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Introduction
1. The General Regulations for Students form part of the contract between students and Royal Holloway, University of London (the College). General Regulation 1.4 requires students to be responsible for their own finances, including the responsibility to seek help from College and or external funding services as required.

2. These regulations are required by General Regulation 1 in relation to student fees and debt management and specifically cover the collection of fees and charges payable for tuition, accommodation, and miscellaneous charges and fees.

3. Where the College has good reason to believe that a student is not intending to pay, or is not able to pay, the College will take action as outlined in these regulations.

Definitions
4. The table below outlines the key terms used in these Regulations:

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Scope of these Regulations
5. These regulations apply to all students registered at the College.

6. These Regulations do not refer to:
   a. Debt owed to Student’s Union, Royal Holloway
   b. Library costs, fees or charges

General Principles
7. By enrolling on a programme of study with the College you agree to comply with the terms of these regulations.
8. It is recognised that on occasions students may encounter financial difficulties. Students are expected to take responsibility for their own finances, and as such are required to contact the Student Fees Office should they wish to request advice or support. College will be as supportive as possible where students have encountered difficulties, but must remain within the limits of these Regulations.

9. Academic related fees, including tuition fees, will be subject to appropriate sanctions for non-payment, which may include termination of registration as outlined in sections 41 to 48 of these regulations.
Non-academic related fees, including accommodation fees, will be subject to sanctions appropriate to the invoice type as outlined in sections 55 to 59 of these regulations.

**Tuition Fees**

10. Royal Holloway charges annual tuition fees for standard undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. These fees are reviewed annually and subject to increase. Fees will not increase by more than 5% annually for continuing students.

11. Tuition fees will be invoiced annually, usually by the start of the academic year, and a copy accessed via the Finance tab within the Campus Connect student portal. An email notification will be sent to the student's Royal Holloway email address only. Students with a personal fee liability are responsible for sending this invoice for payment to the payer e.g. parents, guardians, for settlement in accordance with these regulations.

12. Students are personally liable for tuition fees for the duration of their studies. This includes students who have a sponsorship or tuition fee loan via Student Finance (Student Loans Company, SLC). If the sponsor or SLC fail to settle the fees, or the payment is withdrawn, the student will be invoiced immediately for payment.

13. Student fee status is assessed during application and determined as either 'UK/EU' or 'International' based on information provided. Students may query fee status before completing enrolment by completion of the fee status assessment questionnaire and submit to the Admissions Office with the appropriate documentation. Decisions of the Admissions Office are final.
14. Enrolment is not permitted unless;
   a) the full year personal tuition fee liability is paid in advance of the start of the programme, or
   b) 50% of the full year personal tuition fee liability is paid in advance of the start of the programme, or
   c) confirmation of an approved sponsor is held by Royal Holloway, or
   d) you are receiving an approved external or Royal Holloway scholarship to cover the full fee, or
   e) you hold an approved tuition fee loan from Student Finance relating to the correct university, academic year, course and course year.

15. Students with tuition fees or sponsorship/tuition loan confirmation outstanding 21 days after the start of the programme may have their registration terminated in accordance with the ‘Failure to Enrol’ policy.

16. Undergraduate UK/EU Tuition Fees may be funded via a tuition fee loan paid directly to Royal Holloway by the Student Loans Company (SLC). Applications for tuition loans should be made directly to Student Finance England for residents of England and EU countries. Residents of Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland should apply through Student Finance Wales, Student Finance Northern Ireland and the Student Awards Agency for Scotland.

17. The SLC will fund a first undergraduate degree for the number of year’s duration of the registered course plus 1 year only. Students will be required to ‘self-fund’ additional years of study.

18. Undergraduate resit fees must be paid prior to the examination(s) or prior to enrolment, whichever is the earlier. Students are not eligible for a tuition fee loan to cover resit fees. The charge is £85 per half unit or £170 per whole unit to a maximum of £400.

19. Some additional costs, such as field trips and course specific costs may not be covered by the tuition fee and will not be eligible for a tuition fee loan. Payment of these additional fees must be made in advance as per the conditions of the department.

20. Fees for a year abroad are charged in accordance with HEFCE guidelines and are published annually [link](https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/undergraduate/feesandfunding/tuitionfees/home.aspx).

