Why choose us?

Learn from world-leading experts: in the top 25% of UK universities for research

(Times Higher Education, REF 2014, Overall ranking of institutions)

A wide range of courses with flexibility to specialise in areas that interest you.

University of London degree
A qualification recognised the world over, leading to first-rate career opportunities.

21st

IN THE UK FOR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

(Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, 2019/20)
Vibrant and active community with strong student involvement: 150 clubs and societies plus quality music, media and performing arts opportunities.

Beautiful campus in a safe location with plenty to experience in the local area and easy access to central London.

Worldwide collaborations Successful partnerships and sponsorship from governments and industry around the world.

("The 10 most beautiful universities in the UK" Times Higher Education, 2018)
Welcome

I’m delighted that you are considering advanced study with us, one of the UK’s leading research universities, and in the top 20 in the country*.

By choosing Royal Holloway you’ll join a close-knit community where you’ll have direct contact with world-leading academics and industry professionals. Through the dedication of our teachers, discoveries that change the world, and the unique Royal Holloway experience, we will inspire you to succeed academically, socially and personally.

I believe that the purpose of universities like Royal Holloway is two-fold. First, through innovative research, to advance knowledge that will have a positive impact. Second, to share that knowledge in ways that inspire you to achieve your potential so that you can make a similar impact individually, in whatever way is meaningful for you. It’s this sense of purpose that gives us the confidence to challenge ourselves and seek answers to the question ‘why?’. It’s also why we can support you to do the same within your own area of interest.

I hope that I will welcome you to Royal Holloway in September 2020.

Professor Paul Layzell, Principal
BA (Econ), MSc, PhD, FBCS, CEng, FHEA

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*Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2020
Our research profile

“Royal Holloway’s collegiate atmosphere encourages collaboration. I love getting students involved in both industry and academic research, taking these experiences and using them in my teaching.

My research explores the ways in which film and immersive technologies are exposing innovative content to fresh audiences on new platforms. I’m part of the Royal Holloway StoryFutures AHRC Cluster, creating partnerships with creative and tech companies to develop new story experiences using next generation technologies.”

Professor Victoria Mapplebeck, Director of MA Documentary by Practice and winner of the 2019 Short Form Programme BAFTA

Research and teaching excellence

We are acknowledged worldwide for pioneering work across all sectors of the arts, humanities and sciences. We continue to invest in first-class academic staff and facilities, with innovative partnerships in Higher Education, Government and industry in the UK and abroad. The research-led nature of our postgraduate courses offers exciting intellectual challenges.

National Research Assessment Exercise

Our position as one of the UK’s leading research intensive institutions is confirmed by the results of the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2014. Its scoring system measures research quality in four categories, with the top score of 4* indicating quality that is world-leading and of the highest standards in terms of originality, significance and rigour.

*Times Higher Education, REF 2014, Overall ranking of institutions
**Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2014
Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges combine over 150 years of historic discoveries, notable alumni and academic innovation. Here are some of the milestones along the way.

royalholloway.ac.uk/virtual-timeline

1849
Bedford College is founded by Elizabeth Jesser Reid as the UK’s first higher education college for women

Early students include the novelist George Eliot, famed for Middlemarch, and the first woman doctor Dr Elizabeth Blackwell, who trained nurses in the American Civil War

1860
Sarah Parker Remond, the slavery abolitionist and early African American female physician, is a student

1886
Royal Holloway College is opened by HM Queen Victoria

1894
Students include the suffragette martyr Emily Wilding Davison, who died at the Epsom Derby in 1913, the pioneering woman surgeon Dr Louisa Martindale CBE, and her sister, Hilda Martindale CBE, who argued for equal pay and rights for women

1900
Both Bedford and Royal Holloway Colleges are admitted as Schools of the University of London

1912
Margaret Benson becomes Professor of Botany at Royal Holloway College, the first female science professor in the country

1914
Richmal Crompton, the author of the Just William books, is a student as is Ethel Watts, the first woman to qualify as a chartered accountant

1922
Students include Dame Kathleen Lonsdale DBE FRS, one of the first two women elected to the Royal Society and Sylvia Scaffardi, co-founder of the Council for Civil Liberties, now known as Liberty

1942
Eunice Timberlake, Geography lecturer at Bedford College, develops new techniques in air navigation to aid air rescue after attacks on Atlantic convoys

1944
Sir William Hunter McCrea FRS becomes Head of Mathematics at Royal Holloway. His discovery that the sun is composed mainly of hydrogen leads to the development of the Big Bang Theory
1965 Both colleges become fully co-educational

1966 Students include Baroness Diana Warwick, former Chair of the Human Tissue Authority and Baroness Jean McFarlane, one of nursing’s great pioneers and England’s first Professor of Nursing

1969 Professor Samuel Tolansky receives samples of moon dust from NASA, brought back by Apollo XI, for his diamond research at Royal Holloway

1977 Baroness Catherine Ashton, who will become the EU’s first ever foreign minister, graduates in Social Science

1982 Students include Emma Freud OBE, Director of Red Nose Day, Dr Simon Thurley CBE, former CEO of English Heritage and Jayne-Anne Gadhia, former CEO of Virgin Money

1985 Royal Holloway and Bedford New College opens following the merger of the two colleges. HM Queen Elizabeth II inaugurates the new College the following year

1989 Professor Euan Nisbet begins monitoring the rising levels of atmospheric methane, a highly potent but neglected greenhouse gas

1995 The Information Security Group wins the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education

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What is postgraduate study?

Taught courses
As the name suggests, taught courses include a set amount of contact time with a tutor. They vary greatly in terms of content. Many are closely linked to research specialisms – from Artificial Intelligence in Computer Science to Holocaust Studies in History. Others offer research in a particular discipline, for example the MMus in Music. Topics are not always confined to departmental boundaries, so taught courses offer an ideal opportunity for interdisciplinary work. Some taught courses integrate university study with professional, commercial or industrial applications, such as the MSc in Information Security.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates
We award Postgraduate Diplomas to students who complete all of their taught modules, but decide not to complete a dissertation. A limited number of departments offer Postgraduate Diplomas as awards in their own right. Upon successful completion of a Postgraduate Diploma, you may be able to progress to a Masters programme by completing a dissertation. A Postgraduate Certificate is an exit award for students who complete some specific modules, but not all of the taught modules, and also do not complete a dissertation.

Graduate Diplomas
A Graduate Diploma is usually thought of as a conversion course for graduates of different disciplines or for those with non-standard qualifications, but they are also qualifications in their own right. If you successfully complete a Graduate Diploma, you may be able to go on to study for a taught Masters or a Masters by Research.

Duration of study
Most Masters degrees can be taken over one year full-time or between two and five years part-time. For full-time students, degrees will be extended if the course includes a year in industry option (see individual department pages for where this is offered). Our Social Work Masters is unusual – it takes place full-time over two academic years. Postgraduate Diplomas usually take nine months full-time or 20 months part-time. Please refer to each department’s pages for full details on duration of individual courses.
Years in business or industry
Some of our Masters level courses offer an option of taking a year in business or industry. Our location in Egham puts us in a good place to access companies with whom we have strong links, plus take advantage of the wider environment of opportunity: there are 50,000 businesses based in Surrey, 300 of them premier blue-chip multinationals. You will need to source the placement, with support from us.

Teaching and assessment
Teaching methods for postgraduate taught degrees and diplomas are as varied as the courses themselves. Significant emphasis is placed on private study and assessed work. Full-time students might only be required to attend two or three timetabled sessions per week. Some degrees take place at our central London home rather than on the main campus. Assessment is also varied. Some courses and diplomas have a mixture of coursework and unseen examinations, while others rely solely on assessed coursework such as a portfolio of essays. A dissertation or project based on independent research is a feature of most Masters degrees.

Masters by Research
These research degrees involve writing an extended dissertation of up to 40,000 words. It should demonstrate your ability to design and carry out an independent research project. You’re expected to apply your knowledge of the subject or discipline to a research problem, question or hypothesis; to provide a critical discussion of relevant major theories, debates and concepts; to undertake a clear analysis of the results of the project; and to show informed and critical use of theories and concepts to interrogate these results. Some courses also include a taught component which must be passed. The Masters by Research provides a good preparation for study at PhD level.

Gerhard Leubner, Professor of Plant Biochemistry and a supervisor on the MSc by Research in Biological Sciences, researches crop and weed seed germination and seedling performance in stressful environments, linked to food security and sustainability.
Being a research student

Research degrees

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
A research project in one or more disciplines with a thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge.

**Professional Doctorate**
Includes a substantial taught component and a dissertation/project which is usually linked to current professional practice.

**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**
A thesis that is usually a record of original work or an ordered and critical exposition of existing knowledge.

We also offer Masters by Research courses (see page 8 for further information).

Supervision

Research is directed by one or more supervisors but the final outcome depends entirely on the individual student. You’ll get regular progress reviews, an oral and written upgrade exam and a major annual review for which you’ll usually prepare a written submission. Our Researcher Development Programme (RDP) is a series of short courses to help research students develop broader, transferable skills alongside their research, such as training in ethics and data management, and presentation and communication skills.

Assessment

Research students produce a thesis and undergo an accompanying oral viva voce examination with two expert examiners working in the relevant field of study.

Duration of study

MPhil degrees normally require a minimum of two years’ full-time study and PhD and Professional Doctorate degrees a minimum of three years. In most cases, PhD students are registered initially for an MPhil with transfer to PhD status after an upgrade examination at the end of year 1 or during year 2.

With advice from your supervisors, you are responsible for deciding when you should submit your thesis, as long as it is submitted within four years (eight years if you are part-time). Some funders have shorter timescales and you will be told if this applies to you.

Teaching opportunities

Suitable teaching opportunities are advertised to research students. Some studentship funding includes a small amount of teaching or teaching support. If you are given teaching responsibilities you can also access training for this. We run a teacher training programme called inSTIL for postgraduate teachers and completion of this leads to Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.

We also offer opportunities to do some work in schools (via the Brilliant Club scheme) and a scheme for A-level exam script marking in some subjects.

The Doctoral School

This supports all research students through their student journey, providing advice and administrative support, as well as holding events to encourage a sense of community. Study and social space dedicated to research students is available on campus.

If you have any questions contact us at doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk

Research & Innovation

Our Research & Innovation team supports all researchers at Royal Holloway. You can access information and advice on a range of subjects including sources of research funding, costing of grant applications, intellectual property rights and starting new business ventures.

If you have a Research Council studentship, our specialist staff can help you apply for additional opportunities like internships, and for extra funding for conferences and study trips. They’ll also help you make the most of development opportunities offered through the Research Council Doctoral Training Partnerships.
TECHNE is a Doctoral Training Partnership based at Royal Holloway.

TECHNE provides 57 AHRC scholarships each year and training for academic, professional and early career development across arts and humanities at nine UK universities in London and the South East.

TECHNE emphasises the interweaving of critical thinking and reflexive action in the craft of research.

TECHNE advocates innovative, interdisciplinary approaches with an emphasis on creativity and practice.

TECHNE emphasises postdoctoral careers beyond university and nurtures supportive exchanges with a variety of partner organisations ranging from The National Archives to Heathrow Airport.

If you are considering a PhD at Royal Holloway, find out more about TECHNE at techne.ac.uk
Campus map

Founder’s Building
Home to 500 students, the Chapel, the Picture Gallery, dining hall, common room, laundry and part of the library.

Windsor Building
400-seat auditorium with seminar rooms.

Katharine Worth Building
Complex of buildings occupied by our Department of Drama, Theatre and Dance.

Computer Centre
PC labs open 24-hours, seven days a week.

Davison Building
Houses the library, Union shop, bank and exhibition space, as well as the Careers & Employability Service and other student services.

Shilling Building
Our new state-of-the-art building, opened in 2018, is home to the Department of Electronic Engineering, with lecture theatres, seminar rooms, a creative learning room and a rooftop laboratory.

Map correct at September 2019
Caryl Churchill Theatre
Seats an audience of 200 on two floors.

Students’ Union Building
Large function hall with 1,200 capacity.

Boilerhouse
Flexible lecture theatres, seminar rooms and space for new theatre practice as well as the Boilerhouse Café.

Sports Centre
Home to 60-station gym and sports hall.

Nobles Sports Field
World-class, floodlit outdoor 3G pitches and courts.

Key
- Academic
- Social
- Accommodation
- Car park
- Step free route
- Gradient
- Accessible car parking
- Bus stop
- Toucan crossing
- Café
- Picnic area
- Shop
- Library
- Bank
- Event & Exhibition spaces
- Student Services Centre
- Careers & Employability Service
Accommodation

Living on campus
For full-time postgraduates there’s a variety of accommodation available, some of which is exclusively for postgraduates. Staying in halls can keep you connected to wider university life, while helping you make friends with students at a similar stage of study.

You’ll need to apply for accommodation by the deadlines published on our website, and if you want to remain in halls after your first year, you’ll need to reapply.

Our halls of residence
We offer a wide range of accommodation for postgraduate students in our halls, from shared flats to townhouses and all are comfortable and good value for money. Our newest hall housing postgraduate students, named after notable alumna George Eliot, opened in September 2017. Students enjoy large shared living rooms and kitchens in modern townhouses. You can find out more about our halls, let lengths and our current prices on our website.

royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation

Adapted accommodation
Many of our halls include adapted rooms that are suitable for students with disabilities. Full-time carers can be housed in a room adjacent to the student’s room (carers to be funded via Social Services). If you’re interested in an adapted room, you should contact the Disability and Dyslexia Services team for advice before submitting your application for accommodation.

“I loved the community that developed in my hall, I met people from all around the UK and the world. My best advice: bring a cake, it’s a delicious way to introduce yourself.”

James, MA History
Couples and family housing
We have a small amount of accommodation available for international postgraduates who would like to live with their partner and/or children while studying. The availability of this accommodation varies from year to year, so please contact us for current information.

