

**PRME CHAPTER UK & IRELAND DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM**  
**QUEEN'S BUSINESS SCHOOL, BELFAST**  
**17 JUNE 2025**  
**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**



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The **UK & Ireland Chapter of the Principles for Responsible Management Education** (PRME) is delighted to announce our 2025 Doctoral Colloquium (DC), aimed at supporting doctoral researchers working to inform the knowledge base on the impact of the **Seven Principles of PRME** and the **UN Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs). We invite contributions from doctoral students involved in all areas of research around responsible management and advancement of the UN SDGs.

The UK & Ireland PRME DC will take place in-person at Queen's Business School (QBS), Belfast, Northern Ireland on Tuesday 17th June 2025 from 12pm. The event will open with a creative ice-breaking session. This will be followed by a keynote address by Dr Sajja Ferdous of QBS. Dr Ferdous' research explores work related inequality issues facing marginalised workers' groups within the UK/European labour market contexts. Following the keynote, doctoral students will engage in round table discussions gaining one-to-one feedback on their research. The posters presented during the roundtable discussion will be integrated into the main conference that follows the DC (see below for more details). The afternoon will conclude with panel discussions on topics including 'Top Tips for Doctoral Students: How to Develop your Publication Journey' and 'Exploring Different Academic Career Journeys in Higher Education'.

A key part of the DC is the opportunity to network and collaborate with fellow students and gain community support from academics working in similar scholarly areas. We look forward to welcoming you to Belfast.

## ORGANISING PANEL

### Doctoral Colloquium Chair

Dr Rachel Welton, please direct any questions to [rachel.welton@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.welton@ntu.ac.uk)

### Fellow Colloquium Conveners

Dr Laura Steele and Dr Denise Currie, Queen's Business School

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Doctoral Colloquium (DC) is a single-day event (invitation-only and limited places, following successful submission of an abstract). It takes place on **Tuesday 17th June 2025**, the day before the two-day **PRME Chapter UK & Ireland Conference**, hosted by Queen's Business School, Belfast, on 18th & 19th June 2025.

The DC provides students the opportunity to present their research and receive feedback from experienced academics in a supportive environment. Students can expect helpful feedback and fresh perspectives on their research topics and possible career paths and will have the opportunity to interact closely with expert researchers in their field. The colloquium will support community-building by connecting early-career and established researchers in the main conference. All successful DC applicants will be asked to produce an A1 Poster for integration into the DC and the main conference.

On the evening of the DC, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a free walking tour of Belfast. This will be followed by an informal social dinner with delegates from the DC and main conference. All delegates will pay for their own meals at the social dinner.

This call is open to all PhD and doctoral students—regardless of whether they are presenting research at the main UK & Ireland PRME conference or not. We welcome applications from students at all stages of their doctorate; those who are in the beginning of the process of formulating their proposals, and those at a later stage.

## **FUNDING**

Both the PRME UK & Ireland Doctoral Colloquium and the Chapter Conference are free to students working within a UK & Ireland PRME Higher Education institution. You will need to register on the main conference website, once you have had your abstract accepted.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

**The deadline for abstract submissions is 5pm, Monday 24th March 2025.**

**Please submit via email to Rachel Welton at [prmedc@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:prmedc@ntu.ac.uk)**

You will be informed if you are allocated a place at the Doctorial Colloquium by the end of **Friday 24th April 2025**.

A range of convenient accommodation options are available close to the campus, including ensuite rooms within the [Queen's Elms Student Village](#). (Rooms are available at a rate of £62 per night. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis). The event will start at 12pm to facilitate travel on the day.

## **ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

An abstract of 500 words, describing your doctoral research, including the problem being addressed (alignment to SDGs and PRME Principles), methodology and plan of research, and a description of your progress to date.

The abstract structure should follow the format used by most universities for a thesis proposal: an Introduction, Literature Review (including key references), Methods, Preliminary Results, Discussion, Conclusions and key questions that you would like to explore at the DC event (depending on the stage of their research, applicants will amplify or not be able to complete some of these section/s).

The abstract should have a single author—namely, the student submitting the entry—and state the institution where the student is registered for doctoral study. Please note that citations and references are excluded from the word count for the abstract. Please distinguish clearly between work that has been accomplished and what remains to be completed. Student submissions will be peer-reviewed and allocated to relevant workshop subgroups when the DC convenors have all submissions.

If you have any questions, contact the Chair, Dr Rachel Welton, via [rachel.welton@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.welton@ntu.ac.uk)



## ABOUT PRME

The **Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)** is a UN-supported initiative established in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of ethics, responsibility, and sustainability in business and management education through Seven Principles (below) focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet. PRME's mission is to transform management education and develop the responsible decision-makers of tomorrow to advance sustainable development.



**PRME Chapter UK & Ireland** (UK & I) is a member-based organisation that serves as a focal point of coordination and communication for the UK and Ireland based signatories of PRME. The Chapter works with higher education institutions and related bodies to support the integration of PRME and the advancement of the UN SDGs. For more information about the Chapter, please visit [www.unprme.org.uk](http://www.unprme.org.uk)

### About the UN SDGs

The UN SDGs are a universal framework adopted in 2015 to address global challenges and promote prosperity while protecting the planet. Comprised of 17 interconnected goals, they aim to end poverty, reduce inequalities, and ensure access to quality education, healthcare, and clean energy. The SDGs emphasize sustainable economic growth, climate action, and environmental preservation, while advocating for gender equality, innovation, and partnerships to achieve these ambitious objectives by 2030. Each goal includes specific targets and measurable indicators to guide efforts at local, national, and global levels. The SDGs are a call to action for governments, businesses, and individuals to work collectively toward a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable future for all.



## ABOUT QUEEN'S BUSINESS SCHOOL

Queen's Business School (QBS) at **Queen's University Belfast** offers world-class undergraduate, postgraduate, and executive education. The School has six core academic departments and one institute: the Departments of Accounting; Economics; Finance; International Business, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing (IBEM); Information Technology, Analytics, and Operations (ITAO); Organisation, Work, and Leadership (OWL); and the William J. Clinton Leadership Institute.

QBS is accredited by EQUIS, AMBA, and the Small Business Charter, holds an Athena SWAN Bronze Award, and has served as a PRME Champion institution since 2020. In addition, as a member of the Global Business School Network (GBSN), the School is connected through strategic partnerships across the world. Our MBA programme was recently ranked in the top 40 globally by Corporate Knights as part of its 2023 Better World MBA ranking which assesses the extent to which business schools integrate sustainability-related content within their curriculum.

Queen's Business School is delighted to host the 2025 PRME Chapter UK & Ireland Conference and looks forward to bringing delegates together to explore how partnerships can help us navigate challenges, foster meaningful collaborations, and create lasting communities in our journey toward Agenda 2030.

For more information about our work related to PRME, please see our 2024 PRME Sharing Information on Progress Report.

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