In order to earn a QUEST notation, students must:

1) Take 190H, 390H, and 490H with their cohort. Students are not allowed to switch cohorts.

- Cohort 29
  - 190H - Fall 2017
  - 390H - Spring 2018
  - 490H - Spring 2019

- Cohort 30
  - 190H - Spring 2018
  - 390H - Fall 2018
  - 490H - Fall 2019

2) Take one data analysis elective prior to taking 490H and take a general elective anytime before graduation.

3) Create a QUEST Course Plan during their first semester and update this plan at the end of each school year. This document will eventually be used when distributing QUEST notations.

4) Attend his/her “Junior Interview” during their gap semester junior year. This is an opportunity to meet with a member of the Quality Guild, gain advice, and reflect on their QUEST experience thus far.

5) Remain enrolled in a major offered by one of QUEST’s three partner schools throughout their time in the program.

Please review the program’s policy for probation and dismissal: https://go.umd.edu/QUESTstudentpolicy
**Internal Communication**

Every Monday beginning this fall, you will receive our weekly e-newsletter, the TWIQ (This Week in QUEST). Here you can find information on upcoming events, potential jobs and internships, etc.

Additionally, in the fall, your mentor or 190H TA will add you to the private QUEST Facebook page, which is another great place to find out what's going on in QUEST and beyond.

Be sure to follow us on external social media as well!
facebook.com/QUESTUMD
twitter.com/QUESTUMD
instagram.com/QUESTUMD

**QUEST Conference**

All new QUESTees are required to attend the QUEST Conference at the end of every semester, beginning Fall 2017.

The QUEST Conference is the culmination of the 490H experience. Students present their projects to around 300 guests, including fellow students, parents, alumni, corporate partners, UMD affiliates, and sometimes even President Loh!

Attending the QUEST Conference gives younger QUESTees an opportunity to network, meet others in the community, and get a taste of what's to come in 490H.

**Name tags**

All students will be provided with a magnetic QUEST name tag. You may pick up your name tag in Jessica’s office (VMH 1407D) during the first week of the Fall 2017 semester.

This name tag can be worn at all professional events including career fairs, conferences, etc. Recruiters have been known to stop students solely for wearing a name tag that says "QUEST." Please do not lose your name tag as you are required to wear it at every QUEST Conference and replacements cost $10.

**QUEST Lab**

Every QUEST student can gain swipe access to the QUEST Lab (Van Munching Hall 1407) by stopping into Smith Operations in VMH 1306.

The QUEST Lab offers the following:
- 1407A Conference Room for studying and/or team meetings (students may reserve the room by signing up on the Google spreadsheet linked at the bottom of the weekly TWIQ)
- 1407B Faculty Office (may also be used for team meetings when not being used by QUEST faculty)
- Whiteboard writable walls
- Mondopad teleconferencing system
- Computers
- Free printing (from lab computers or your laptop)
- Free 3D printing (must be trained first)
- Microwave and refrigerator
- Books
- A place to hang out
- Program staff offices
- Office hours for 190H and 490H instructors
Kylie King  
Program Director  
Hometown: Plattsburgh, NY  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla with peanut butter and chocolate swirls  
Hobbies: Competing in triathlons, trying new recipes & restaurants  
Favorite TV shows: Survivor, Game of Thrones  
Favorite people/life inspirations: Ariel from The Little Mermaid and Mindy Kaling  
Fun fact: Was on a Nickelodeon game show (Slime Time Live)

Dr. Jeffrey Herrmann  
Academic Director, 490H Professor  
Hometown: Plant City, FL  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Strawberry  
Hobbies: Bicycling, board games  
Favorite TV show: Washington Nationals  
Favorite person/life inspiration: Thomas More  
Fun fact: Favorite book is The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Dr. Pam Armstrong  
Associate Director, 490H Professor  
Hometown: Potomac, MD  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Salted caramel butter pecan  
Hobbies: Exploring new places, gardening  
Favorite TV show: White Collar  
Favorite person/life inspiration: Randy Pausch  
Fun fact: Studied architecture as a freshman

Dr. Gerald Suarez  
390H Professor  
Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Rocky Road  
Hobbies: Tennis, Kayaking, Running  
Favorite TV show: Seinfeld  
Favorite person/life inspirations: Anida Cabrera and Russ Ackoff  
Fun fact: Father of twins