Living off campus
Some postgraduate students choose to live near campus in private sector accommodation available in the local area, from Englefield Green, Egham and Staines to Virginia Water, Ashford and Windsor, or remain at their own home. You’ll need to consider the requirements of your course and the commute, but help is at hand to establish where you choose to settle. The Students’ Union runs HouseSearch, where you can find properties in the local area. Visit housesearch.royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation

Living in London
If your degree course or research involves work in London you may prefer to live in the capital. Royal Holloway has some rooms for postgraduates in Intercollegiate Halls of Residence in central London, which are issued on a first-come first-served basis. The University of London Housing Services Office offers assistance to those looking for accommodation in London. Further information can be found at housing.lon.ac.uk
Take a breath of fresh air with a stroll around the idyllic Virginia Water Lake, just a short walk from the university, and explore Roman ruins, a decorative waterfall and a 100ft totem pole.

The sweeping parkland of Windsor Great Park provides 2,020 hectares to explore or you can walk The Long Walk to Windsor, where you’ll find a good selection of shops and restaurants and the famous Windsor Castle.

Egham has a range of shops, pubs and restaurants and is a short walk from campus. Trains take you directly from Egham to London Waterloo. The closest village is Englefield Green, reportedly the site of the last duel in England.
Staines-upon-Thames is the nearest big town, accessible by train, bus or bike. Shop at high street stores, visit the cinema, eat out at a wide selection of restaurants or try out water activities along the River Thames.

One of the UK’s premier theme parks is just down the road. It offers thrill rides and rollercoasters and is also where some of our students work part-time.

Heathrow, one of London’s major international airports, is just seven miles away and 20 minutes by car.

London is just 40 minutes away by train. Visit an exhibition or concert, shop or enjoy the nightlife of the capital. You can also use the libraries of other University of London colleges.

Twickenham, the home of England rugby, and the beautiful town of Richmond, with its theatres, independent shops and restaurants, are just a train ride away.
Study facilities

Our library is located within the flagship Emily Wilding Davison Building, which is at the heart of our campus and opened in September 2017. It contains everything you’ll need to succeed as a student at Royal Holloway, from the library and archives, student services centre and careers hub to a shop, bank, café and exhibition space.

Library services and study space

The library contains our extensive collection of books and journals while you also have access to a wide range of digital resources, most of which can be viewed both on and off campus.

Support and advice is available from the library’s helpdesk and there is an IT help desk providing laptop and mobile device support service. Your Information Consultant will provide tailored information skills training and advice in discovering, using and accessing relevant resources for your subject. For postgraduate researchers, staff can guide you through open access publications and managing your research data.

Within the library there are over 1,300 seats, with silent and group study zones to accommodate different types of studying. The facility is open for much of the year on a 24/7 basis. Further study space on campus is available in the original Victorian Reading Room in the Founder’s Building.

Our newest building, the Beatrice Shilling Building, provides additional core working space and seminar rooms as well as teaching and research areas.

You can also access Royal Holloway’s archives and special collections, housing unique and rare items, including the records of our founding Colleges of Bedford and Royal Holloway – an important record of the history of women’s education. You can also use other libraries in the University of London, including Senate House Library, where you can explore a wide range of e-resources and use the extensive library and study spaces in central London.
Personal support

We are renowned for our friendly and caring community and have dedicated advisory and wellbeing services to help you get the most out of your time here.

Student wellbeing
Providing advice and guidance for all students to support a balanced lifestyle and positive personal wellbeing. Advisors support students with a wide variety of wellbeing issues and also act as a triage to specialised services internally and externally.

Student counselling
Our professionally accredited service offers personal, emotional and psychological support in a confidential, non-judgmental and friendly setting. We help with a range of issues including stress, anxiety, cultural issues, relationships, sexuality, alcohol and drugs. Coaching sessions can also be arranged.

On-campus NHS-managed GP surgery
For students living in halls or in the local area.

Hall Life team
Promoting a happy hall environment for students living in Royal Holloway accommodation by organising social events.

Financial wellbeing
Including advice on budgeting and loans and access to the Study Support Grant.

International student support
Advice on living in the UK for international students, including immigration and visa advice.

Multi-faith Chaplaincy
We are a multi-faith community with many different beliefs represented on campus and excellent cooperation between faiths. The multi-faith Chaplaincy team is available to everyone regardless of faith or belief and can provide information about student-led faith societies and provision for worship. On campus we have a beautiful ecumenical Chapel and a Muslim Prayer Room.

Disability and dyslexia services
We support students with disability, mental health, chronic medical conditions and dyslexia and are accredited to supply DSA support. We’re here to advise on reasonable adjustments that can be made to ensure accessibility to services (including student accommodation) and academic courses. If you think you may need any provisions like this, we recommend you seek advice from us before enrolment so that they can be organised well in advance.

Students’ Union support
The SU has Student Support Advisors available to provide housing and academic information and advice to students.

“The Disability & Dyslexia Services at Royal Holloway exceeded my expectations. Their support and guidance ranged from allowing me to record my lectures, to 1:1 mental health advisory meetings. Their continued support allowed me to achieve the most out of my undergraduate degree, along with the courage to continue my studies at postgraduate level.”

Mel, MSc Clinical Psychology
Academic support

Your academic welfare
Most postgraduates find their closest contact is with departmental advisors and supervisors. The Code of Practice for the Academic Welfare of Postgraduate Research Students recognises that successful research depends on both the efforts of students and supervisors, the research environment in the department and research training. The Code covers the responsibilities of the student, supervisor and advisor and also outlines administrative and monitoring procedures.

Academic skills support
Whatever your postgraduate needs, the Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAS) is there to ensure that you can perform to the best of your ability. Our friendly, professional team offers a range of useful services with you in mind:
• 1-to-1 tutorials and drop-ins for academic writing
• bookable workshops and lectures on key academic skills
• maths, stats and numeracy advice
• academic English sessions (for non-native speakers only)
• tailored sessions embedded within your academic courses.

English Language support available ahead of your study
If English isn’t your first language, Royal Holloway offers a Pre-sessional English Language Programme to help you adjust to studying in an unfamiliar academic setting.

The programme is open to all non-native English-speaking postgraduates whose IELTS scores fall just below the level of English required for study, the programme begins prior to the start of the academic year and lasts for 12, eight or four weeks. For more information visit royalholloway.ac.uk/pelp
“As an international student, academic English was the first difficulty I had. CeDAS helped me build on my foundation and offered me opportunities to improve. At the beginning of the first term, I attended a variety of workshops, including how to structure essays, how to reference, and presentation courses. When I started my programme assignments, I booked the 1:1 tutorial to help brainstorm and format the argument. CeDAS is really beneficial to students whether local or international.”

Chen-Ju, MA Marketing

Chen-Ju with the wooden sculpture of the university mascot, Colossus
"The Careers & Employability Service has helped me to realise that there are many more jobs and opportunities in my field than I had previously thought. Their personalised advice has shown me where to apply and how to tailor my CV for different roles, making my job search more manageable and achievable."

Amy, MA Ancient History
Career planning and development

Our Careers & Employability Service is part of The Careers Group, University of London – the largest and most comprehensive careers service in Europe. Located right in the heart of campus, our friendly and experienced staff offer tailored support to help you boost your employability and prepare you for your career ahead.

Our postgraduates are highly employable and pursue careers in many fields from corporate law to teaching, marketing to environmental conservation. As postgraduate study is often undertaken for career benefit, our team will work with you to enhance your employability and prepare you for your future.

The Careers helpdesk is open Monday to Friday during term-time and vacations and offers later appointments during term-time to allow maximum access. Students can book one-to-one sessions, CV and application checks and practice interviews, as well as attend skills workshops.

If you’re not on campus you can get advice from our team on the phone, via email, or from one of our many online services.

Our Careers team has strong links with a number of high-profile employers, including GCHQ, Wellcome Trust, the Environment Agency, Dell, KPMG, Invesco and Eurostar. With our career fairs and Meet the Employer scheme, you will gain an invaluable opportunity to network with potential future employers and get ahead of the crowd.
Student life

Community
We have a vibrant postgraduate community with 1,803 postgraduate taught students and 777 postgraduate research students.

Perfectly placed
You get the best of country and city when you study here. The location of our 135-acre campus means you are surrounded by Surrey’s beautiful countryside. On the other hand, we’re close to Staines, Windsor and Kingston and just 40 minutes by train from central London.

Active lifestyle & sport
There are lots of ways to keep active at Royal Holloway, from gym membership, general fitness and exercise classes and recreational sport through to competitive clubs. For full details visit royalholloway.ac.uk/sports

Social scene
If you’re looking for a break from study, the campus social scene centres on the Students’ Union (SU) and its many clubs and societies. It runs entertainment seven days a week throughout term-time and regular market days selling fruit and veg, clothes and books. The main SU building has a large function hall, two bars and a coffee bar. The SU also operates a smaller bar on campus, Medicine, as well as The Packhorse, a family-friendly pub offering a wide range of great value food and drink.
Cultural life
The whole community benefits from the rich and varied cultural life at Royal Holloway. Public lectures, plays, dance and film, concerts, campus tours and other events are held throughout the year. The Students’ Union has over 150 sports clubs and societies, which also host their own events. From fashion or film to cheerleading and ultimate frisbee, there’s something for everyone.

Volunteering
There are hundreds of different volunteering activities for you to choose from, taking place during the day and evenings, on weekends and in the holidays. Volunteering is a great way to keep up your transferable skills and employability, and to have fun meeting new people – all while making a big difference in the local community. In 2017 our Community Action team was awarded The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service – the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. royalholloway.ac.uk/volunteering

Architectural gems and modern developments
The first thing you’ll notice as you set foot on campus is the spectacular Founder’s Building. As well as housing 500 students, a dining hall, and a café, Founder’s is home to the beautiful Chapel and the Picture Gallery, which contains Thomas Holloway’s collection of Victorian paintings. Our state-of-the-art Emily Wilding Davison Building, which opened to students in September 2017, complements Founder’s, which it sits opposite. The building provides an innovative environment including a library, study spaces and our student services centre. Elsewhere on campus you’ll find academic buildings, halls of residence, the Students’ Union and all the facilities you’d expect from a top class university – a shop, cafés, bars, bank, theatres, health centre, sports centre and playing fields.
“Royal Holloway is a very friendly university and the sense of community here is fantastic. I love that I can walk around campus and see so many familiar faces. The campus is absolutely stunning which is also a plus! There’s some fantastic seats in the library silent section, big desks and beautiful views. To relax, I love walking along the lakes behind Founder’s, it’s lovely to chill out in the sun. There’s lots of different sports teams and societies to join and it’s great to have the opportunity to try out new things. I also love that Royal Holloway is a real mixing pot of people from all over the world, from different cultures, all studying for different degrees. Surrounding myself here with new challenges, new people and new things to do has given me a real springboard for the future.”

Ben, Masters by Research, Biological Sciences
Working while you study

Employment opportunities
There are many opportunities for work on campus and in the local area. Full-time students can work up to 20 hours a week during term-time. Students who are studying in the UK on a Tier 4 visa are able to work up to 20 hours a week in term-time and full-time during vacations.* If you have any questions please contact the International Student Support Office at internationaladvice@royalholloway.ac.uk

Our Careers & Employability Service runs a range of fairs throughout the academic year, including two part-time jobs fairs. The fairs are great places to meet employers, find out about opportunities and get a job that fits in with your studies.

There are also lots of opportunities to work with one of Surrey’s 50,000 businesses (the campus is within 10 miles of multinational companies such as Toyota, Nestle, Samsung, Pfizer, BA, Unilever, Proctor & Gamble, amongst 300 others, and is a 40-minute train ride from central London).

Alternatively, if you would like something even closer to home, there are over 1,000 employment opportunities on campus every year. A variety of roles exist, from Sports Centre Assistants to Library Assistants, while the Students’ Union alone employs more than 250 students in a range of roles from bar work and catering through to graphic designers and social media coordinators.

There’s also the opportunity for PhD students to take on some teaching responsibility, supported by a skills training programme.

Whatever you do, you have the chance to earn money as well as develop a multitude of skills that you can add to your CV.

*UKVI regulations

“I always look forward to days I work as a student ambassador. It’s a great role which gives you the opportunity to take part in various activities, while being a fantastic way to meet fellow students outside your department. Being able to choose when I work fits perfectly around my postgraduate studies. It’s expanded my skillset, such as group presentations, helping me to get the most out of my studies. I can’t imagine my time at Royal Holloway without being an ambassador.”

Taylor, PhD Biological Sciences
Central London campus

Develop your skills as a professional, expand your network and enjoy the benefits of studying in central London by choosing one of our flexible, career-focused postgraduate courses.
Along with all the strengths of any Royal Holloway degree – teaching by cutting-edge researchers and practitioners, direct links with industry, a close and extremely supportive environment, and the diversity that comes with one of the UK’s most international universities – our courses in London enable you to enjoy an urban experience and direct access to all the facilities and networks that the capital offers.

Courses offered from our London campus can be taken full-time, part-time or in intensive learning blocks. Options vary depending on the degree but offer more flexibility for students to fit study around their work or other commitments.

From new graduates looking to deepen their knowledge of a subject, to those who are already working and wish to enhance their understanding of current thinking in their industry, or develop in an entirely new direction, all students will benefit from working with a range of different people, bringing diverse viewpoints and experience.
London-based degree courses

In 2020/21, we will be offering the following degrees entirely, or predominantly, from our London premises. For more details on each course please see the relevant department’s page as indicated.

