Year end review for supporters
2015-16
Here at Royal Holloway we are a close knit community, and we work together to inspire individuals to succeed academically, personally and professionally.

Our founders were Victorian social pioneers who established Bedford College and Royal Holloway College to bring education and knowledge to all who could benefit. I hope that you, like me, are proud to continue their philanthropic legacy through our shared and ongoing commitment to the individual and social values that come from education and knowledge.

This review celebrates the initiatives and projects which have been made possible thanks to your support. By giving to the College, financially or by volunteering your time and expertise, you are making a difference that is felt locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our students will be the leaders of the future and will make a positive difference in the world beyond our campus. Your support is helping them to succeed. Scholarships (see p4) enable talented students to study here, regardless of their financial circumstances, and enable postgraduate scholars to conduct research that advances knowledge to change our world for the better.

Through your contributions to the Ignition Fund (see p5), the employability of our students is significantly improved. By supporting access to work placements they gain practical experience that helps them to succeed in a fiercely competitive, global graduate employment market.

Your generosity and that of our alumni and friends is key to ensuring that we remain one of the UK’s leading universities and continue to be a community that inspires individuals to succeed.

Thank you for your support this year.

Professor Paul Layzell
Principal
Scholarships
supporting the brightest minds

“Receiving a scholarship is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It took a lot of pressure off me and helped me to focus on my degree instead of worrying about tuition fees.”

Johannes, BA Politics & International Relations

Over the last year, your donations towards scholarships have supported hundreds of talented UK/EU and international students on undergraduate, Masters and PhD programmes across our three faculties and 21 academic departments and schools. A number of new scholarships were awarded this year including the Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA Excellence Scholarship and the LLB Law Scholarships. These and our existing scholarships have ensured that the brightest minds have the opportunity to be part of our community, be taught by world class academics and leave with limited debt.

American Foundation Excellence Scholarships

In September 2015, five American Foundation scholarship recipients began Masters courses in Creative Writing, Finance, Medieval Studies and Film and Television. Since then, the American Foundation has raised enough funds to cover a whole year’s accommodation for three more talented American students to join in September 2016.

Bedford Society Scholarships

The Bedford Society fundraising appeal last spring raised the magnificent total of £105,000, of which £35,000 was designated to postgraduate scholarships. Three scholarships of £5,000 will be awarded to students across each of the three faculties. The remaining £20,000 has been ring-fenced to establish a Bedford Society Scholarships Fund to support future generations of Bedford scholars.

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Jessica, MA Medieval Studies from Provo, Utah

The Ignition Fund
enhancing student employability

The Ignition Fund has helped over 100 students

The Ignition Fund helps gifted but cash-strapped students take up internships and placements improving their chances of securing paid employment when they leave the College. In the last year, the Ignition Fund has helped support student placements in a variety of organisations from The Responsible Safari Company in Zambia to Poet In The City, a small charity based in London.

As a result of her internship at Poet In The City, former student Charlotte has gone on to secure a permanent role at the National Citizens Service.

Recruiters confirmed that 31% of 2015 entry level positions were expected to be filled by graduates who have already worked for their organisations, either through paid internships, industrial placements or vacation work. Employers in sectors such as law, oil and energy and investment banking expected to recruit at least half their graduates this way in 2015.

The Graduate Market Report 2015

Furthermore, this academic year the Ignition Fund has been able to offer two students with disabilities the opportunity to gain valuable, paid work experience.

“People with autism studying at university often have higher than average intelligence and have some very important skills which can be applied in the workplace. However their communication impairment means that they are not always able to demonstrate their capability and therefore are not always successful in securing employment.”

Nickola Webb, Disability and Dyslexia Adviser - Accessibility

The Ignition Fund internship was a fantastic opportunity and my professional confidence grew. It also paid me a living wage – something that most internships do not do. It was amazing to be able to do my dream job and get paid for doing it!"

Michaela, PhD History and Royal Holloway, Magna Carta Art Collection intern

Isobel Colchester, Chief Executive, Poet In The City

“Small arts organisations are often stretched and in much need of junior level support which is often hard to fund. Charlotte was a talented and ambitious intern who made a huge impact on our organisation.”