Jessica Macklin  
Program Manager  
Hometown: Baltimore, MD  
Favorite ice cream flavors: Cookies n Cream, Strawberry  
Hobbies: Traveling, watching the Ravens and Terps, karaoke  
Favorite TV shows: Top Chef, anything on Food Network  
Favorite person/life inspiration: Aziz Ansari  
Fun fact: French fry connoisseur

Emily Kelly  
Graduate Assistant  
Hometown: Chicago, IL  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate  
Hobbies: Yoga, traveling, trying new restaurants  
Favorite TV shows: Scandal or Grey’s Anatomy  
Favorite person/life inspirations: Noam Chomsky and J.K. Rowling  
Fun fact: Went to Chipotle so often in college that she became a part of the Farm Team

Dr. Jim Portillo  
Curriculum Review Committee  
Hometown: The place Bruce Springsteen sings about  
Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla  
Hobbies: Shouting colorfully at cable news shows  
Favorite TV show: Cable news  
Favorite person/life inspiration: My wife (may have had help filling out this survey...)  
Fun fact: Owns computers older than QUEST students

MEET THE QUALITY GUILD!
Applied Quantitative Analysis (BMGT 438A/ENES 478A)

In this course, students learn how to translate raw data into useful information, using a real dataset provided by one of QUEST’s corporate partners. Topics include cleaning and making sense of raw data, descriptive statistics and visual representations of data, multiple regression, logistic regression, downloading and using public data, and an introduction to data science. This course is open to all QUEST students and is offered in fall semesters.

Defining Consulting and Innovation Projects (BMGT/ENES 491)

In this course, often referred to as “Scoping,” QUEST students cultivate relationships with new and current corporate partners and prepare project scopes for QUEST’s intro course, BMGT/ENES 190H, and capstone course, BMGT/ENES 490H. Students communicate independently with clients and attend class visits to a variety of potential project sites. This course is open to all QUEST students who have completed BMGT/ENES 190H.

Mentoring Design and Quality Teams (BMGT/ENES 397)

In “Mentoring,” students practice essential skills for leading and coaching multi-disciplinary teams. These include effective communications, facilitation, conflict resolution, and the ability to motivate. Students practice these skills as mentors for student teams in BMGT/ENES 190H. In the process, they strengthen their knowledge of design and quality techniques. Applications for mentors open each spring. Students who have taken 190H may apply to be a mentor for either the fall or spring cohort the following year.

QUEST ELECTIVES

There are two types of QUEST electives: QUEST-only electives (taught by QUEST professors, only enroll QUEST students) and other electives (taught by other professors, enroll all students). You can find a complete list of elective options on the QUEST website under Curriculum. This section of the resource book will provide more details on the QUEST-only electives.

Doing Business in Asia (or Elsewhere!)

QUEST offers a study abroad course each winter break. The past few years, QUEST has traveled to various locations in Asia, including Hong Kong, China, Vietnam, and Japan. The location for winter 2018 will be announced soon!

Design and Innovation in Silicon Valley (BMGT 438G/ENES 489Q)

QUEST Silicon Valley students learn about design, innovation, and quality by studying the operations of Silicon Valley companies. Students learn first-hand from a number of these organizations during site visits over spring break. Students are assigned companies to research and prepare informative dossiers for their classmates before the trip. After the trip, students share takeaways from the trip as well as ideas for improving the design processes at the firms. This course is open to all QUEST students.

Did You Know?

QUEST’s Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) continuously reviews and updates the list of QUEST electives. Students are welcome to nominate courses (including those taken abroad) as QUEST electives by emailing Dr. Herrmann (jwh2@umd.edu). The CRC will then review the nomination to determine if the course meets QUEST’s learning outcomes. If so, it will be approved and added to the list!
**QUEST alumni** give back to the program in a variety of ways, including participating on the QUEST Alumni Board, guest lecturing in classes, interviewing potential QUEST students, and more. Here are some ways that you can interact with QUEST alumni:

1) **Alumni Advantage Program**
Are you interested in connecting with a QUEST alumnus who can help you with career advice, professional development, and/or answer general questions? The Alumni Advantage Program uses a matching process to connect you to an alumnus who has the experience and expertise that directly aligns with your request! Visit [http://go/umd.edu/connectwithalumni](http://go/umd.edu/connectwithalumni) to learn more! Have questions? Please contact us at questaac@umd.edu!