**MSc Advanced Practice (Social Work)** (see page 116)

**MA Creative Writing (Fiction Writing, Literary Non-Fiction, Poetry or Poetic Practice)**
(see page 66)

**MSc Digital Marketing** (see page 36)

**MA Documentary by Practice** (see page 92)

**MSc International Supply Chain Management**
(see page 36)

**MA Playwriting** (see page 50)

**MA Producing Film and Television** (see page 92)

**MSc Policing and Security Studies** (see page 84)

**MSc Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Studies**
(see page 84)

**MSc Social Work** (see page 116)

**PGDip Social Work (Step up to Social Work)**
(see page 116)

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“I applied for the MA Creative Writing after more than 20 years in financial services. I’ve always enjoyed writing and literature, but lacked confidence to take my own prose seriously. The course has not only given me the confidence to call myself a writer, it’s dramatically improved the quality of my writing. Working with award-winning writers and fellow students who feel passionate about literature was hugely beneficial.”

Martin, MA Creative Writing
Our home in London

Where great minds, past and present, can enjoy creative, shared spaces.

Located in the heart of Bloomsbury, we have our own historic base at 11 Bedford Square, as well as a dedicated suite in the University of London’s impressive headquarters, Senate House, opposite the British Museum. These stunning buildings, just five minutes apart, provide an inspiring and vibrant environment to stimulate creative and critical thinking.

Our recently-renovated building in Bedford Square provides high quality teaching and learning facilities, and is a very special environment for our students, staff and alumni. In our central London locations, you’ll have access to senior common rooms complete with comfortable seating and kitchen equipment - great if you need somewhere to relax between teaching sessions. You can also take advantage of the fantastic study spaces available in Senate House library.
Being a Royal Holloway student in London

Accommodation

Accommodation is available to full-time postgraduate students studying on our degrees in London, in the University of London’s intercollegiate halls. Take a look at halls.london.ac.uk for more information. The University of London’s Housing Service is also on hand to help with renting in the private sector if you want to live in the city. You can also apply to live in halls of residence on our Egham campus if you prefer to live a little outside the capital and commute in for your studies (see page 14 for more information).

Support

As a postgraduate studying in central London, you might be balancing your study with work and family commitments, and may be living away from university halls. We know that your support needs will vary. But when you need it, the right help is at hand.

Most postgraduates find their closest contact is with their departmental advisors and supervisors, and there are a range of other academic services on offer to help with your study. Royal Holloway is renowned for its friendly and caring community and we offer careers, academic, wellbeing and personal support to help you get the most out of your time with us. You might need to travel to our Egham campus to access some of these services, but don’t worry, it’s a short and straightforward journey.

Getting to Egham

As well as for some support services, it will be essential for you to come to our Egham campus for certain key events during your study. This may include your graduation, examinations and, in some cases, enrolment. We will let you know if this is the case.

Egham is an easy 40-minute train journey from London Waterloo and easily accessible from the M3, M4, M25 and Heathrow Airport (see page 16).

But you don’t need to wait for these big moments. You’re encouraged to visit Egham at any time and make use of all the main campus’ facilities, open to you as a valued member of our community. It’s well worth a visit as a historic site in its own right.
Departments and courses
Internationally recognised for world class research excellence, the Department of Biological Sciences has an active and expanding research programme based on three research centres: Biomedical Sciences; Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour; and Plant Molecular Sciences.

Profile
- We are a vibrant scientific community and a major centre for research in the University of London.
- Our academic staff are working at the frontiers of knowledge in their subjects. They frequently appear in the media talking about the latest thinking that is addressing global challenges.
- Research collaborations and the sharing of scientific and technical expertise takes place across the whole department, with other departments, and with other leading universities and research organisations both in the UK and overseas.
- You’ll join a close-knit and supportive community with continuous investment in state-of-the-art equipment.
- Our research funding comes from the European Commission, major UK Research Councils, medical research charities, wildlife and environmental organisations, commercial sector and government agencies.

MSc Biological Sciences Research
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Our MSc degree is suitable both for graduates who would like to undertake original research and students who want to gain a research-based Masters before embarking on a PhD. It offers students with a good first degree in Biochemistry, Biology or related disciplines the opportunity to develop research skills and also acquire advanced research techniques through a one-year research project carried out under supervision. There is a minor taught element, with classes covering a wide range of generic research related topics. Projects within any of our three research centres are offered, please see our website for details.

Research opportunities
Applicants are invited for postgraduate research places leading to a PhD. We invite you to email academic staff with whom you are interested in working to discuss potential projects. We have a number of PhD studentships for award each year, with funding from UK Research Councils, institutional sources, companies and charities.
**Research facilities**
The department has a wide range of research facilities including cutting-edge molecular and biochemical tools and we are located on a beautiful campus with extensive areas of natural habitat for fieldwork. We are also in easy reach of sites of special scientific interest.

**Your future career**
Recent employers include the Royal Free Hospital, New York University, London Zoo and Plantlife International.

Many of our graduates progress towards a research career in a variety of sectors. A close-knit graduate network means you’ll benefit from the knowledge and connections of our alumni.

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“**I chose to stay at the Department of Biological Sciences here at Royal Holloway for my Masters degree and PhD because I found that the research interests in the department were in line with my own. The level of support and training I have received has been invaluable in helping me to prepare for a career in research.**”

**Stacey**
Former MSc and current PhD student

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**Tuition fees 2020/21**
UK and EU students: £7,327 per year (2019 fee)*
International students: £23,500 per year
*2020 fee not yet available. Check website for up-to-date course fees.

**Entry requirements and how to apply**
See Admissions process on page 124.

**More course information and contacts**
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

**More department information**
royalholloway.ac.uk/biologicalsciences
Business and Management

We are an intellectually rigorous, successful and research-led School of Business and Management. We are highly ambitious for the success of our students and staff and aim to help today’s graduates become tomorrow’s business leaders by offering a truly international learning experience to reflect the global nature of modern business.

Profile

Our first-class reputation for internationally excellent and cutting-edge research, coupled with the extensive industry experience of our academics from around the world, feeds directly into our postgraduate degrees.

Our degrees are designed to combine academic knowledge with practical insights into international business, providing you with the theory, knowledge and associated skills and expertise to help you progress your career.

Courses

MA Consumption, Culture and Marketing
MA Marketing
MSc Accounting and Financial Management
MSc Business Information Systems
MSc Digital Innovation and Analytics
MSc Digital Marketing
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation
MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation with a Year in Business
MSc Human Resource Management
MSc International Management

MSc International Management (Marketing)
MSc International Supply Chain Management
MSc Sustainability and Management
MPhil/PhD

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MSc Business Information Systems students on their presentation day
“My decision to study here was influenced by the university’s diversity and impressive number of international students and academics. All our lecturers are experts in their fields and never hesitate to help if I encounter problems. Throughout my course I have attended a number of high-profile public lectures organised by the school – these have helped me build my network and improve my employability skills.”

Meixuan An
MSc Accounting and Financial Management
MA Consumption, Culture and Marketing  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**  
This is an interdisciplinary degree course that draws together content and teaching from both marketing and sociology. It is aimed at individuals who want to think intellectually about the world, enjoy being challenged and are curious about business practice.  
**Example modules**  
- Consumers and brands  
- Sociology of consumption  
- Marketing communications  
- Children and consumption

MA Marketing  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**  
This degree is aimed at you if you have a keen interest in developing an intellectual understanding of the theories underpinning marketing concepts and processes. You will build a sound knowledge and understanding of the contemporary issues relating to marketing, consumers and culture. This is a research-led course, based on contemporary theory and case material.  
**Example modules**  
- Marketing – a critical introduction  
- Consumers and brands  
- Introduction to marketing concepts  
- Digital media marketing  
- Marketing communications

MSc Accounting and Financial Management  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**  
This course develops your understanding of the theory and practice of accounting and financial management. You will study financial accounting, management accounting, financial management and other important topics in accounting and finance.  
**Example modules**  
- Financial accounting and reporting  
- Foundations of financial management  
- Management accounting for decision-making  
- Topics in finance and investment management  
- Sustainability and accounting

MSc Business Information Systems  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**  
This degree course provides you with sound, theoretically-informed and relevant knowledge of modern information and communications technologies in key business settings. You will gain specialist scientific and technological expertise as well as research skills to be able to develop or further your career as a business IT practitioner, ‘hybrid’ manager or multidisciplinary researcher.  
**Example modules**  
- People and technology  
- Information system design, development and management  
- Information systems theory and practice  
- Database and web technologies

MSc Digital Innovation and Analytics  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**  
This course will equip you with an in-depth understanding of how to integrate digital technologies such as mobile computing, enterprise systems, social media, and data analytics tools to innovate business practices.  
**Example modules**  
- Business intelligence and data analytics  
- Consultancy in the digital era  
- Digital business and innovation  
- Leading online collaborations  
- Social media and web analytics

MSc Digital Marketing  
**London campus; FT; 12 months**  
Study our dedicated digital marketing degree course in the centre of London. You will gain a 360 degree perspective of digital marketing from digital branding and advertising to the consumer journey and metrics. On graduating you will be able to create and analyse digital strategies and make well-informed tactical and strategic decisions, having studied in the context of Royal Holloway Marketing's distinctive critical ideology.  
**Example modules**  
- Digital brand storytelling  
- Digital consumer in online culture  
- Advertising in a digital era  
- Applied digital research methods

MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months with additional 12 months for Year in Business option**  
This degree course provides you with an in-depth understanding of entrepreneurship and innovation research, an appreciation of the impact of entrepreneurship and innovation and the processes and practices at every level. You will look at contemporary issues such as family business management, entrepreneurship and consultancy, and social entrepreneurship.
**Example modules**
- Venture creation and financial planning
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurial marketing
- Family and small business management
- Ethics and social entrepreneurship

**MSc Human Resource Management**  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**
This degree course will provide you with a rigorous analytical approach and overview of the major areas of human resources and employment relations policy.
You will examine how organisations learn, create and utilise knowledge and respond to the competitive pressures in a globalising knowledge-based economy. The course will also enable you to improve your social, communications and presentation skills.

**Example modules**
- Principles of human resource management
- Organisational learning, knowledge and work
- Human resource management in global contexts
- Strategic human resource management
- Comparative human resource management

**MSc International Management**  
**Main campus; FT; 12 months**
This course will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of organisations, their management and the environment in which they operate, and knowledge on how international marketing and information and operation management fit into the organisation and running of a company or multi-company corporation.

**Example modules**
- Principles of business management and economics
- International accounting and finance
- International strategy and entrepreneurship
- International marketing management
- Information and operations management
MSc International Management (Marketing)
Main campus; FT; 12 months

This course is an intensive and rewarding programme, aimed at ambitious and self-motivated individuals. It is ideal if you wish to pursue a postgraduate degree in general management and marketing with an international orientation and will prepare you to enter the competitive world of work.

Example modules
- Principles of business management and economics
- International strategy and entrepreneurship
- International marketing management
- International accounting and finance
- International human resource management and organisational behaviour

MSc International Supply Chain Management
Central London; FT; 12 months

This CILT-accredited degree course will provide you with a thorough understanding of the forces at work and knowledge of sophisticated tools to strategically manage large, complex, technology-based supply chains, as well as more traditional ones. You will cover logistics and procurement often across national boundaries, companies, regions, and time-zones.

Example modules
- Information systems and technology
- Global sourcing and procurement
- Introduction to project management
- Operations and quality management

MSc Sustainability and Management
Taught in partnership with the Department of Geography. See page 70.
Research centres

Centre for Research into Sustainability (CRIS)
CRIS is actively engaged with the understanding of social/ethical, economic and environmental sustainability in contemporary society.

Centre for Critical and Historical Research on Organisation and Society (CHRONOS)
CHRONOS is a forum to discuss and develop the plurality of ways in which ‘critical’ and ‘historical’ research into organisations, markets and society can be conducted.

Digital Organisation and Society Research Centre (DOS)
DOS focuses on developing a critical understanding of the implications of digital technologies for work, organisations and society.

Research opportunities

We undertake research at the cutting edge of management, thinking through our own specialist themes and subject groups. We frequently collaborate with industrial and commercial research partners, as well as academic colleagues at other institutions (both in the UK and further afield) and in other departments within Royal Holloway.

Our research areas include:
- Accounting, finance and economics
- Sustainability
- Marketing
- Organisation studies and human resource management
- Strategy, international business and entrepreneurship
- Technology and information management
- Workplace research in Asian societies

Our specialised theme groups include:
- Critical and historical perspectives on management
- Digital organisation and society
- Intercultural and international perspectives on management
- Knowledge and organisational learning
- Sustainability (CRIS)
- Working life

Your future career

In today’s highly competitive international market, our postgraduate business and management degrees can help grow your employability for success throughout your chosen career.

As well as employability-focused teaching, we also have dedicated support through our Careers and Employability Service including CV support, interview training and one-to-one consultations.
Classics

Our internationally-recognised Classics department has a vibrant research culture and a thriving and diverse graduate community. Enjoy a distinctive and rewarding postgraduate experience based on the University of London’s research excellence in Classics.

Profile

• The teaching and research interests of academic staff in Classics embrace the full range of the subject, encompassing language, literature, history, ancient philosophy and archaeology, and covering the ancient world from Homeric Greece to the very end of the Roman Empire. The department also specialises in classical reception.

• We offer three intercollegiate taught MA courses in partnership with King’s College London and University College London, offering an unparalleled range of modules to students.

• We also offer an MRes in Classical Reception and an MRes in Rhetoric, drawing on the expertise of our Centre for the Reception of Greece and Rome and Centre for Oratory and Rhetoric. Our courses provide ideal preparation for PhD work, or an additional year of advanced study to enhance your undergraduate qualification.

Courses

MA Ancient History
MA Classical Art and Archaeology
MA Classics
MRes Classical Reception
MRes Rhetoric
MPhil/PhD

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“Royal Holloway was the perfect place to study the MA in Classics. The campus setting, close knit community of the Classics department and small class size means I got a personalised experience and close attention from academics, while having the equally impressive resources of other University of London colleges close by.”