Charlotte, BA English and Drama and Events and Marketing Intern at Poet In The City

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Special projects

Sir Mick and Lady Barbara Davis pledged £180,000 to Royal Holloway’s Holocaust Research Centre, promoting research into the Holocaust, its origin and aftermath. Their support will fund a PhD scholar, three MA scholars and a part-time administrator for the Centre, and will support the Centre’s existing events programme.

The Centre is internationally recognised for its research, teaching, public advocacy and creative work.

“We have a lot of confidence in Royal Holloway’s Holocaust Research Centre. My wife, Barbara and I agree that if we can get some outstanding research taking place through rigorous academic endeavour, we will have made a reasonable contribution to furthering the understanding of the Holocaust.”

Sir Mick Davis

We were delighted to receive a significant donation through the Bedford Society to develop a survival statistics course which will benefit students on campus in the next academic year.

As a College we recognise the importance of teaching mathematics and statistics, both to students studying these and related disciplines, and also to students across the higher education sector. There is evidence to suggest that, in many cases, students graduate with weaker skills and reduced confidence in this area than in many others.

The new survival statistics course will comprise a series of lectures on campus complimented by online materials and will present students with a powerful set of tools for understanding statistics.

“Good numeracy is the best protection against unemployment, low wages and poor health.”

Andreas Schleicher, Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development

The Greatest Needs Fund enriching student experience

This fund provides the College with the flexibility to invest where there is a need or an opportunity to enrich student experience.

Donations up to the value of £1,000 go to the Greatest Needs Fund and are put towards priority areas according to your wishes. These include student scholarships, the Magna Carta Legacy Project, student internships and work placements through the Ignition Fund, as well as student clubs and societies including music and sports activities.

Supporting student talent

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has received support for a new choral and orchestral scholarships programme, which we believe is the first of its kind in the UK.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to focus academic scholarships on attracting undergraduate and postgraduate students to our new BEng and MEng courses in Electronic Engineering and the new BA Dance course.

Ten student clubs and societies have benefited from donors’ support, including the First Aid Society which was able to purchase a new defibrillator and the Economics Society which was able to send members to an international business competition. Sports clubs including basketball, cricket, rowing and Thai boxing were able to purchase essential equipment for their teams. In addition, a Tennis Co-ordinator post has been offered to a postgraduate student to enhance tennis tuition for students and a Healthy Living initiative has been launched to enhance student health and well-being.

We are also delighted to have supported travel awards to enrich learning and research by students and staff in the Faculty of Science, the School of Management and in the Department of Economics.

“To be able to give to the institution that gave me so much is something I feel I owe Royal Holloway.”

Zeeshan, Economics and Maths, 2008
New projects

The Magna Carta Legacy Project - discovering what it means to be a citizen in the 21st century

We are continuing to build on our leading role in commemorating the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta last year in a variety of ways.

With the generous support of the Magna Carta Trust and Runnymede Magna Carta Legacy, we launched a new ten-year series of Magna Carta annual lectures. The first of these was delivered by Mr David Anderson QC, Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. The lecture was entitled Terrorism and Tolerance and debated how we reconcile traditional freedoms with prevention of terrorism.

We also hosted our third Constitutional Convention, where 100 young delegates came to Royal Holloway to debate and draft clauses for a modern Magna Carta to be exhibited in the Supreme Court.

Finally, in conjunction with The Historical Association and examination boards AQA and Pearson, our Citizens: 800 years in the making project has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and, subject to a successful second round application, will see us deliver exciting new online resources for schools nationwide for GCSE History modules on King John I and the Magna Carta.

Supporting disabled students

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This year we announced our plans to raise funds and awareness of this project as the new student intake from September 2016 will be affected by a reduction in the government’s Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA).

Volunteering

Volunteering is a rewarding way to stay connected with the College, whilst having an immensely positive impact on the experience of current and prospective students.

In the last academic year, several hundred alumni participated in volunteering at the College. Below are the highlights from the valuable contributions made by our volunteers.

• Alumni have helped to recruit students in the UK and overseas, by attending recruitment fairs and talking to prospective students about their experience.
• Alumni volunteered to provide students with valuable work experience opportunities as part of our award winning microplacement scheme.
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Legacy giving
a gift for future generations

Professor Percy Butler
(1912 – 2015)
Professor Butler joined the College as Reader and Head of the Department of Zoology in 1956 and worked here for 16 years to 1972. He launched one of the first courses in mammalogy in the UK. Percy had a remarkably long and fruitful scientific career devoted to research and thanks to the generous legacy he left the College in his will, the Percy Butler Scholarship for research students will be established.