2) **Alumni Directory**
The alumni directory has current job, location, and contact information for all QUEST alumni, dating back to Cohort 1. The alumni directory offers a great opportunity for you to learn more about an industry or location that you’re interested in.

The directory can be accessed at: [quest.umd.edu/directory](http://quest.umd.edu/directory) Email Jessica at jmacklin@umd.edu for log-in information.
QUEST Corporate

The QUEST Corporate committee helps develop and maintain relationships with QUEST’s corporate partners. We plan the Annual Networking Event, panels & discussions, and trips and events throughout the semester. We work directly with companies such as Google, IBM, PwC, Lockheed Martin and more! To apply to join our team, look for our Facebook posts and reminders in the QUEST Newsletter (TWiQ) early this fall. Contact Brayan Varghese (Q26) at bvarghes@terpmail.umd.edu with any questions!

QUEST Development Series (QDeS)

QDeS seeks to enrich QUEST’s academic experience by offering a series of learning modules designed to complement the QUEST curriculum and cover tools and topics not traditionally taught in classes. Through these modules, taught by current and alumni QUEST members, students gain hands-on training in design, prototyping, programming, and more that will help them succeed both in and outside of QUEST. We are currently looking for students who have a passion for mentoring and creating a learning community within QUEST to get involved. If you’re interested, email Amy Liang (Q24) at questdevseries@gmail.com.

QUEST Marketing

The QUEST Marketing Team, or QMT, helps facilitate a diverse set of branding and outreach projects for QUEST. Typical projects range from creating and sourcing gifts for corporate partners to designing QUEST-themed merchandise (watch for our Quarter Zips on campus!). Members can expect to develop experience in design, content creation, and corporate & peer outreach. Students with academic interests in coding or graphic design are strongly encouraged to apply, but all majors and skill sets are welcome! Contact Ivy Xia (Q25) at xueting.xia@gmail.com with any questions or to join.

QUESTPress

The QUESTPress student committee distributes a monthly online newsletter to keep the QUEST community up-to-date. The newsletter reaches over 2,000 people, including students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, corporate sponsors, and UMD partners. Stories range from alumni and student spotlights to lighthearted “BuzzFeed-style” articles to recaps of large QUEST events. If you are interested in joining, please contact Andrew Jones (Q26) at andrew25596@yahoo.com or send him a text at (410) 794-6478. You do not need prior experience in writing in order to join!

QUEST Student ORGS

Joining a QUEST student organization is a great way to get involved outside of the classroom. All of our organizations are looking for new members. Read on to find out about how you can join! You will also get a chance to meet representatives from each organization at the Student Involvement Fair in the fall.

QUEST Recruiting

QUEST Recruiting is a fun way to get involved with both current and future QUEST students. We reach out to freshmen at various events on campus like the Engineering Picnic and First Look Fair, hold information sessions, attend UMD Admitted Student Days, and plan the QUEST interview activity. We bring in enthusiastic and talented students so QUEST continues to thrive for many years to come! This is a great leadership opportunity within our community for any QUEST-lovers who want to promote QUEST to potential students. The application link will be sent out via the TWiQ in early September. The application consists of an online application and in-person interview. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex Malek (Q25) at alexmalek9@gmail.com.

QUEST Student Organization (QSO)

The mission of the QUEST Student Organization (QSO) is to plan and execute all activities in order to develop community within QUEST and to create lasting bonds between the various QUEST cohorts: past, present, and future. These events include Student-Alumni Networking events, the Homecoming Tailgate, Spring Formal, the End of the Year BBQ and several other events throughout the fall and spring semesters. Email Uva Dayalan (Q25) at uvadayalan@gmail.com with any questions or to join. We can’t wait to see you at all the events this upcoming year!

QUEST Dev

QUEST Dev is a team of students who work with members of the QUEST Alumni Board (QAB) to develop, deploy, and maintain web applications for QUEST. No coding experience necessary to join!