Maddie
MA Classics

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £7,900 per year
International students: £16,800 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/classics
MA Ancient History
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This course offers you the opportunity to specialise in the history of the ancient Greek, Roman and Near Eastern worlds. Covering the historical period from Classical Athens to Christian Byzantium, we offer modules which allow you to examine many aspects of the ancient history of Greece, Rome and the Near East. The core ‘Sources and methods in ancient history’ module will introduce you to the disciplines, methodologies, and problems encountered when doing research in the field of ancient history.

Example modules
• Sources and methods in ancient history
• Alexander the Great: texts, contexts and criticisms
• An economic and social history of Rome

MA Classical Art and Archaeology
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This Masters is designed for those who want to deepen their understanding of the ancient world through advanced study of the art and archaeology of the Greeks and Romans. You will be able to choose modules exploring a wide range of Greek and Roman art and archaeology from all part of the Mediterranean world, and develop your skills in the techniques of art history and archaeology.

Example modules
• Built environment in ancient Greece
• Understanding Pompeii and Herculaneum
• The archaeology of the Roman Near East

MA Classics
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This MA offers the chance to study the full range of Classical literature and language, and strengthen your understanding of ancient literary culture. You will be able to improve your ancient languages or learn new technical skills such as papyrology, epigraphy or palaeography. You can choose from a range of modules covering Greek and Latin literature from Homer to late antiquity, ancient philosophy and classical reception.

Example modules
• Homer’s Iliad
• The ancient novel
• Tacitus on being Roman: defining identity

MRes Classical Reception
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Are you fascinated by the continuing use and influence of the ancient world in modernity? This research-focused course allows you to explore an aspect of the classical legacy in depth through a 30-35,000 word dissertation on a subject of your choice. A core course in the autumn, ‘Making the classical past’, introduces you to the broad range of approaches to classical reception, and prepares you for the challenges of defining and undertaking a major piece of independent research work under the close supervision of staff who are experts in this area.

MRes Rhetoric
Main campus (with optional modules in central London); FT/PT; 12/24 months
This research-focused course provides an overview of oratory and rhetoric in both the ancient and modern periods. You will receive a grounding in the principles of rhetorical theory and practice based on classical principles, and develop your skills in articulating and presenting your own arguments at the same time as analysing how others have used rhetoric to their advantage. Through two substantial independent projects and a dissertation, along with a year-long core module, ‘Problems and methods in oratory and rhetoric’, and a further course chosen from the department’s MA menu, students receive a thorough grounding in how to strengthen oral and written communication.

Study the frescoes of Pompeii on MA Classical Art and Archaeology
Research interests and opportunities
Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research programmes. Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application. Please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research Education or write directly to your proposed supervisor.

The department has a wide-ranging research profile. Our literary interests cover Homer, the epic tradition, Greek drama, the ancient novel, Greek literature under the Roman Empire, ancient rhetoric and oratory, Latin epic and elegy, and Roman Stoicism. In ancient history, we specialise in the history of Greek law, Athenian political and social history, the Roman army, ancient shipping and shipsheds, ancient urbanism, and the economic, political and social history of Rome. In Classical art and archaeology, we have strengths in Greek architecture, quantitative methods in archaeology, ancient water systems and management, the Roman Near East, the city of Rome, and the archaeology of the Roman Empire. In Classical reception, we have expertise in political and literary philosophy, urbanism, literary receptions, science fictions, and popular culture.

Research facilities
Alongside the Royal Holloway library, our postgraduate students have access to the world class library resources of the Institute of Classical Studies, the Warburg Institute, the British Library, Senate House Library, and other specialised libraries in the School of Advanced Study. The Centre for the Reception of Greece and Rome, the Centre for Oratory and Rhetoric, and the Humanities and Arts Research Institute have their own programmes of events. The department runs research seminars and colloquia days, offers dedicated training events for graduate students, and, as part of the University of London, participates in one of the most extensive programmes of research seminars and events offered by any institution.

Your future career
In recent years a number of our graduates have entered the academic profession, teaching careers in the UK and overseas, archaeological and museum work and a wide range of other careers and professions.
Computer Science

Computer Science is an elite department with world-leading researchers. The theories we develop lead to the design and building of novel practical computing systems, and their application in the real world.

Profile
- Our research is particularly strong in Algorithms and Applications, Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, Machine Learning, Distributed and Global Computing, Software Language Engineering, and Type Theory.
- We collaborate with many research groups as well as with companies and organisations worldwide including AstraZeneca, Centrica, Facebook, Google and IBM.
- With the exception of Computational Finance, all of our Masters courses can also be taken part-time in day-release mode, allowing students to complete a degree by coming to campus only once a week on fixed days.
- We have a regular programme of talks by visiting academics and industrial partners, which address research topics in emerging areas and the way companies and businesses are exploiting cutting-edge technologies.

Courses
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Computational Finance
- MSc Data Science and Analytics
- MSc Distributed and Networked Systems
- MSc Machine Learning
- MSc The Internet of Things
- MSc Computer Science by Research
- PhD Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science coordinates industrial placements

11th IN THE UK FOR QUALITY OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS
(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

19th IN THE UK
(THE world university subject rankings, 2019)

100% MSc TAUGHT PROGRAMMES OFFERED WITH OPTIONAL ONE YEAR INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENTS
“Studying here has been a brilliant turning point in my life. As a mature student I was warmly welcomed by the university and I have really appreciated all the support and encouragement from professors and friends alike. I have improved myself a lot through this MSc degree and I have enjoyed every moment here.”

Hyosun
MSc Machine Learning

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £11,600 per year
International students: £21,000 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/computerscience
**MSc Artificial Intelligence**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
Equipped with Artificial Intelligence techniques, today’s systems can teach themselves to perform tasks almost as well as humans can. This degree provides you with the foundational knowledge and the practical skills required to operate with these disruptive technologies.

**Example modules**
- Autonomous intelligent systems
- Deep learning
- Natural language processing
- Experimental design

**MSc Machine Learning**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This degree gives you a deeper understanding of the science of systems that can learn from data, including Deep Learning, which is at the heart of the revolution that Artificial Intelligence is bringing to all sectors of the economy and society.

**Example modules**
- Machine learning
- Online machine learning
- Deep learning
- Natural language processing

**MSc Computational Finance**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
Jointly delivered with the Department of Economics, this degree allows you to specialise in modern quantitative finance and computational methods for financial modelling.

**Example modules**
- Data analysis
- Programming for data analysis
- Investment and portfolio management
- Fixed income securities and derivatives

**MSc The Internet of Things**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This degree covers the key areas that underpin the new world of connected devices (smart homes, smart industries) – a transformative technology that will require millions of developers in the years to come.

**Example modules**
- Autonomous intelligent systems
- Interconnected devices
- Wireless, sensor and actuator networks
- Smart cards, RFIDs and embedded systems

**MSc Data Science and Analytics**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This degree prepares you for a career in Big Data. You will be taught both the foundational aspects and the practical skills that prepare you for handling and analysing different types of data in different fields.

**Example modules**
- Data analysis
- Large-scale data storage and processing
- Business intelligence systems, infrastructures and technologies
- Visualisation and exploratory analysis

**MSc Distributed and Networked Systems**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This degree addresses the software-enabled systems that are proliferating in the modern world, from sensor and actuator networks to cyberphysical systems, to patient-centred healthcare, and to disaster-recovery systems.

**Example modules**
- Interconnected devices
- Wireless, sensor and actuator networks
- Network security
- Large-scale data storage and processing
Year in Industry
All taught Masters degrees are offered with an optional paid industrial internship that can take up to one year. Companies where our students have been placed include Autilla, Axonix, BGL Group, Cartesian, Centrica, Choosic, Data Reply, D4t4 Solutions, Disney, Forward3D, Gamesys, HACT, I. S. Solutions, Jacobs, Jaguar Land Rover, Lindgreen Labs, Microlise, Neural Technologies, ONS, QuintilesIMS, Rolls Royce, Shell, Société Générale, Standard Chartered, Statiq, Thomas Cook, Triometric, UBS, VMware, World Remit, and the Z/Yen Group, among others. The large majority were offered jobs at the end of their placement.

Research opportunities
MSc Computer Science by Research
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
The Masters by Research provides substantial, supervised research experience and intensive teaching of research skills and techniques. It offers students a unique chance to take their first steps into scientific research, and to progress to more advanced studies or into employment in research intensive companies or organisations.

PhD/MPhil Computer Science
We invite you to email academic staff with whom you are interested in working to discuss PhD/MPhil opportunities. A full list of staff and their research interests is on our website. Each year the department has a number of scholarships that are awarded on merit. Teaching assistantships are also available. We provide regular training sessions on research skills and postgraduates enjoy a lively intellectual environment with regular contact with their supervisors, research seminars, and weekly social events.

Research facilities
We have state-of-the-art networked computer facilities that can be accessed from off campus using VPN. Students have access to a dedicated state-of-the-art computing cluster HP DL380 comprising 32 processors, 32 Terabytes of disk storage, GPU and RDMA networking. The cluster is currently running the full-fledged Hortonworks Hadoop distribution (HDP) as well as the PostgreSQL and MongoDB servers. It also serves as a repository for massive data sets provided by our industrial and academic partners.

Your future career
Our graduates enter into successful careers in academia or in companies or organisations operating in highly competitive areas, including Amazon, American Express, BGL Group, Bupa, Capita, Centrica, EY, Facebook, Google, Hortonworks, JP Morgan, Microsoft, ONS, PWC, QuintilesIMS, Rolls Royce, Shell, UBS, VMware, Xerox and the Z/Yen Group.

In addition to the support provided by The Careers and Employability Service, the department has a dedicated administrator and an academic who coordinates and oversees placements and job opportunities.

Our MSc in Data Science and Analytics students Cheng-Kai and Kamalkanth won first prize at the 2017 data hackathon competition organised by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts.
Drama, Theatre and Dance

We are a lively and diverse community of researchers highly renowned for our international focus, working at the cutting edge in many different aspects of drama, theatre and performance.

Profile

• Our research places a strong emphasis on how theatre and performance articulates questions of social justice, on engagement with the public sphere, on understanding the present through critical engagement with the past, on international perspectives and on developing new forms of creative practice.

• Our research informs our teaching and learning at all levels, and aims to connect people within and across diverse disciplines, publics, cultures and communities.

• We are committed to theoretically informed research throughout our research strands: applied and participatory theatre, contemporary theatre, dance, performance practices, theatre history and transnational performance.

• Many academics have professional experience as theatre makers, and their research is informed by their practice as directors, writers, performers, dramaturgs and choreographers.

Multimedia performance in the Caryl Churchill Theatre

Courses

MA Playwriting
MA Theatre Directing
MA by Research
MPhil/PhD

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“Working closely with director Katie Mitchell as well as other theatre practitioners strengthened and fine-tuned my proficiency as a director. Throughout the year I saw my perception of the director at work mature, and collaboration with fellow performance MA students brought me the creative evolution I was seeking. The course improved my technique as a director, gave me tools to better prepare myself for the professional theatre industry, and inspired me to become the director I longed to be.”

Glenn
MA Theatre Directing

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900–£9,400 per year
International students*: £16,800–21,000 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/drama
playwrights and theatre makers, and produce a portfolio of performance writing, including a finished full-length play. As you let established voices push you to be more ambitious and creative in your writing, you’ll also explore your own voices and style. Part of the course is taught at 11 Bedford Square, London, plugging you into a busy creative scene in the city centre.

Example modules
- Playwriting
- Contemporary British theatre
- Dissertation

MA Theatre Directing
Main campus; FT; 12 months
This is a specialist intensive course led by, and including an intensive block of modules in the summer with world-renowned director Katie Mitchell. The course introduces you to the practical and intellectual challenges of preparing a script and actors for performance. You will be encouraged to approach and manage the rehearsal room in a new light in order to make new theatre. You will have multiple opportunities to direct on stage and with cameras throughout the autumn and spring terms, as well as direct in the Caryl Churchill Theatre in the summer term. In intensive modules ‘A director prepares’ and ‘Theatre directing’ you will develop an understanding of how to take a prepared text into the rehearsal room, plan a rehearsal schedule, articulate a concept for a text and translate it into legible performance.
We also support practice-based research and offer workshops across disciplines in the creative arts and humanities. We have a large and dynamic group of doctoral researchers in the School of Digital and Performing Arts, so you’ll always feel supported as part of our cutting-edge research community.

Research facilities
Research facilities are supported by excellent holdings in the library and archival collections. You will be able to extend your creative practice in a range of unique performance spaces that include a traditional Japanese Noh theatre, the substantial Victorian Boilerhouse, and the Caryl Churchill Theatre, a purpose-built 178-seat studio space. You will also benefit from our partnerships with the wider cultural sector and collaborations with artists and theatremakers. Workshops and lectures are regularly offered to postgraduates by leading playwrights, directors, choreographers and practitioners, including Katie Mitchell, David Greig, Simon Stephens, Mark Ravenhill, Tim Crouch, Oliver Frljić, Lola Arias, Martin Crimp, and Chris Goode.

Your future career
Our graduates have an excellent record of employment, and the training programme we offer has enabled them to achieve their ambitions. Recent students have entered careers including Assistant Director at the BBC, Assistant Director at Schauspielhaus Hamburg, Script Editor at Scottish Media Group, and lecturing posts at universities in the UK and USA.
Earth Sciences

As one of the leading centres of Earth Science research, our reputation and collaborations span the globe. Our multidisciplinary research activity investigates the past, present and future of Planet Earth – from its building blocks to its natural resources to its inhabitants.

Profile

• 94% of our research was rated 4* or 3* world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).

• Our research falls into three broad areas: Global Environmental Change, Physics and Chemistry of Earth, and Geodynamics and Sedimentary Systems. They represent a framework to encourage and promote multidisciplinary activity, while allowing great flexibility to research groups and individuals.