Postgraduate Research students;
   • Writing up fee for students previously in full-time mode of study is £380. The fee for students previously in part-time study is £190 in 2016-17. Submissions within the writing up year are eligible for a pro-rata refund.
   • Extension fee (extension agreed to writing up year) is charged at £380 for a 6 month period – more than 6 months is pro-rated at £65 per additional month.
   • Students required to resubmit their thesis will be charged an 18 month resubmission fee - £290 for PhD students and £230 for MPhil students.
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21. Some departments may charge a bench fee to research students for additional materials, travel and fieldwork or equipment costs. Students will be notified of these additional fees via the department and the fee added to the student fees account. Separately invoiced bench fees must be settled in full at, or before, enrolment and are not eligible for deferred/instalment payment arrangements.

22. No tuition fee liability will normally be incurred for the main programme of study under the following circumstances:
   a) if Royal Holloway cancels the programme;
   b) if an applicant declines a place on the programme prior to the start of the academic year;
   c) if a student withdraws within three weeks of the start of a full-year programme (defined as the first day of the new academic session for undergraduate students), an administrative charge of £50 will be made.

Tuition Fee Payment Policies

23. All self-funding undergraduate and postgraduate Students have the following payment options;
   - In full before, or at, enrolment
   - 50% before, or at, enrolment with the remaining 50% payable by 13th January 2017.

The Student Fees Office may, in exceptional circumstances, agree an extended instalment arrangement for tuition fee payment. Evidence of approved funding support or income may be requested.

All accepted payment methods are detailed online. We encourage online payment where possible. [https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/ecampus/finance/feepayments/home.aspx](https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/ecampus/finance/feepayments/home.aspx)

24. Students with personal tuition fee liabilities enrolling on full year, standard degree-level programmes starting in September are eligible to receive an early payment discount of 2% on their personal tuition fee liability (greater than £500) if the College receives payment of the full year’s fees AND if online sign up has been completed on or before 1st September 2016. Payments received and/or online sign up completed after that date will not be eligible. The discount does not apply to;
   - Bench Fees
   - Students enrolled on modular/block modes of study
   - Pre-sessional courses
   - Students enrolled on the International Foundation Year
   - Other non-degree level programmes, including those of less than 1 year duration
   - Students receiving a tuition loan via Student Finance, US Federal loan or a PCDL bank loan
   - Students who fail to complete a full year of study
Students enrolling outside of the standard academic year cycle may be considered for a tuition fee discount providing online sign up has been completed, and fee payment received, no later than 21 days before their commencement date (as defined by the student record).

25. **UK and EU students** funding their study via a Student Finance tuition fee loan must ensure an approved loan is in place prior to enrolment in the form of a Final Financial Notification Letter. Students may be asked to provide this notification during enrolment if Royal Holloway has not received electronic data in advance. Tuition fee loan payments are made directly from the SLC to Royal Holloway. Undergraduate students wishing to borrow less than the maximum tuition fee loan available will be required to pay their liability at enrolment, or a minimum payment of 50%.

If a tuition loan has not been approved, or the Student Fees Office believe that the student is not eligible for a loan for the forthcoming academic year, enrolment will be denied without full payment (or a payment arrangement) to cover the full £9,000 tuition fee for 2016-17.

26. **Postgraduate students** holding an approved Career and Professional Development Loan (PCDL) at enrolment are required to make full payment of their personal fee liability (if applicable). The registration number for Royal Holloway is 5517.

27. **Postgraduate students** holding an approved Postgraduate Loan from Student Finance England at enrolment will be required to pay their liability, or a minimum payment of at least 20% based on the amount of approved loan and at the discretion of the Head of Student Fees. Students opting to pay the minimum will be required to make subsequent payments to Royal Holloway in line with payments to the student from the Student Loan Company.

28. **Pre-sessional students** are required to make payment of the tuition fee specific to their pre-sessional programme prior to the start of their course.

29. **American Student Federal Loans/Federal Aid.** International students from the United States of America may opt to make payment of their tuition fees via a Federal Loan. This may be arranged via the International Funding Coordinator. Disbursements are made across three terms and tuition and accommodation fees are deducted before any balance paid (to a UK bank account). Should the loan value fail to cover fees costs, the student is liable for the balance on a termly basis. E.g. due to currency fluctuations or loan approval limit.

