



**Senate**

<b>Paper Title</b>	Partnerships Board – Executive Summary
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the PB Executive Summary
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	This paper summarises the business of Partnerships Board from 09 May 2024 to 23 September 2024.
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	N/A
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	The Partnerships Board oversees QMUL’s partnership activity on behalf of Senate.
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	Partnerships Board’s role is to assess and monitor the risks of QMUL partnership arrangements, approve partnerships as necessary and to consider relevant policies and procedures.
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	This paper is a report to Senate.
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## **PARTNERSHIPS BOARD**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This summary covers the Partnership Board meetings held on 24 June 2024 and the 23 September 2024. The next meeting of Partnerships Board will be held on the 25 November 2024.

#### **Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals**

1. Under the low-risk partnerships approval process, Faculties are responsible for considering and approving low-risk Faculty-level partnership proposals and renewals with both UK and international partners. A report of these low-risk approved proposals and renewals is then submitted to Partnerships Board for noting. During the reporting period, Partnerships Board has received notification of the following low-risk partnership proposals and renewals approved by Faculties and Professional Services.
2. Faculty of Science and Engineering
  - None reported.
3. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV)
4. Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
  - University of Ha'il, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
5. Professional Services (including Global Engagement Office and International Partnerships Office)
  - EF Education, USA
  - Manipal University, India
  - University of Michigan, USA
  - Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, India
  - Podar World College, India
  - Mahidol University International College, Thailand
  - Bergen Universitet, Norway
  - South China University of Technology, China
  - Universidad del Rosario, Colombia
  - Qatar Attache Office – London, London
6. At the 24 June 2024 meeting the Board approved the following proposals:

- Chevening Scholarships at The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
7. At the 23 September 2024 meeting the Board approved the following proposals:
- Common Purpose – UG Short Term Immersion Programme

## Reports

8. Academic Governance review of Partnerships Board Report
- Partnerships Board (PB) has responsibility on behalf of Senate for oversight and monitoring of partnership activity related to courses and programmes of study and research or knowledge transfer activity. The Board considers and approves new partnerships where a partner is deemed high risk (or the renewal of such partnerships), to receive reports on low-risk partnerships approved at faculty level and ensure a register of collaborative provision is maintained. The Board also has responsibility to manage policies and procedures related to the development and management of partnerships in line with legal and regulatory requirements. Membership includes representatives from each of the faculties and a range of professional service directorates (Finance, Governance and Legal and Global Engagement). There is a much higher proportion of PS members on this Board compared to others.
  - Members reported highly being encouraged to participate in discussions and able to express their views openly, to challenge colleagues and express doubts.
  - The main issues arising from the observation, discussions and survey from PB are:
    - The Board had a more mixed understanding of the role and purpose of the Board compared to others.
    - The Board was less confident than other boards that it has the skills and experience needed to be effective.
    - There was not a strong understanding of the limits of delegated authority from Senate or how decisions are reported to Senate.
    - Last academic year an internal audit was completed relating to international partnerships. It made four medium priority and two low priority recommendations. It gave partial assurance with improvements required / significant assurance with minor improvement opportunities. The Board has considered the report and is overseeing the response to these recommendations. Additionally, an appointment has now been made to the vacant post of VP International they may wish to consider arrangements in place for the partnerships for which they have responsibility for.
  - Considering the above, the following recommendations had been Implemented:
    - Induction for new members of the Board, including information on the role of each Board member and the purpose of the Board, how it interacts with other groups, including Senate, SET and other Boards of Senate.

## Meetings in 2023/24

9. The Board confirmed the meeting dates for 2024/25 as follows:

Monday 23 September 2024

Monday 25 November 2024

Monday 27 January 2025

Monday 10 March 2025

Monday 12 May 2025

Monday 23 June 2025