• Our extensive facilities, include world-class laboratories for geochemical analysis, sedimentology and palaeontology, and specialist analogue modelling laboratories for recreating earth structures.

• We offer high quality fieldwork, taking you to some of the best geological locations in the UK and further afield.

• Through our teaching and research we maintain vital links with industrial and commercial partners, providing research support and employment for our graduates.

Courses

MSc Petroleum Geoscience (Campus-based)
MSc Petroleum Geoscience (Distance learning)
MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management
MSc Earth Sciences by Research
MPhil/PhD

Top 10
THE REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014

94% RESEARCH RATED 4* OR 3*
WORLD LEADING OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT
(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

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Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £9,400-£11,600 per year
International students*: £19,000-£21,000 per year
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Entry requirements and how to apply
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/earthsciences

“What I loved about this course was dipping a toe into the world of environmental consultancy, from Environmental Impact Assessments to waste management. Working with leading industry professionals developed my analytical and practical skills which can be applied to many different disciplines. Undertaking your thesis in a company of your choice is unique and provides work experience, industry contacts and real insight into the professional realm.”

Rosie
MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management
**MSc Petroleum Geoscience**  
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months  
Distance learning PT; 24/60 months

Royal Holloway’s internationally-renowned Petroleum Geoscience Masters provides you with the skills and knowledge to enter high-level roles in the hydrocarbon exploration and production industry. In addition, you will gain the research and transferable skills necessary for many other geoscience careers and further research pathways. The course covers plate-scale dynamics of basin formation, details of ancient and modern sedimentary and structural processes, geophysical tools used for exploration, plus substantial field work. It is partly taught by, and closely associated with, a large number of international energy companies as well as many local consultancies.

**Example modules**
- Geophysical analysis
- Sedimentology and stratigraphy
- Petroleum systems

**Distance Learning**
You can choose to study Petroleum Geoscience by Distance Learning to enhance your career development without the need for full-time study. Applications for Distance Learning must be made through the University of London International Programmes website and the MSc may be studied up to five years part-time.

Visit [london.ac.uk/courses/petroleum-geoscience](http://london.ac.uk/courses/petroleum-geoscience)

**MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management**  
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This internationally acclaimed Masters addresses global environmental and ecological issues of contaminated land, water quality, air pollution, and waste management, mitigated by legislation to reduce impacts on health and climate. Through modules, case studies, study visits and a research project you will acquire critical scientific understanding involving practical training in the field and geochemical analysis and computing laboratories, with significant training and/or supervision by senior professional practitioners. Outstanding links with the environmental sector, together with the excellent training provided, has yielded an exceptional record of graduate employment and research training. The Atkins Prize for Best Research Project, and Arup Prize for Best Performance Overall, are awarded annually.

**Example modules**
- Contaminated land case study
- River Thames basin case study
- Royal Holloway campus air quality case study

Students visit fieldwork locations in the UK and further afield
Research opportunities
Applications are invited for postgraduate research places leading to either the MSc by Research (one year), MPhil (two year), or PhD (three year) degree. We offer a wide range of projects falling within the general remit of our three main research themes. Research projects may be fully supported by industry funding or research councils, Royal Holloway scholarships or self-funded. All staff can accept suitably qualified research candidates who qualify for scholarships or who have alternative means of support. We invite you to email academic staff with whom you are interested in working to discuss potential projects. A full list of staff and their research interests is available on our website.

Research facilities
Research facilities include atmospheric monitoring and isotope laboratory, thermal ionization mass spectrometer laboratory, IsoProbe–multi-collector, laser ablation ICP-MS laboratory, stable isotope laboratories, ICP-AES facility, X-ray fluorescence, a Sea Ice Simulator, X Ray Diffraction, two analogue modelling laboratories, as well as industry-standard seismic and potential field processing and software.

Research partners include UK and international universities, organisations, and very strong links with multinational energy companies. We also have close links with the Natural History Museum and Kew Gardens.

Your future career
Our Petroleum Geoscience and Environmental Diagnosis and Management Masters have earned a strong reputation in industry for premier training. Our graduates are highly employable within the sector; among petroleum MSc graduates, 73% are in industry and 20% in research, and among environmental MSc graduates, 82% are in environmental jobs and 8% in research. 24% of PhD graduates entered academia and 43% industry in recent years.

Research interests
Global Environmental Change researchers focus on issues such as methane as a greenhouse gas, Arctic change, snow chemistry, environmental geochemistry and microbiology, modern and ancient sedimentary processes, Phanerozoic environmental change and associated biotic responses on land and in oceans, the bio geochemistry of Archaean ecosystems and the evolution of life through geologic time.

Physics and Chemistry of Earth research explores georesources and uses world-class techniques and facilities in radiogenic (Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf-U-Th) and stable (C, H, O, S) isotopes to examine the nature and rate of processes in the atmosphere, hydrosphere, crust and mantle, as well as the history of Earth and solar nebula.

Geodynamics and Sedimentary Systems research integrates structural geology, geophysics, sedimentology and modelling to tackle key problems in the evolution of rift systems and passive margins, tectonics of mountain belts, landscape evolution and neotectonics.
Economics

The Department of Economics at Royal Holloway has developed and established a strong reputation as a world-class centre of economic teaching and research. We ensure that students have access to cutting-edge materials and regularly participate in intellectually challenging debates. Staff have been recruited from pre-eminent economics departments in the UK and internationally, and studying here you will benefit from the department’s strong links with the banking and finance sectors.

Profile

- Consistently featured in the top tier UK universities for our research
- Strong links to the banking and finance sectors
- Staff recruited from pre-eminent UK and international universities
- Students benefit from considerable individual attention from our staff

Courses

- MSc Computational Finance
- MSc Computational Finance (Year in Industry)
- MSc Corporate Finance
- MSc Economics (1 year)
- MSc Economics (2 year)
- MSc Finance (1 year)
- MSc Finance (2 year)
- MPhil/PhD

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(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)
“Studying for my undergraduate degree in Economics at Royal Holloway was an amazing experience after which I decided to pursue further studies in MSc Finance. The quality of teaching, the course content and structure combined with the opportunity to interact with a truly diverse community has made my experience worthwhile; studying here has expanded and enhanced my skillset as well as given me knowledge I can use in my future career.”

Dahab
MSc Finance

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,735-£11,600 per year
International students*: £12,670-£19,000 per year
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Entry requirements and how to apply
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/economics
MSc Corporate Finance
Main campus; FT; 12 months
This programme provides you with a critical understanding of corporate finance and entrepreneurship finance, as well as innovation research and the processes and practices of new venture finance. A particular focus will be on understanding the different roles and financial functions in venture capitalist and private equity firms, in entrepreneurship, consultancy and mergers and acquisitions.
Example modules
• Corporate finance
• Private equity
• Corporate governance
• Working in the financial industry
• Fixed income securities and derivatives

MSc Economics (1 year)
Main campus; FT; 12 months
This degree course is designed to equip you with the tools of a modern economist, including quantitative skills, understanding of advanced economic theory and the ability to conduct independent research. During the year you will be able to study a variety of topics including macroeconomics, labour economics, the economics of public policy and game theory. On completion of the 12 months, you will be ready for your chosen career path, whether in the private sector (e.g. banking or consulting), in government, or further research in economics.
Example modules
• Quantitative methods
• Microeconomic theory
• Macroeconomics
• Econometrics
• Public economics
• Labour economics

MSc Economics (2 year)
Main campus; FT; 24 months
This course is targeted to students who would like to study economics but who earned their first degree in a different subject. The first year of the programme consists of undergraduate-level modules which provide the foundations of microeconomics, macroeconomics and quantitative methods, as well as some optional modules. The second year consists of the regular MSc in Economics (above), subject to progression.
Example modules
See above and royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

MSc Computational Finance
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This innovative degree course is offered by the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Economics. The course introduces you to modern finance theory and methods for data analysis applied to financial modelling and predictions. The acquired skills are demanded for jobs in asset structuring, pricing, risk management and quantitative trading.
Example modules
• Data analysis
• Foundations of finance
• Investment and portfolio management
• Machine learning

MSc Computational Finance (Year in Industry)
Main campus; FT/PT; 24/60 months
Refine your skills and knowledge by electing to spend a year in industry where you will be able to integrate theory and practice and gain real business experience. In the past, our students have secured placements and benefited from strong industry ties.
Example modules
See above and royalholloway.ac.uk/courses
MSc Finance (1 year)
Main campus; FT; 12 months
This degree course will equip you with the skills required for a career in the broad area of finance, including financial analysis and management, insurance, management consultancy, mergers and acquisitions, risk control, and sales trading. The course will provide you with training from a theoretical as well as from a practical point of view with the aim of enhancing your employability.

Example modules
- Foundations of finance
- Corporate finance
- Quantitative methods for finance
- Investment and portfolio management

MSc Finance (2 year)
Main campus; FT; 24 months
This degree is ideal if you have graduated from disciplines other than Economics, Finance, or other quantitative disciplines, but wish to work in a finance-related area. In the first year you will study advanced undergraduate-level courses that provide the foundations for the modules in the MSc Finance. Having passed the first year you will progress to the Masters in Finance (above). Through your studies you will gain a strong grounding in core areas of finance and have the flexibility to specialise in areas such as fixed income securities and derivatives, investment and portfolio management or private equity.

Example modules
See above and royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

Research opportunities
The Economics department produces top research across the main fields of the discipline and has a particular strength in applied work. Our MPhil and PhD programmes will provide you with rigorous training and experience in economic analysis in a small selected community, thus ensuring high levels of interaction and support between research students and staff.

Our research areas include
- Experimental Economics Laboratory (ExpReSS)
- Centre for Robust Inference in a Digital Economy (RIDE)
- Centre for Household Behaviour and Economics (CHUBE)

Your future career
An economics degree has the potential to send your career soaring, and so we make it our priority to ensure that you are fully prepared before entering the job market. We provide a dedicated module on finding a job in the financial industry, advise all students on employability and organise a series of talks where professionals discuss what their job is really about, so that whatever career you choose you will have direction, conviction and the requisite knowledge to succeed.
Electronic Engineering

Electronic Engineering links excellent engineering with the ingenious application of creativity as the starting point for invention. Our stimulating environment for research and training equips graduates with the critical tools and qualifications needed to address the technological advances and challenges of global business and industry.

Profile

- We research current and emerging electronic engineering trends in four main groupings, Voice, Audio and Biosignals; Nano-Electronics; Power Systems; Microwave Photonics and Sensors.
- Our purpose-designed, brand new building is right in the heart of the campus, with ample space to grow teaching and research around our strengths, using state of the art laboratories and equipment.
- The department has an equality ethos, attracting a greater than UK average proportion of women students, within an inclusive environment.
- Our excellent location within the South East regional hub of electronics businesses facilitates links with the majority of leading UK-based electronics companies.
- Our programmes are taught by a combination of experienced senior practitioners and senior academics drawing on academic theory, latest thinking and industry experience.
- Our Masters degrees have a strong focus on employability, helping you to develop your skills to succeed in your chosen career.

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Courses

- MSc in Engineering Management
- MSc in Immersive Technology
- MSc Project Management
- MSc by Research in Electronic Engineering
- MPhil/PhD in Electronic Engineering

The Beatrice Shilling Building
Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £11,300 - £11,600 per year
International students*: £18,500 - £19,000 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
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More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/electronicengineering

“The state-of-the-art facilities in my department provide me with the best research environment. Studying for my PhD has also given me the opportunity to get in touch with other departments and industries. It’s exciting that I can combine Artificial Intelligence with smart grid to discover a new era of electrical power systems.”

Xiaoyu
PhD in Electronic Engineering
MSc in Engineering Management

Main campus; FT; 12 months
This degree addresses current and emerging engineering project management issues and the principles that underpin effective business strategies and outcomes. It balances academic theory with practical opportunities, and the tools to manage sophisticated large, complex and multi-disciplinary projects with an emphasis on scientific and engineering advances, from the science behind renewable energy to the world of modern consumer technology design for the home.

Example modules
• Frontier technologies – from concept to commercialisation
• Sustainable power generation
• International strategic technology management

MSc in Immersive Technology

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This degree focuses on sensory presentation engineering aimed at immersive applications, and considers the hardware and software needs of immersive technology in the practical context of digital presentation. You will gain experience and technological skills for VR modification and application, and develop relevant engineering skills. Taught jointly with the Department of Media Arts (see page 92), MA and MSc students will come together during their projects to support each other in immersive digital storytelling.

Example modules
• Foundation of immersive engineering
• Immersive hardware
• Immersive technology final project

MSc Project Management

Main campus; FT; 12 months
This degree is suitable for graduates from a range of backgrounds interested in a career which involves managing projects, from fashion and film to the charity sector and from scientists to government employees. The course will equip you with practical tools and skills, together with an understanding of the academic theories underpinning them. Industry connections have informed the design and content of the course to meet the demands of employers across competitive global markets.

Example modules
• Operations and quality management
• Advanced applied project management and planning
• Corporate governance, ethics and sustainability

MSc by Research in Electronic Engineering

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
We welcome applications from prospective students wishing to work on projects of research interest to our academics, and applicants wishing to propose their own projects in conjunction with industry and our research interests.

MPhil/PhD in Electronic Engineering

Academic staff and doctoral research students all play an active role in our dynamic research culture, many are working at the frontiers of knowledge in their research area creating collaborations with industry and across departments to facilitate novel research. We invite you to email our academic staff who are active in the research area you are interested in to discuss potential MPhil/PhD opportunities or an MSc by Research.

Staff lists are available on our website.

“My experience at Royal Holloway has been truly amazing. I’ve loved every second of it and the lecturers were extremely helpful. I would definitely recommend this MSc degree to any new budding scientists or engineers who are looking to get into a management position within a company, as key life skills will be taught through this MSc.”