30. **Sponsored students** funded by an overseas government, UK government agency, employer, official scholarship body or other approved organisation must present a letter of sponsorship prior to enrolment. The letter must detail the name and address of the organisation, a named contact and contact details, the amount of the sponsorship and the academic year(s) to be funded. Sponsors are required to adhere to the due date of their invoice and make payment in full.
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Note: students whose fees paid by parents, guardians, family members or friends are considered self-funded

31. Postgraduate Research students self-funding all, or part, of their tuition fees are required to make payment either at the start of the academic year for September/October commencements, or on the anniversary of their start date. For the latter, an invoice will be issued in advance of the anniversary with a due date to be observed. Postgraduate research fees for students not commencing at the start of the academic year will be charged the rates prevailing at the start of their study year.

32. Students are responsible for ensuring payment is made to Royal Holloway for any shortfall of payment relating to bank charges/deductions.

Should a cheque or banker’s draft be returned unpaid, a £20 administrative charge is raised to the student account and is immediately payable.

Withdrawal, Interruption of Study and Termination of Registration

33. Students who withdraw will normally be liable for tuition fees as follows:
   a) withdrawals after the end of the third week of the first term and before the end of the 1st week of the 2nd term (i.e. for standard term programmes between 8th October 2016 and 13th January 2017): the student is liable for 33% of the tuition fee
   b) withdrawals before the end of the 2nd term (i.e. between 14th January 2017 and 24th March 2017 for standard term programmes): the student is liable for 66% of the tuition fee
   c) withdrawals after the end of the 2nd term (i.e. from 25th March 2017 onwards for standard term programmes): the student is liable for 100% of the tuition fee

Note: Separate liabilities and dates apply to the following:
- Pre-sessional programmes
- Modular taught programmes
- Postgraduate Research programmes

Contact Student-Administration@royalholloway.ac.uk for 2016-17 liabilities.

34. UK/EU undergraduate students holding an approved tuition loan for fees at the time of withdrawal will be subject to the following liabilities within the dates specified below;
   a) 25% liability 8th October 2016 to 13th January 2017
   b) 50% liability 14th January 2017 to 24th March 2017
   c) 100% liability 25th March 2017 onwards

For these students, repayment is to be made directly to the Student Loans Company.
35. Instalment arrangements agreed will be invalidated on withdrawal of study.

**Student Fees Regulations (continued)**

36. When a student is suspended or asked to leave the College under any Disciplinary Regulations, 100% of the tuition fee remains due irrespective of the date of suspension or termination.

37. Where tuition fees have been paid via American Student Federal Aid, Royal Holloway may have to make a payment to the US Department of Education in line with refund rules in respect of Title IV funds for Foreign Schools. [https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/documents/pdf/federalloansrefundpolicyupdatedmay2015.pdf](https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/documents/pdf/federalloansrefundpolicyupdatedmay2015.pdf)

Where a deficit remains on the student’s Fees Account with the College as a result of the application of these regulations, the student will be expected to reimburse the College in full within 28 days of being advised of the funding shortfall, or the date of the refund to the US Department of Education, whichever is later.

38. Students interrupting study will have a pro-rata fee calculation according to their level of study (undergraduate/postgraduate) and in accordance with the [interruption form guidelines](https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/documents/pdf/federalloansrefundpolicyupdatedmay2015.pdf). Any overpayment of tuition fee at the point of interruption is held on account and offset on resumption of study. If the invoice has been underpaid at the point of interruption, students will be required to settle these fees immediately and may not be settled on return.

Note: the rate of tuition fee will be charged at the rate set for the academic year on return to study and not that of the year of interruption.

39. Students who do not return from a period of interruption and subsequently withdraw will incur a withdrawal liability from the date of their original interruption of study. This will be subject to withdrawal liabilities as detailed above.

40. Where a student transfers to or from another institution within an academic year they may incur a personal tuition fee liability should the balance of a fee loan fail to cover the tuition fee invoiced (where a partial payment has been made to another institution).
Student Fees Regulations (continued)

Failure to Pay - Tuition and Tuition Related Fees
41. Students who fail to pay fees in accordance with this policy will be reminded by the Student Fees Office once the tuition fee invoice, or agreement date, falls overdue. Initial contact is always made by email to the '@royalholloway.ac.uk' address.

