Welcome to Royal Holloway

Key information for new postgraduate research students
Welcome to Royal Holloway, and to our postgraduate research student community! With over 800 research students supervised by internationally renowned scholars, Royal Holloway is an exciting, stimulating and supportive environment for you to develop your scholarship, research and your professional skills.

It’s very important that you complete the pre-arrival stages of College enrolment before you leave for Royal Holloway. You can do this online by following the instructions in your welcome email or by visiting royalholloway.ac.uk/enrolment.

As a doctoral student, you’ll have the support of a supervisory team headed by a principal supervisor.

You’ve probably heard from your supervisor already: your supervisor will be your most important contact throughout your studies and will explain to you how to get started on your research.

Research students are also members of our Doctoral School, which spans all subjects and Faculties.

The Doctoral School operates the Doctoral Hub, a dedicated study and social space on campus for research students, and runs a year-round programme of social, networking and training events including our annual showcase PGR Conference. Look out for Doctoral School emails announcing future events or find out more on our website at royalholloway.ac.uk/iquad/doctoralschool.

Welcome Week begins on 17 September, and includes a number of events just for postgraduate students. Our formal research student induction takes place on 28 September, which includes introductory talks and presentations from the College team supporting your research, as well as events from your own Department. It’s followed by the Doctoral School Welcome (Back) Party, an opportunity to meet new and continuing students and staff from across the College. We look forward to seeing you there!

We both hope you’ll have a productive and enjoyable time at Royal Holloway. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Professor Rosemary Deem OBE
Dean of the Doctoral School

Professor Barry Langford
Associate Dean of the Doctoral School
If you are in receipt of a scholarship from either the College, an external funder or a Research Council, you'll need to ensure that your bank details are uploaded to the Campus Connect portal to ensure you are paid your maintenance award.

Log into Campus Connect [https://campus-connect.rhul.ac.uk/cp/home/displaylogin](https://campus-connect.rhul.ac.uk/cp/home/displaylogin)

Click on the Personal Details Tab

Add your bank account details under ‘Managing your bank account details’ (bottom left hand corner of the page)

You will need to click ‘Save’ to acknowledge the changes 3 times.

A confirmation email will be sent to your College email address once the update has been registered (this could take up to 24 hours to be received).
The Doctoral School Coffee and Chat

Join your fellow PGR students for tea, coffee and biscuits

2nd Wednesday of each Month
4pm - 6pm
Free
Doctoral Hub IN030
All PGR students welcome
Key Contacts

**Research Degrees:**
For general Postgraduate Research queries, please email researchdegrees@royalholloway.ac.uk

**Scholarship Administration**
If you are in receipt of a scholarship and have any queries or concerns, please email scholarshipadministration@royalholloway.ac.uk

**Student Services Centre**
If you are unsure about where best to direct your query, please contact our Student Services Centre:

- **01784 276641**
- **Student-Enquiries@royalholloway.ac.uk**

Student Services Centre, Windsor Building. Open weekdays 10am to 6pm.

**International Student Support Office**
If you are a Tier 4 student, please speak to the International Student Support Office for any queries relating to changes affecting your studies.
internationaladvice@royalholloway.ac.uk

**Royal Holloway Doctoral School**
The website provides key information for postgraduate research students including exam process information, news and events. royalholloway.ac.uk/doctoralschool

You can also keep up to date with events happening around the college through our monthly ‘Dates for the Diary’ emails.
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The Doctoral Hub, situated on the ground floor of the International Building (IN030), is an area for postgraduate research students to study and network.

Facilities:
- 24-hour card swipe access using your College Card
- 24 networked desktop terminals
- Printer
- Social / networking space
- Small kitchen area with hot water, sink and fridge
- Phone for internal calls
- £1 coin-operated lockers
Key Contacts for the Doctoral Hub

Issues with computers / printer
ITServiceDesk@royalholloway.ac.uk or 01784 414321 (ext. 4321)

Room maintenance issues
MaintenanceServices@royalholloway.ac.uk or 01784 443062 (ext. 3062)

Get involved
If you would like to get involved in helping to make the space a key area for Royal Holloway's research student community, please contact us at:
researchdegrees@royalholloway.ac.uk.

Let us know your thoughts
What do you like about the Doctoral Hub? How could it be improved? Please email researchdegrees@royalholloway.ac.uk to give us your feedback.
Royal Holloway's **Researcher Development Programme** is a series of transferable skills courses designed for research students to help develop their skills alongside their research. Some of these courses are specifically designed to help students complete their degree, while others help develop more general skills and aid a student's employability. If you have any questions, please email pgrtraining@royalholloway.ac.uk

The programme is structured using the Vitae Researcher Development Framework, which has been developed 'by and for researchers, in consultation with academic and the public and private sector'.

We recommend that you undertake a programme of skills training alongside any research methods you need to acquire and the rest of your work towards your doctorate. Here are some skills that you may need to develop before or soon after you graduate, Log on to the Moodle site to find course dates, times and booking information.

- Organising your time whilst you are a research student as well as prioritizing and protecting your work life balance
- Managing your research project so that it is completed on time and fulfils the criteria for passing your viva
- Becoming familiar with all the library resources and information technologies that are available to help you with your research
- Writing your thesis, as well as chapters and articles in academic or professional publications
- Understanding about copyright and intellectual property rights
- Giving presentations and seminars in your department and presenting your work at conferences
- Working in a team with other people, if your study for your thesis does not involve this
- Learning how to teach students about your academic specialism
- Explaining to a lay audience why your research matters
- Demonstrating on your CV what you’ve learned from preparing for and writing your thesis.
We wish you the best of luck in your studies, and hope you enjoy your time at Royal Holloway!