Natasha
MSc Engineering Management
Professional training
International industries, organisations and governments are demanding exceptional candidates who have the knowledge base and practical skills to manage complex projects and execute processes successfully.
Our taught Masters degrees are designed to inspire and challenge you, enabling you to build professional expertise to meet the demands of employers across competitive global markets.
You'll learn from highly experienced practitioners and academics with portfolios covering both complex, multi-disciplinary projects and small, bespoke interventions in niche sectors.

Research Groups
Our research is structured into four main groups:
- Audio, Biosignals and Machine Learning
- Nano-Electronics
- Microwave Photonics and Sensors
- Power Systems.
Our research groups provide a lively and interactive environment for our postgraduates, researchers across other departments and industry. Groups host regular research seminars and invited talks with internal and external speakers, and serve as a useful forum for discussing current research activities, formulating ideas, and sharing resources. Find out more about each group on our website.

Research facilities
The rooftop of our building features a wind turbine and solar panels for research students to conduct relevant projects. Our Microwave Photonics and Sensor (MPS) laboratory is equipped with cutting-edge Microwave and Fibre Optics Communication systems and devices, and measurement equipment. Nano-Electronics research benefits from close proximity to the National Physical Laboratory, and other national laboratories.

Your future career
Electronic Engineers are highly valued by employers for their technical knowledge, transferable skills and analytical as well as practical training.
Graduates of our Project Management Masters have pursued successful careers across a range of industries. Roles in project management require professionals who can oversee the completion of a project as well as those who take ownership for a specific aspect of a project, making sure it's delivered to all stakeholders' satisfaction.
Our alumni have successfully entered into a wide range of professions and industries, making substantial contributions to multidisciplinary project teams and the financing, execution and delivery of projects. This has helped them progress through the organisation and into senior management positions or change career paths.
Offering expertise across the full chronological and specialist range of English literary study, the department has forged a reputation as one of the most dynamic departments of English in the country.

Profile
• All staff in the department are highly regarded scholars, writers and critics and the quality of our research was recognised in the most recent Research Excellence Framework where 99% of our research was found to be of international quality.
• MA and PhD students enjoy a varied and lively research culture based in both our London and Egham campuses. The Centre for Victorian Studies hosts popular lectures by international scholars, usually held in the Royal Holloway Picture Gallery, a superb and renowned collection of 19th-century paintings. The Paper Stage is an informal and much–loved dramatic reading group where students and staff read Shakespeare’s plays aloud together. The 19th century reading group, Medieval reading group readings and performances from our Creative Writing students and internationally–recognised staff, and creative and theatrical responses to literature from all periods are just part of what there is to choose from to enrich your time at Royal Holloway and to bring intellectual engagement and community with your fellow researchers.

Courses
MA Creative Writing
MA English Literature
MA Medieval Studies
MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture
MA by Research
MPhil/PhD

13th in the UK for Research
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2019)

5th in the UK for Creative Writing
(Complete University Guide, 2020)

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“I absolutely loved my time studying my MA. The course was exciting, engaging, and challenging. The seminar leaders were second to none: exceptionally knowledgeable, encouraging, supportive and inspiring. I enjoyed my time so much that I stayed on to develop my MA thesis into a PhD. To anyone interested in Victorian literature and history: choosing Royal Holloway for my MA was one of the best decisions I ever made.”

Jen
MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900–£9,400 per year
International students*: £16,800–£17,900 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
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More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/english
MA Creative Writing
Central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Develop your work as a writer to a professional level, going beyond the personal and writing with an engaged sense of literary culture, its social role and contemporary practices. This MA is designed for poets, novelists and short-story writers who are dedicated to their writing and want to see it in print. You will take one of four distinct pathways: Fiction, Literary Non-Fiction, Poetry or Poetic Practice, working in small groups and with extensive individual attention. You will submit critical and creative coursework, and will undertake a final practical project and critical dissertation.

Example modules
• Supplementary discourses
• Reading as a writer
• Fiction pathway
• Poetry pathway
• Poetic Practice pathway
• Literary Non-Fiction pathway

MA English Literature
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This course is ideal if you are interested in more than one period of English literature, or if you want to combine or juxtapose the literatures and genres of different periods. With a wide range of expertise in the department, you have the option to choose options in medieval studies, Shakespeare, Victorian literature, Modernism and contemporary literature. You will be taught by highly regarded scholars, writers and critics who are engaged in research, writing ground-breaking books, talking to or writing in the national media, and providing expert advice to national and international bodies.

Example modules
• Arthurian literature and tradition in England
• King Lear and The Tempest
• Victorian London
• The Pre-Raphaelite revolution
• Modernist and contemporary literature

MA Medieval Studies
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Drawing on medievalists teaching across disciplines as diverse as History, English, Modern Languages, and Music, this wide ranging, multi-disciplinary course encourages you to explore the events, texts, objects, and culture of the Middle Ages from many different angles. You will look at the medieval world from both literary and historical perspectives, working with source material including artefacts and manuscripts as well as archives and printed sources. The course emphasises the skills that are required for postgraduate research in the field of medieval studies, regardless of the area in which you choose to specialise.

Example modules
• Medieval narratives
• The literature of medieval London
• Arthurian literature and tradition in England
• Byzantium and the Fourth Crusade
• Magic, miracle and medicine in medieval England
• Pilgrimage in the medieval world

MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This cross-disciplinary MA fosters a critical understanding of the Victorian era through study of all its major cultural forms. The age’s literature, visual arts and history are addressed by the course’s four taught modules to produce a comprehensive overview of the period from high Victorianism to the fin de siècle while the dissertation allows you to explore specialist research interests.

Example modules
• Victorian London
• The Pre-Raphaelite revolution
• Aestheticism and decadence
• The 19th-century novel: contexts, theories, readers

MA by Research
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
We also offer an MA by Research, which can serve as an alternative to the traditional taught MA, whether as a pathway to PhD study or as an independent research qualification. In the course of this one-year (or two-year part-time) degree, you will work towards a dissertation of up to 40,000 words. This is an extended independent research project pursued with the support of a dedicated supervisor who has expertise in the area that you choose to research. You will receive training in research skills, and have access to the wide range of other training opportunities available in the college, including the Researcher Development Programme (RDP). While in this choice of degree pathway you will be working independently, you will have many opportunities to meet other MA students and to engage in the lively and dynamic research culture of the department both in central London and on our main campus in Egham.
Research opportunities
Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research programmes. Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application. Please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research or write directly to your proposed supervisor.

Research interests
Research supervision is provided in all the main areas of literary study, from Anglo-Saxon and Middle English poetry to postmodern literature and critical theory. The department’s major strengths are in the Renaissance, the 19th century and the 20th century, with particular specialisms in Shakespeare, Swift, Sterne, Dickens, Browning, Hardy, Trollope, Conrad, Wilde, Joyce, Beckett, the "fin de siècle", and contemporary literature and critical theory.

There are also thriving research interests in 18th-century literature, American and African-American literature, 19th-century maritime studies, modernism, postmodernism and contemporary poetic theory and practice. Practice-based PhDs in various genres of creative writing and poetic practice are also available.

Research facilities
As well as the facilities available to our large postgraduate community on campus and in central London, the Institute of English Studies at Senate House is also a venue for conferences, research seminars and lectures by the world’s leading English scholars.

In addition, the Humanities and Arts Research Institute, the Royal Holloway Picture Gallery with its magnificent collection of Victorian art, and research centres for Victorian Studies and Poetics add to the vibrancy of the department. Students are given training in research methods and information retrieval. Teaching for the MA Creative Writing takes place at 11 Bedford Square, Royal Holloway’s London home, in the heart of Bloomsbury.

Your future career
The department has an impressive record for placing postdoctoral graduates in academic jobs and in prominent positions outside the academy including internships in institutions such as the British Library, the Museum of London, the Dickens Museum, and the Victorian and Albert Museum. Other postgraduates have recently secured positions at major UK universities, Shakespeare’s Globe and the National University of Ireland. The English department also prepares postgraduates for successful careers in a variety of other areas, such as teaching, education, writing and journalism, the creative sector, art curatorship, publishing, administration and marketing.
Geography

Royal Holloway is recognised as a world-leading centre for research in Geography. An exceptional performance in the latest Research Excellence Framework reinforces this distinguished research reputation.

Profile

- Geography is in the top tier of UK departments, consistently identified as one of the highest-performing departments in successive research assessments.
- We have been praised for our ‘world-leading intellectual vision’ and ‘excellent record of PhD completion…and employability’. Our research has been singled out as overwhelmingly of ‘internationally excellent’ and ‘world-leading’ quality (REF 2014).
- We have over 30 members of academic staff and notable research concentrations in Quaternary science, social, cultural, and historical geography, the GeoHumanities, development studies, sustainability, and geopolitics.
- Ours is a vibrant postgraduate community of over 120 students, including some 80 PhD candidates, drawn from across the world.

Courses

MSc in Global Futures: *
- MSc in Global Futures: Culture and Creativity
- MSc in Global Futures: Geopolitics and Security
- MSc in Global Futures: Justice, Development and Sustainability

MRes in Cultural Geography
MRes in Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice
MSc/Diploma Quaternary Science
MSc/Diploma Sustainability and Management
MPhil and PhD in all aspects of Human and Physical Geography

* Course under development
“Geography at Royal Holloway has a strong postgraduate community, which gave me a vital support network. The staff are incredibly generous with their time and expertise, and encouraged me to develop skills and gain experience beyond my studies that are already proving useful as I pursue a career as an academic. I will always be grateful for the time I spent there.”

Hannah
MA Cultural Geography (Research)
PhD Geography 2013-2018

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900–£9,400 per year
International students*: £16,800–£19,000 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/geography
MSc in Global Futures *

Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months

Launched in the Department of Geography’s centenary year, this exciting new Masters explores the geographies of the changing world around us. You will examine the relationships between place, space, identity, and activism and how they are evolving in response to the social, political, and environmental challenges we face. Combining core concepts from human geography and related disciplines with advanced humanities and social-science research methods training, the course will equip you with the ability to navigate a changing world and to shape its future. In addition to its strong conceptual and methodological curriculum, the course also offers innovative placements and research engagements with some of London’s top cultural institutions and third-sector organisations.

Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

During your Masters you can choose to specialise in one of three degree pathways, each of which offers a distinctive lens, and subject-specific modules, through which to examine our changing world, explore its fundamental challenges, and develop advanced research and analytical skills:

MSc in Global Futures: Culture and Creativity:
We focus on key concepts in cultural and creative geographies, and how they illuminate the changing world around us. This pathway encourages you to reflect on how everything from technology and mobility, to politics and contested ideas of history and heritage, raise fundamental questions about our cultural identities and lives. On completion you will be equipped with a foundational understanding of how culture and creative practices can be deployed to tackle global issues and shape our shared future.

MSc in Global Futures: Geopolitics and Security:
We focus on geopolitical issues, and how they impact upon the security of individuals, cities, nations, and regions. You will consider how era-defining issues such as political polarisation and global terror, and infrastructure and economic failure, might be understood and mitigated against using creative and critical geopolitical approaches. You will work with the leading researchers based in our Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice (GDSJ) research group, and departments of Politics and International Relations and Information Security.

MSc in Global Futures: Justice, Development and Sustainability:
We focus on key issues of sustainable development in the Global South, and how they relate to ideas of social and environmental justice. This pathway puts questions of development into global context and examines the relationship between development and planetary-scale challenges to the environment and society. You will build a sound knowledge and understanding of how the concept of justice can help us shape a fairer and more sustainable future.

* Course under development. Visit our website for more information about the three pathways.

MSc/Diploma Quaternary Science

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This Masters degree provides specialist training in the scientific study of past environmental change, including laboratory and field techniques. It is offered jointly with London’s prestigious Natural History Museum. You’ll acquire an advanced knowledge of key issues within Quaternary science, including high-resolution palaeoenvironmental records and high-precision dating. You’ll develop a thorough understanding of many contemporary environmental issues, including climate change, biological responses to environmental change and soil erosion.

Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

MSc/Diploma Sustainability and Management

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This interdisciplinary Masters degree is taught jointly with the School of Business and Management (see page 36) and provides an advanced-level introduction to principles of environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility. You’ll develop the knowledge and skills to communicate with experts across a variety of backgrounds, helping you to become an expert in sustainability and an attractive prospect for business, governmental agencies and NGOs.

Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

MRes in Cultural Geography

Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months

Building on a 25-year history, which has seen more than half of its graduates progress to PhD study, this flagship Masters draws together world-leading cultural geography research and teaching. You will have the opportunity to develop a deep and engaged research agenda through a longer-form dissertation, an excellent pathway to doctoral study. The degree combines core conceptual training in cultural geography and related disciplines with advanced research methods training designed to equip you to become an effective and professional researcher.
The course also offers innovative placements and research engagements with some of London’s top cultural institutions. Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

**MRes in Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice**

**Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months**

Interest in issues of sustainable development, environmental justice, and geopolitics and security has never been so intense; these are the cornerstones of so-called ‘global challenges’ research. This degree is especially suited for graduates looking to progress to PhD study in these vital areas. The course combines core concepts with intensive research methods training in the form of a long-form dissertation that is ideal preparation for PhD study. Reflecting the collaborative nature of our research culture, the curriculum also includes the potential for innovative placements and research engagements with external partners. Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

**Research opportunities**

For postgraduate research places leading to a PhD degree, we invite you to email academic staff with whom you are interested in working to discuss potential projects. A full list of staff and their research interests is available on our website.

We have an excellent record in securing postgraduate funding from the AHRC, EPSRC, ESRC, Leverhulme Trust, and NERC doctoral training centres/partnerships. Please contact the department as early as possible to discuss funding opportunities.