42. A late payment charge will be applied to all invoices overdue 14 days following the agreed due date.

43. A further attempt will be made by the Student Fees Office to contact students. This contact may be made via email, telephone or letter (or a combination of these). Students will be given a further 7 days to settle the invoice or arrange an acceptable, short term, repayment arrangement.

44. Students with tuition/tuition related fees remaining outstanding after this second communication will be subject to disciplinary action as below;

   a. Those students failing to make contact, or agree a suitable short term payment plan, with the Student Fees Office will be advised by the Head of Student Fees (or the nominated representative) that their academic department is to be notified that the student has failed to comply with the College regulations and faces disciplinary action. The department may be asked to provide an academic progress report.

   b. The Head of Student Fees (or the nominated representative) will submit a list of students to the Registrar (or the nominated representative) who will be asked to terminate the registration of the student with immediate effect. Lists may be submitted during week 8 or 9 of the Spring Term or during the last week in July (postgraduate students only).

   c. Readmission following termination is not normally considered. In exceptional circumstances, readmission will be at the absolute discretion of the Principal or Registrar and will only take effect the following academic year.

45. Appeals against the termination of registration may only be made on the following grounds;

   a) That the termination was not in accordance with procedures set out in these regulations, or were contrary to natural justice.

   b) That fresh evidence can be presented, which was not available, or could not reasonably have been made available.

Students are expected to be aware of these and other College regulations. Claims that students were not aware of College regulations to which they have agreed during the enrolment process will not be considered valid reasons for appeal.
Appeals should be made, in writing, via the office of the College Secretary (Secretariat@royalholloway.ac.uk).

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Any appeals will be heard by a panel in accordance with sections 36 to 43 of the Student Disciplinary Regulations. The decision of this panel is final and will be notified to the student in writing.

Students with tuition fee/tuition related debt will not be permitted to re-enrol/progress into another academic year until the debt is cleared in full.

46. Students with a tuition/tuition related debt will not receive degree certificates or official references from the university. Finalist students will be prevented from attending the graduation ceremonies with tuition or tuition related fee debt.

47. Royal Holloway will pass debtor accounts to a legal recovery agent, instructing them to commence formal recovery action - including court proceedings - if appropriate. This may result in additional costs being charged to the debtor and may have an adverse impact on their ability to obtain certain financial products.

48. Where a student has significant difficulties in a number of areas of their College life, debts may be taken into consideration and addressed as a whole.

Accommodation and Additional Fees

49. Accommodation fees for Royal Holloway halls of residence are invoiced annually in advance and payable termly in advance, usually in the first week or billing period to which they relate. In 2016-17 these dates are;

- **30th September 2016**
- **9th January 2017**
- **24th April 2017**
- **19th June 2017**

Visiting students and students taking programmes of study less than one full academic year may have different dates for payments and need to refer to the instructions provided to them.

50. Students must make a £300 payment to accept their accommodation contract. This payment is deducted from the first accommodation invoice due and is non-refundable.

51. Students who have previously defaulted on accommodation fee payments may be refused a further allocation to College accommodation.
Student Fees Regulations (continued)

52. Consideration will only be given to the refund of residence fees in the following situation:-
   a) Where a student wants to vacate a room in Hall and the circumstances are agreed by the relevant College staff, the student may do so, subject to the terms and conditions of the accommodation contract i.e. the student being responsible for the rent until that room can be re-let to another eligible person, and payment in advance of an administration charge of £100.
   b) Students in residence who wish to change rooms will be charged an administration fee of £50. Students who change rooms on a second or subsequent occasion will be charged an administrative fee of £100 per exchange. Fees in respect of the original room, together with the administration fee, must have been paid in full before any change can be processed. An adjustment to the fees to be paid, or refunded if appropriate, will then be made by the Student Fees Office.
   c) Withdrawing students may not have their liability for payment of Hall fees waived. Students who suspend or discontinue their studies will remain liable for the payment of Hall fees up to the date they have notified to the Student Accommodation in writing and/or the date their keys have been signed back into the appropriate Hall Reception Office, whichever is the later.

53. Monthly accommodation fee arrangements are not normally permitted. Exceptions may be made for scholars receiving a monthly stipend. This should be highlighted with the Student Fees Office prior to acceptance of the contract.