The gift will enable a new PhD student to start in Zoology research each year for the next three years with a fully funded three-year grant to assist students who would not otherwise be able to afford to undertake their studies.

The remaining balance of the legacy will be invested and ring-fenced for Zoology scholarships for future generations.

Dr Enid Stoye
(1919 – 2015)
Dr Enid Stoye was a lecturer in History at the College from 1960 to 1983, who taught mainly early modern European History, in particular the 18th century. She immersed herself in the life of the College, acting, singing and playing in the orchestra. She was also willing to join undergraduates at social events after History Society meetings.

Dr Stoye sadly passed away last year and generously left a gift to the College in her will. The gift has enabled the History department to remember her by founding a postgraduate scholarship in her name.

Our supporters

Thank you

Dr Enid Stoye, History Lecturer at the College 1960–83

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have supported the College over the past year, including those who prefer to remain anonymous.

This Roll of Donors includes alumni and friends who have generously given over £100 to the College or the American Foundation for Royal Holloway and Bedford New College in 2015/16.

In addition to our donors, thanks to our volunteers who have dedicated time and expertise to:
- serve as members of Committees or as Project Ambassadors
- give guest lectures and performances
- support careers, employability and recruitment events
- organise anniversaries and reunions
- support departmental activity
- be interviewed for our publications

A copy of this review including the Roll of Donors is also available online at higher.royalholloway.ac.uk. A list of volunteers will be available online soon.

We have tried our best to acknowledge all donors and volunteers, but please let us know if your name is not included and we will add you to our online listing.

OVER 80 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE WHO HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY INTEND TO LEAVE A GIFT IN THEIR WILL

Professor Percy Butler (1912-2015), Reader and Head of Zoology

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A year of events

Over 11,000 visitors in total came to College events over the year. Events included guest lectures, concerts, performances by the Choir and the three prestigious annual College feasts.

The Fawcett Lecture held at Senate House featured Dr Anna Whitelock in conversation with Dame Jenni Murray DBE.

The Picture Gallery hosted many events throughout the year including feasts, concerts and art exhibitions.

The Choir of Royal Holloway performed in venues across the US and Canada as part of their North American Tour.

Four leading figures from the world of science and literature received their honorary degrees during graduation week including Dr Anne-Marie Slaughter, Dr Catherine Souch (pictured), Professor Cathie Martin MBE and Lyn Gardner.

The London Mozart Players side by side with the Royal Holloway Chamber Orchestra was conducted by Rebecca Miller, Director of Orchestras.

Alumna and soprano, Sarah Fox, performed with the Choir in the Picture Gallery and also delivered a masterclass to students.

The Science Festival 2016 welcomed a record number of guests and continued to inspire young minds through hands-on activities, demonstrations and live experiments.

Over 100 Bedford Society members attended the opening of 11 Bedford Square to unveil the new Bedford Room, now available for alumni events.

Professor Jane Francis, Director at the British Antarctic Survey and alumna of Bedford College, gave a lecture entitled Going to the ends of the Earth as a woman in Science as part of our eminent guest lecture series.

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Key dates for your diary

2016-17

Below are some dates for the forthcoming year.

Autumn
11 September Heritage Open Day
19 September - 9 December Term dates
19 November St Cecilia’s Concert and Feast
3 - 4 December Lessons and Carols
9 December Yuletide Feast

Spring
9 January - 24 March 2017 Term dates
11 January 2017 Royal Holloway in concert, St John’s Smith Square

Summer
24 April - 9 June 2017 Term dates
24 June 2017 Summer Feast

We also hold a series of lectures by outstanding external speakers and our academics throughout the year along with performances by the Choir of Royal Holloway, Symphony Orchestra alongside other concerts and musical events.

Midweek Music takes place on Wednesdays during term-time from 1:15-1:45pm. Relax in the beautiful setting of the Chapel and hear the renowned Choir of Royal Holloway.

Tailor-made guided visits for groups of 30 or more include a visit to the Chapel, North Quad, Founder’s Dining Hall, South Quad, Founder’s Library, Victorian Corridor and the Picture Gallery.
A What’s On Guide will be available in the autumn term and a full list of events will be available at rhbnc.ac.uk/events

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