Research links and collaborative studentship projects engage with a wide range of organisations, including London’s major museums, the Body Shop, the British Geological Survey, the British Library, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation, Natural England, the Ordnance Survey, the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), the Royal United Services Institute, StreetInvest and WaterAid.

**Centre for Quaternary Research**

The CQR was established in 1990 and has become one of the leading international research centres in Quaternary science. The CQR aims to promote interdisciplinary research based on three themes of major importance for understanding Quaternary environmental change: 1) the dynamics of global change; 2) the human dimension of environmental change, and 3) advances in geochronology.

**Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice Research Group**

GDSJ works on vitally important issues across political, development and social geography and has interdisciplinary connections to international relations, development studies, anthropology, sociology, disaster studies; health and gerontology. It is committed to research both in and across the Global North and Global South including the UK and Overseas Territories, the Arctic and Antarctica, South and Southeast Asia, and Latin America.

**Social, Cultural & Historical Geography Research Group**

SCHG has played a major role in the development of the subject internationally over the last twenty years and has a distinctive record of research in the arts and humanities as well as the social sciences. SCHG has supported influential research projects on place, landscape and mobility, creative and collaborative geographies, transnational material cultures, visual cultures of exploration, print culture and travel, sacred spaces, and multi-culturalism.

**Centre for the GeoHumanities**

Royal Holloway Centre for the GeoHumanities is a major initiative linking arts and humanities scholars and practitioners, geographers and the creative, cultural and heritage sectors.

**Research facilities**

Postgraduates have access to excellent research facilities on campus, including a suite of well-equipped laboratories (containing a Geospatial and Visual Methods Laboratory and state-of-the-art geochronology facilities), computing resources, and libraries, as well as world-class research facilities in London and a varied programme of workshops and events.

**Your future career**

Our graduates have entered into a wide range of careers, within academia and beyond, including the British Library, the Department for International Development, commercial consultancy, NGOs, and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).
History

The Department of History at Royal Holloway is a vigorous community of students and internationally renowned academics at the forefront of research and methodological innovation. Our stimulating programme of taught and research degrees is designed to inspire and challenge.

Profile

We are one of the largest and liveliest History departments in the UK, yet our size is not at the cost of anonymity. We are committed to giving individual attention to all members of our postgraduate community. There are currently over 40 full-time academic staff, a number of research fellows, and a postgraduate community of some 180 students. We have a strong research tradition; the international quality of our research has been recognised in all of the UK’s research excellence exercises, and teaching in the department is consistently rated as excellent. The department boasts a vast range of research expertise, with particular strengths in social, cultural, and gender history, the history of ideas, as well as a notable range of countries, periods, and approaches.

Courses

MA Crusader Studies
MA History
MA History: Gender Histories
MA History: Hellenic Studies
MA History: Histories of Conflict and Violence
MA Holocaust Studies
MA Islamic and West Asian Studies
MA Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
MA Medieval Studies
MA Public History
MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture
MA by Research
MPhil/PhD

MA Public History students working on the Runnymede Explored trail app for the National Trust

8th IN THE UK FOR THE IMPACT OF OUR RESEARCH

20th IN THE UK

(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

(Guardian University Guide, 2020)

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Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £7,900 per year
International students: £16,800 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
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More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/history

“What I have really loved about my MA is how much I feel I have grown as a person and as an academic. The skills I have learnt and the relationships I have developed with peers and tutors, across both departments of History and English, have been above and beyond all expectations I had before I began my course.”

Daniel
MA Medieval Studies
MA History
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This course provides a thorough training in the study of History across a wide range of periods and themes. Modules cover gender and cultural history, British, European and World history, as well as Hellenic studies. You will also take wide-ranging methodology and skills modules which provide instruction in historical research and develop transferable skills, and complete a supervised dissertation.

Example modules
• Utopia, dystopia and modernity
• Feminism in modern Britain
• The infidel within?
• Culture wars

MA History: Gender Histories*
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Taking advantage of Royal Holloway’s long standing research specialism into gender and women’s studies, the MA History: Gender Histories offers you the opportunity to gain a detailed insight into many aspects of gender history across a variety of periods. You will also take methodology and research skills modules and complete a research-based project.

Example modules
• Women, the Crusades and the frontier societies of medieval Christendom
• Feminism in modern Britain
• Narrating queer gender and sexuality in the twentieth century

MA History: Hellenic Studies*
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Unique in the UK, the MA History: Hellenic Studies offers you the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive overview and appreciation of Greek history and culture embracing Antiquity, Byzantium and the modern period, working with experts in Royal Holloway’s Hellenic Institute. You will also take methodology and research skills modules and complete a research-based project.

Example modules
• Greek religion: culture and cognition
• Athenian law and social history
• Living in Byzantium: material culture & built environment
• Engaging Greece: experiencing the past and responding to the present

MA History: Histories of Conflict and Violence*
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
The MA History: Histories of Conflict and Violence examines history across a range of centuries and cultures with a particular focus on conflict and violence. You will also take methodology and research skills modules and complete a research-based project.

Example modules
• Recording the Crusades: the memory and legacy of the Crusades
• Transnational Holocaust
• The infidel within?
• History of terrorism

MA Crusader Studies
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
The MA in Crusader Studies is designed for students who want to pursue an advanced interest in crusading history. The course offers you an understanding of the context, and the ideology that underpinned the Crusades as well as its modern day resonances. In addition to taught modules you will complete a supervised dissertation.

Example modules
• Louis IX, the Mamluks and the Mongols
• Recording the Crusades: the memory and legacy of the Crusades
• Women, the Crusades and frontier societies of medieval Christendom, 1000-1300
• Byzantium and the Fourth Crusade

MA Public History
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
On the MA in Public History you will engage with museum curators, public archivists, publishers and television and radio producers while gaining practical skills of historical interpretation and communication. This is a unique gateway to the heritage sector and popular media, with an emphasis on applied practice underpinned by rigorous historical research and analysis. You will also take methodology and research skills modules and complete a research-based project.

Example modules
• Pathways to the past: public history in theory and practice
• The voice of the public: oral history in public history
• Studying and communicating the past: resources, skills and ethics
**MA Holocaust Studies**  
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months  
This is a globally unique interdisciplinary MA, taught out of our Holocaust Research Institute, which will appeal to students from a wide range of disciplines including History, English, Modern Languages, Media Arts and others. Experts from the Department of History work with colleagues across the university to deliver a research-supported degree. Your work will culminate in a supervised dissertation.  

**Example modules**  
- The Holocaust: history and debates  
- Representing the Holocaust in British and American literature  
- Film, television and the Holocaust  
- A transnational Holocaust

**MA Late Antique and Byzantine Studies**  
Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months  
This intercollegiate University of London MA is ideal for those interested in progressing to doctoral research in Late Antique and Byzantine studies, relating the history of Late Antiquity and Byzantium to the wider world. As well as completing a supervised dissertation, you will have the opportunity to study modules at a number of University of London colleges.  

**Example modules**  
- Elementary Greek palaeography  
- Late antique magic  
- One God, one sea: Byzantium and Islam, 600–800  
- Byzantium and the First Crusade

**MA Medieval Studies**  
Taught jointly with the Department of English. See page 66.

**MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture**  
Taught jointly with the Department of English. See page 66.

**MA Islamic and West Asian Studies**  
Taught jointly with the Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy. See page 108.

**MA by Research**  
FT/PT; 12/24 months  
This course is intended to give you scope to explore your area of interest in depth, test out a possible research topic, and learn the skills of extended scholarly writing. You will write a research dissertation of up to 40,000 words supervised on a one-to-one basis.

**Research opportunities**  
As well as regular guest seminars throughout the year, History postgraduates at Royal Holloway run a monthly research seminar. This provides a supportive environment for you to try out your research findings.  

Our leading research centres provide opportunities for innovative, interdisciplinary research via lectures, conferences and workshops as well as promoting collaborative and consultation roles with partners including NGOs, government, the media, heritage sites and museums.  

Research centres include the Bedford Centre for the History of Women and Gender, Hellenic Institute, Centre for South Asian Studies, Centre for the Study of the Body and Material Culture, Centre for Minority Studies, Holocaust Research Institute and London Centre for Public History.  

To enquire about MPhil or PhD study, please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research or your proposed supervisor.

**Research facilities**  
You will have access to some of the richest historical research facilities in the world. In addition to our library, you can access the National Archives, British Library, German Historical Institute, Senate House Library, Institute of Historical Research, Institute of Classical Studies and Warburg Institute. You can also draw on Royal Holloway’s archives, a unique resource which contains some of the earliest records relating to the history of higher education for women.

**Your future career**  
In recent years our graduates have embarked on a range of rewarding careers, making excellent use of the skills provided by a training in History. Destinations include academic posts at universities in the UK and abroad, diplomatic service, the legal profession, management-level banking, management-level business, civil service and local government, National Trust, National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, and teaching at school and college level.
Information Security Group

The world-leading Information Security Group is dedicated to advanced research and education in information and cyber security. It is at the forefront in the development of highly secure communications and computer systems and offers independent expertise in a field where trust and integrity are paramount.

Profile

• The Information Security Group (ISG) offers a unique national resource for the training of cyber security specialists taught by leading cyber security experts from industry and government.

• Our research includes systems security, cryptography, application security, critical infrastructure protection, and socio-technical and organisational aspects of information security.

• Royal Holloway has been recognised as a UK Government Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR) and our MSc has GCHQ-certified status.

• The ISG’s Smart Card & IoT Security Centre is supported by industrial sponsorship and conducts specialist training and research.

• We host one of the first EPSRC Centres for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security in the UK.

MSc Information Security

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24–60 months
Distance Learning; 24–60 months

The MSc is an interdisciplinary course taught by the ISG, and cyber security experts from industry. It introduces the technical, human and legal aspects of Information Security and is regarded as a leading qualification for anyone seeking a career in cyber security. Students can complete the MSc over one year (Full-Time), two years (Part-Time) or three–five years (CPD). A Year in Industry variant is also available, studied over two years full time.

Example modules

• Security management
• Software security
• Human aspects of information security and privacy

PhD Programme

FT/PT 4–8 years

We have a thriving PhD programme. Our researchers have supervised more than 100 successful PhDs in areas such as the design and evaluation of cryptographic algorithms

Courses

MSc Information Security (see also page 90)

MSc Information Security (Distance Learning)*

MSc Information Security with a Year in Industry

MPhil/PhD Information Security

* For details on Distance Learning see london.ac.uk/courses/information-security

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and protocols, network security, smart cards, access control, security management, and the integration of security techniques into specific applications. We offer PhD studies via the three-year, research based ISG PhD programme, or as part of the Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security, a four-year PhD programme with one year of interdisciplinary training in Cyber Security.

**Your future career**

The ISG has over 4,000 alumni for whom ‘studied at Royal Holloway’ has become a recognised and highly-respected badge among Information Security professionals worldwide. Our graduates are highly sought after and have gone on to forge successful careers in a wide range of sectors.

“**My dream to study the best university MSc Information Security degree came true. All the lecturers are friendly and know in depth the area they teach, with expertise from working in the Information Security industry. All of the modules are so interesting, but I liked Cyber Security the most. I am confident to say there is everything in this MSc that one would wish to learn and specialise at.”**

**Frankosiligi**

**MSc Information Security**

**Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security**

The CDT was established at Royal Holloway in 2013, with funding from the EPSRC, which was renewed in 2019, in recognition of its outstanding research record and long-standing and deep engagement with industry.

The CDT develops a cohort of highly-trained researchers with a broad understanding of cyber security, and an appreciation of the important interplay between theoretical, technical and human factors in this field. Students follow a four-year, full-time doctoral programme and have the opportunity to work with one of our industrial partners during their PhD studies.

Selected applicants are awarded fully-funded PhD studentships (stipend and College fees) for four years.

**Tuition fees 2020/21**

UK and EU students: £11,600 per year

International students: £21,000 per year

**Entry requirements and how to apply**

See Admissions process on page 124.

**More course information and contacts**

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**More department information**

royalholloway.ac.uk/isg
Languages, Literatures & Cultures

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures brings together French, German, Hispanic Studies, Italian and Comparative Literature and Culture. We offer teaching and research excellence with a commitment to interdisciplinary study.

Profile

• We broaden students’ horizons through an in-depth knowledge of foreign languages and the literatures and cultures that stem from these. We pride ourselves on being at the centre of a thriving research culture, and provide supervision across literature, cultural history, film, visual art and philosophy in our four language areas and beyond.

• Postgraduate students are encouraged to participate in our intellectual activities, including our #Glossa reading group, work-in-progress seminars and regular research forum. We host an annual student-organised Postgraduate Colloquium in which research students present papers and which culminates in a talk by a renowned keynote speaker.

Courses

MA by Research
Comparative Literature and Culture
French
German
Hispanic Studies
Italian

MPhil/PhD

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Bautzen, Germany by student Hannah Marshall
“The MA by Research has given me total freedom to explore my interest in postcolonial Caribbean literature, culture and identity in depth, while the taught methodology module has given me a thorough grounding in new approaches to the study of literature and culture. The ability to conduct my own independent research under expert supervision has provided me with a strong foundation to build on when I proceed to doctoral study. I look forward to more exciting challenges and discoveries here, as I work towards a PhD.”

Renée
MA by Research, Comparative Literature and Culture

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £4,327 per year (2019 fee)*
International students: £17,400 per year
*2020 fee not yet available. Check website for up-to-date course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/languages
MA by Research
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This flexible degree offers students the chance to undertake independent, but closely supervised, research work accompanied by targeted research training. Working closely with a specialist supervisor, or supervisors, you will develop a clearly defined research topic and complete a 30,000-40,000 word dissertation which may also lay the foundations for a PhD project. In addition, you will undertake a taught module designed to provide you with knowledge of a range of historical and modern theoretical approaches to the study of literature, culture and the visual arts.