54. Other Fees
The Student Fees Office may raise invoices to student accounts that originate in another department. An email notification will be sent and the charge can be viewed and paid via the Finance area of Campus Connect. The due date must be observed.

Failure to Pay - Accommodation and Other Fees

55. Students who fail pay fees in accordance with this policy will be reminded by the Student Fees Office once the invoice, or agreement date, falls overdue. Initial contact is always made by email to the '@royalholloway.ac.uk' address.

56. A late payment charge will be applied to all invoices overdue 14 days following the agreed due date.
   At this time, a further attempt will be made by the Student Fees Office to contact students. This contact may be made via email, telephone or letter (or a combination of these).

57. Royal Holloway will take firm action against students failing to settle accommodation invoices. Failure to pay, without prior arrangement with the Student Fees Office, within 30 days of the invoice due date will result in eviction from the room. A ‘notice to quit’ letter will be issued to the occupant giving 14 days to vacate. This does not remove previous liability for the accommodation fees.
If invoices remain overdue more than 30 days after the due date or once the ‘notice to quit’ has expired, Royal Holloway will immediately pass accommodation/additional fee debts to a legal recovery agent, instructing them to commence formal recovery action - including court proceedings - if appropriate. This may result in additional costs being charged to the debtor and may have an adverse impact on their ability to obtain certain financial products.

58. Students with accommodation or additional fee debts after the end of the academic year must accept responsibility to clear all outstanding debt prior to the start of the new academic year or face delays completing enrolment until repayment made in full or a payment plan agreed with the Student Fees Office. A financial assessment may be carried out by the Finance and Funding Office.

59. Where a student has significant difficulties in a number of areas of their College life, debts may be taken into consideration and addressed as a whole.

Refund of Fees
60. Applicant tuition deposits will only be refunded in line with the College’s Admissions policy and procedures

https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/undergraduate/applying/admissionspolicy.aspx
(Undergraduate policy)

https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/admissionspolicy.aspx
(Postgraduate policy)

61. Fee refunds occurring following withdrawal or interruption of study will only be actioned once the appropriate form has been completed by the student and department and processed into the student records system by Student Administration.

62. Refunds will only be made to the original payer and via the original method of payment. Refunds will not be issued in cash or by cheque. Any payments originating from these methods will be refunded by direct bank transfer.

63. Overpayments of fees will, in all cases, be offset against future due invoices held on the student’s fee account before any refund will be considered.

64. Students may be asked for documentary evidence or confirmation of bank/payment card details to support a refund request. All refund requests should be made via the online refund request form https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/ecampus/finance/feepayments/home.aspx. The Student Fees Office aim to process all refund requests between 5-15 working days.

65. If tuition fees paid initially by the student are subsequently paid in full (as cleared funds) by another person or body, the refund will normally be made to the student
66. Overpayment arising as a result of a Professional and Career Development Loan will be refunded to the original payer and not to the loan provider, unless the loan provider makes a direct request for settlement. It is recommended students consider using this refund towards repayment of this loan.

67. Any refund arising from a US federal loan will be administered in accordance within the US Department of Education or loan provider guidelines. https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/documents/pdf/federalloansrefundpolicy2014.pdf

68. At certain times, the Student Fees Office may initiate refunds on accounts where no further invoices fall due. Email notification will be sent to the '@royalholloway.ac.uk' address following the refund.

69. Royal Holloway reserves the right to offset overpayments on the student account against invoices due in the subsequent academic year.

**Royal Holloway Alumni Bursary**

70. Alumni of Royal Holloway (who have previously studied an undergraduate degree programme) will automatically become eligible for an alumni tuition discount for the **first year** of their subsequent postgraduate taught programme. This is a 10% discount applied at enrolment. Alumni are eligible only once during their Royal Holloway career https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/feesandfunding/scholarships/alumni bursaries.aspx

**Royal Holloway Staff Fee Waivers**

71. Fee waivers may be considered for permanent employees, or their children, whose primary relationship with the College is as a staff member. The maximum possible contribution towards postgraduate staff fee waivers in 2015-16 is £5,400 (band A).

The staff fee waiver policy refers https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/iquad/documents/pdf/humanresourcespdf/staff tuitionfeewaiverpolicyjanuary2015.pdf