

VP Report to Senate – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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BAME Studentships

Earlier this year it was reported that in 2020-21 the Faculty are continuing to offer two fully funded (fee waiver and stipend) studentships at PGT level to Home BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) students, who have previously studied at QMUL. I am now pleased to confirm that we have awarded these studentships to Sahara Ahmed and Mareeam Ahmed. Sahara will be undertaking an MA in English Literature whilst Mareeam will be studying an MA in History of Political Thought and Intellectual History.

Professor David Adger elected as a Fellow of the British Academy

Professor David Adger, Professor of Linguistics from the School of Languages, Linguistics and Film has been made a Fellow of the British Academy in recognition of his work in the field of linguistics. Professor David Adger, said: “I’m honoured to have been elected as a Fellow of the British Academy and excited to work with the Academy on emphasizing how central the humanities and social sciences are to people’s lives”.

Legal Advice Centre wins Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence

The Legal Advice Centre based in the School of Law has won a Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) in recognition of its outstanding contribution to higher education.

The Award means that the LAC now joins a highly regarded national group making an outstanding impact on higher education. The Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) recognises and rewards collaborative work that has had a demonstrable impact on teaching and learning. Introduced in 2016, the scheme highlights the key role of teamwork in higher education.

Degree Apprenticeships in the School of Economics and Finance

In July 2020, the School of Economics and Finance secured a public tender with the Government Economic Service to deliver Masters Level Economics Degree Apprenticeships to Senior Civil Servants. The contract is worth £4.4m, will engage 65-100 learners p.a. over four years with the potential of a 2 year extension beyond that. This will be QMUL’s largest Degree Apprenticeship programme and arguably its most high profile one, with participating organisations including, HM Treasury, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, Department for Education, Department for International Trade, National Infrastructure

Commission among others. The programme will launch in February 2021 and will be co-created with Chief Economists in Government Departments through Autumn and Winter.

Faculty Leadership Roles

We are pleased to confirm that Professor Adrian Armstrong has been appointed as the new Dean for Research starting in January 2021. Adrian is also currently the Deputy Dean for Research (PGR) and we will be recruiting to this position soon.

We have also welcomed Professor Jason Sturgess as the new Head of the School of Economics and Finance and Professor David Williams as the new Head of the School of Politics and International Relations. Professor Warren Boutcher has also stepped in to act as interim Head of the School of English and Drama.