in an actuarial environment. The overall objective of the Actuarial Science degree is to provide students with the necessary numeracy, analytical and practical skills to enable them to assess, evaluate and manage future financial and economic risks and thereby address a wide range of practical problems in long-term financial planning and management. To this end students study courses in actuarial modelling, finance, financial reporting, economics, statistics, probability and risk management. They also study courses in pension scheme valuation and modelling in general insurance designed to provide an understanding of the environments within which actuaries work.

BSc Finance

The primary aim of this degree is to turn out students with a rigorous grounding in the theory, techniques and tools required for operating in today's financial environment. Given this aim, two aspects of the programme are of prime importance;

- i. The strong emphasis which is placed on the development of quantitative skills, particularly in relation to the theory and practice of statistical/econometric analysis.
- ii. The placement year: a year of professional experience between the second and final years. This ensures that the students as a whole are exposed to as wide a range of financial environments as possible.

The degree programme provides a stimulating course of study, blending together modules in finance (investment analysis, fund management, international finance, corporate finance, financial engineering, institutions and markets), financial reporting, statistics, economics and market microstructure.

MSc Risk Management and Financial Regulation

The MSc aims to equip students with the cutting-edge risk management tools and strategies utilised by leading financial firms and regulatory bodies. As many financial firms are substantially expanding their risk management functions, this degree is likely to open a wide range of new and exciting career opportunities. After completion of the degree there are a wide variety of roles available for graduates, some of which will suit those with strong mathematical skills who wish to utilize cutting-edge quantitative modelling techniques and work in collaboration with traders to develop bespoke financial products. Other roles will involve portfolio and product risk management or monitoring firm-wide business risks either in-house or as part of an external regulatory team.