English Language Policy
For Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months
SCOPE
A student enrolled on a research degree programme at another institution may be permitted to enrol as an associate student to undertake a period of guided study and/or research that does not lead to an award of Queen Mary. This policy relates to postgraduate research associate students enrolling for a period of less than 6 months. To be considered under this policy, students must not require Queen Mary to act as a sponsor for a Student Visa. This policy is not suitable for a student requiring visa sponsorship for their studies.

Pre-sessional English courses of any length and delivery mode are not covered by this policy.

POLICY
For the above categories, students may self-certify that they have a sufficient level of English Language before entering and undertaking any academic study or activities. This must be supported by a statement from the directly responsible academic supervisor within Queen Mary. Queen Mary supervisors and the relevant school or institute must ensure that students visiting under this policy have appropriate health and safety induction to study and work within Queen Mary including any specialised areas. Queen Mary supervisors and schools/ institutes must also be satisfied that students’ comprehension of English is sufficient to understand protocols and follow signage and instructions should any incidents occur.

RELATED POLICIES
The “English Language Policy for courses delivered on site at any Queen Mary campus” on applies to associate research students visiting for more than 6 months.

REVIEW OF POLICY
Education Quality & Standards Board (EQSB) approves the English language policy.

Unless there is a need on the basis of external changes such as a change in the UKVI regulations regarding English language requirements, or as directed by EQSB, the English language policy will be reviewed every two years in advance of the start of the admissions cycle.