

# Getting Involved: Alumni Volunteering

## What were the best parts about volunteering during the ceremonies?

Volunteering was a fantastic chance to check-in with the university and see the new initiatives RHUL are taking with learning. I was particularly interested in the new building work that has been carried out and the development of the Bedford Library which lends itself to modern learning techniques and group learning as RHUL continues to evolve. It was interesting to see how, in just a few years since my graduation, the facilities and teaching styles are moving away from traditional methods and are really adapting to more modern techniques which foment the right skills for the modern business environment.

## Why did you agree to come back to help?

I feel it is increasingly important for a University to support and provide a community to its alumni. The emergence of online communities and forums demonstrate the strength and importance of knowledge sharing and community in an individual's progress. Royal Holloway's alumni have a fantastic potential to create a community that is much stronger than the sum of its individuals. The RHUL alumni programme could really take-off in providing networking opportunities to encourage entrepreneurship, investment and help within the community.

Successful alumni will pave the way for Royal Holloway to continue to produce successful students with bright futures ahead of them. Royal Holloway need to continue to produce employable graduates and attract top students. A successful alumni programme can help ensure long-term success for the University and its students.

## How would you like to get involved in the future?

I'd like the opportunity to get involved with fellow alumni in networking and brain-storming events. I feel the alumni community has a lot to offer existing alumni, not just current students. I also would like the opportunity to be involved with students more directly in offering advice, contacts and support for their careers.

## Why do you think that alumni volunteering is important, in terms of engaging with current students?

RHUL alumni have a wealth of experience, contacts and ideas between them. In these tough economic conditions I feel it is important to share this knowledge to ensure that RHUL continues to set students up to succeed in their futures.



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