Comparative Literature and Culture
Comparative Literature and Culture provides the opportunity for you to explore global culture, literature, philosophy, art and literature. You do not need expertise in other language areas.

French
The interdisciplinary scope of French studies in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, makes Royal Holloway an ideal place to study for a postgraduate degree in French. Our research covers a wide range of literary, cultural and historical themes and we have expertise in film from its early silent days to modern postcolonial cinema.

German
German research and teaching both include, and move beyond, the more traditional areas of German studies. We particularly encourage interdisciplinary research proposals. We offer postgraduate supervision by scholars of national and international standing in a large range of fields.

Hispanic Studies
Hispanic Studies at Royal Holloway is strongly committed to innovative approaches to postgraduate study and research across a range of fields including cultural studies, critical theory, feminism and gender theory, psychoanalysis, film studies, literature and the visual arts, in both Spain and Latin America.

Italian
Royal Holloway is a thriving centre for Italian Studies in the UK, with an offering encompassing a broad variety of subjects, from Dante and Renaissance art to fashion, postmodernism and contemporary cinema. We are partners in the Joint Postgraduate Training Programme alongside the universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Reading and UCL.

Research opportunities
MPhil and PhD
Offering students the opportunity to pursue an original research project supported by world-class supervision, this degree entails writing an 80,000-100,000 word dissertation on a wide range of topics. Students are encouraged to participate fully in the research culture of the department, to attend relevant department and school skills-development events and to participate in the department’s postgraduate research training scheme, which gives all students the opportunity to gain teaching experience.

To enquire about MPhil or PhD study, please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research or your proposed supervisor.

Cuba during the funeral of Fidel Castro by Dr James Kent
Research interests
The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures is a vibrant community of world class researchers. Our research environment has a basis in our expertise in French, German, Hispanic, Italian and comparative studies, and encourages collaboration and exchange across traditional disciplinary boundaries. Our strengths span literature, thought, film and the visual arts from the medieval period to the 21st century. Research themes cover gender, disability, politics and ethics, film, cultural memory and trauma, post-colonialism and globalisation, consumer culture, animal studies and ecocriticism, history of art and visual culture. We also specialise in the work of a wide range of individual authors, poets, philosophers, playwrights and filmmakers.

Your future career
In recent years a number of our postgraduates have gone on to successful academic careers in the fields of modern languages, critical theory and film. Alumni have also embarked upon many interesting careers outside academia – in the UK, continental Europe and the United States – including journalism work for NGOs, trade sales, publishing, professional translating, teaching, museum curatorship, creative arts, and librarianship.
Law & Criminology

The Department of Law and Criminology, within the School of Law and Social Sciences provides research-focused, intellectually stimulating postgraduate courses. Our internationally-renowned academics are leaders in their fields and their cutting-edge research and practices inform our postgraduate degrees.

Profile
Our students come from diverse backgrounds and benefit from the most stimulating teaching and supervision from a team of academics, who are experts in their respective fields. The department’s research interests and expertise encompass law, criminology, sociology and psychology.

- BPS accredited*
- Teaching informed by research
- Enabling employment opportunities

We work in close partnership with a number of statutory and voluntary agencies including prisons throughout England and Wales, probation trusts, the Police, the Youth Justice Board, NHS England and international pharmaceutical companies.

- Our degrees can form a foundation for continuing professional development
- Student-centred and supportive environment

*Forensic Psychology

Courses
MSc Consumption, Culture and Marketing
MSc Forensic Psychology
MSc Disinformation Studies (Course under development)
MSc Policing and Security Studies
MSc Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Studies
MPhil/PhD

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“I chose the course because not only are staff leading in their field, but they are also keen to aid students in developing their own expertise. Unlike other courses, this Masters is specialised enough to enable me to really dig into the central issues in terrorism or violent extremism, and demonstrate a detailed, practical knowledge to future employers. However, the optional modules mean that I can explore the topics that most interest me.”

Chloe
MSc Terrorism & Counter-terrorism Studies

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900-£11,600 per year
International students: £17,900 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
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More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/criminology
royalholloway.ac.uk/law
**MSc Consumption, Culture and Marketing**
Taught in partnership with the School of Business & Management. See page 36.

**MSc Forensic Psychology**
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24-60 months
This is an interdisciplinary degree that draws together content and teaching from both psychology (see page 116) and law. It is designed to give you in-depth insights into topical issues and the latest research in forensic psychology, in line with the British Psychological Society curriculum requirements. Our balanced approach to research and teaching guarantees high quality teaching from both research and practice-led internal and external professionals, cutting-edge materials and intellectually challenging debates. You will receive individual attention to enhance your personal and professional development.

**Example modules**
- Advanced and applied research techniques
- Statistics for research
- The legal and criminal justice context for forensic psychology
- Research-based practice in forensic psychology
- Cognitive, social and neuroscience approaches to forensic investigations
- Young people and families in the criminal justice system

**MSc Policing and Security Studies**
Central London; PT; 24 months
This course builds on Royal Holloway’s strong links to the police service. It is aimed at students already working for the police or who aspire to join the police and is taught in the form of block delivery. The course incorporates interdisciplinary perspectives and embraces the notion of interprofessional working.

Having graduated, you will have developed your problem-solving and social research skills along with data analysis and interpersonal skills.

This course is run as part of a suite of interdisciplinary postgraduate courses being offered by the School of Law and Social Sciences.

You will develop a critical understanding of the evolution of strategic policing in the UK and its future challenges, consider changes to police governance and accountability and examine evidence-based policing and research methods.

**Example modules**
- Continuity and change: strategic policing in the 21st century
- Evidence-based practice and research methods in policing
- Policing and vulnerability
- Risk and decision-making in policing
- Policing and community

**MSc Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Studies**
Central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This course is aimed at students who wish to get an interdisciplinary understanding of individual and organisational involvement in terrorism, coupled with an understanding of national and international approaches to counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism. This course is aimed at you if you wish to develop a research
career in terrorism and counter-terrorism studies, are working in, or wish to work in, the security or policy sectors. Alongside the formal lectures and seminars, you will hear from guest speakers from the research community, as well as the private and public sector. The interdisciplinary nature of this course draws on the interlinks between criminology, law, psychology, international relations, and sociology.

Example modules
- Debates in terrorism studies
- Debates in counter-terrorism studies
- Transnational organised crime
- Media, war and conflict
- Understanding defence
- Transnational security studies

MSc Disinformation
(Course under development)
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
The MSc Disinformation degree will provide you with in-depth knowledge and a thorough understanding of all aspects of disinformation, underpinning working practice in organisations and the current global society.

Example modules
- Human aspects of information security and privacy
- Governing through the media
- Internet and new media politics

Research opportunities
We offer excellent facilities to supervise research students. We have a vibrant postgraduate research community that offers MPhil/PhD degrees. Please see a list of relevant academics on our online staff list.

Our main research areas include:
- Rights and freedoms, including the role law plays in the creation and protection of personal freedoms and corresponding rights; cultural, including intellectual property, rights; access to justice and private law rights.
- Health and social care, including prescribed drugs, healthcare ethics, professional care worker ethics, research into young people’s diet, food conditions and health, the experience and management of chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes and epilepsy, regenerative medicine and elite sport.
- Risk, harm and punishment: this cluster incorporates multidisciplinary staff working on areas across criminal justice, prisons, risk regulation, and notions of harm and violence.
- Families and children: studies on child welfare, child rights, families and food, and children’s experiences of living with chronic conditions and the impact on family relationships. Research also illuminates the relationship between families, the law and the criminal justice system.
- Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law: a multidisciplinary research hub looking into the connections and relationships between emotion and law.

Your future career
We provide opportunities to develop transferable skills, which enable you to market yourself effectively in your chosen career in partnership with the university’s Careers Service (which is part of the University of London). Our graduates have gone on to pursue a range of careers including representation in academia, education, health, policy and criminal justice.
Mathematics

Our research aims to extend the boundaries of the subject and to work closely with users of mathematics in commerce and industry. Our thriving research has earned a world-class reputation and transmits directly into a stimulating teaching curriculum.

Profile

- Mathematics scored exceptionally highly in the most recent UK Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), with 91% of our research rated as 4* or 3* world-class or internationally excellent.
- The department has about 25 academic members of staff whose passion and enthusiasm combines with a strong research culture to enrich our students’ learning experiences.
- Our research is based in several groups covering a broad portfolio from Algebra to Information Security, and from Quantum Dynamics to Statistics and Probability.
- Our vibrant research community of around 40 PhD students organise their own weekly seminar and reading groups alongside departmental seminars to expand on key areas.
- The department enjoys excellent contacts with leading companies that have strong expertise in information security, and plays an active part in the Information Security Group (see page 78).
- Our strong ties with industry mean we understand the needs of employers and can equip our graduates with the knowledge and skills to take mathematics to the highest levels, in research, science or industry.

Courses

MSc Mathematics of Cryptography & Communications
MSc Mathematics for Applications
MSc Information Security
MPhil/PhD Information Security
MPhil/PhD Mathematics

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Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900–£11,600 per year
International students*: £16,800–21,000 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
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More department information
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“I studied an MSci Mathematics at Royal Holloway and enjoyed Quantum Mechanics which inspired me to do a PhD to take this even further, after being awarded a scholarship. The staff are friendly and approachable and the array of skills I’ve acquired have prepared me for my future career in technology or finance.”

Samuel
PhD in Mathematics
MSc Information Security
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24–60 months
Distance Learning; 24–60 months
This advanced MSc degree is an interdisciplinary course taught by the Information Security Group (ISG), and security experts from industry and government. It is designed to introduce the technical, legal and commercial aspects of Information Security and is widely regarded as a leading qualification for anyone seeking (or already engaged in) a career in cyber security. Royal Holloway has been recognised as a UK Government Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR) and this MSc has GCHQ-certified status.

See The Information Security Group on page 78.

Example modules
• Security management
• Software security
• Human aspects of information security and privacy

Research opportunities
A strong research culture informs our teaching at all levels. Across the department, academic staff are active in pioneering research which is making an impressive impact on the world stage.

MSc Mathematics of Cryptography & Communications
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This Masters is a highly focused one-year degree concentrating on the mathematics behind modern secure information and communications systems. The programme of study specialises in mathematics relevant for public key cryptography, coding theory and information theory.

Example modules
• Advanced cipher system
• Channels
• Public key cryptography
• Theory of error-correcting codes

MSc Mathematics for Applications
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This Masters covers a wider range of topics from both applied and discrete mathematics. It is aimed at students with a good undergraduate degree in Mathematics who want to learn more on the subject in areas that are relevant to real life applications.

Example modules
• Advanced cipher system
• Advanced financial mathematics
• Applied probability
• Computational number theory
The department has a thriving PhD programme covering a wide variety of topics. We invite you to email staff with whom you are interested in working to discuss potential projects. A full list of staff and their research interests is available on our website.

Applicants should have, or expect to be awarded, the equivalent of a British Second Class Honours degree related to the field in which they wish to undertake research. The department has some limited funding for qualified candidates.

Research interests
Algebra, in particular group theory; Discrete Mathematics and its Applications (including combinatorial theory, graph theory, cryptography); Information Security; Number Theory (including Analytic and Algebraic Number Theory, circle method, Pisot and Salem numbers, theory of heights); Quantum Dynamics (including atomic and molecular systems with few degrees of freedom, quantum information theory, quantum computing); Statistics and Probability (including time series and forecasting, and statistical estimation theory).

Research facilities
Postgraduate students are well provided for in terms of computing and other facilities, while the library holds a good collection of mathematical books and journals; the national collections of the London Mathematical Society and the Operational Research Society in central London are also easily accessible.

Your future career
We prepare graduates for successful careers in a variety of industries, such as information security, IT consultancy, banking and finance, higher education and telecommunications. Our graduates have entered into many interesting jobs, from Senior Manager at Enterprise Risk Services, Deloitte; Global IT Security Director at Reuters; to Information Security Manager at London Underground.

Our graduates are working for organisations such as:
KPMG, Ernst & Young, the Ministry of Defence, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Banking Group, the Department of Health, Logica, McLaren and TowersWatson.
Media Arts

One of the UK’s leading research and practice departments, our courses teach film and television theory as well as professional practice in the digital arts, fiction and non-fiction film-making. All Masters are taught by award-winning experts.

Profile
Our full-time academic staff and a community of over 75 postgraduate students all contribute to the vibrant culture of the department. Our size and multi-faceted research and professional expertise foster successful synergies between film and television history, theory and creative practice. We have expertise in digital media, creative industries, the use of media in the fine arts and work on both fictional and factual representations, while our distinctive research culture brings together the practical and professional with the more conventionally academic and conceptual. Our network of successful, international alumni, links to industry and the benefit of both an Egham and a London campus add to the professional state-of-the-art environment for outstanding research and practice.

Courses
MA Documentary by Practice
MA Immersive Storytelling
MA International Media Management (Course under development)
MA Producing Film and Television
MA Screenwriting for Television and Film
MSc Immersive Technology
MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production
MPhil/PhD

Get hands-on in our own TV studio and editing suites

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7th IN THE UK FOR RESEARCH QUALITY

(Guardian University Guide, 2020)
(Complete University Guide, 2020)
“My decision to pursue my MA in the United Kingdom was born from a desire to learn more about the rich cultural and historical British film and television industry. I applied to a number of courses throughout England and Scotland, but I found the coordinators of the Media Arts programme at Royal Holloway were the most encouraging and experienced. It was a clear choice to go where I would be valued and supported as a student.”

Maggie
MA Producing Film and Television

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £7,900–£9,400 per year
International students*: £16,800–£17,900 per year

*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/mediaarts
MA Documentary by Practice
Central London; FT; 12 months
Documentary stories are being told in cinemas, on TV, in galleries, on tablets and on mobile phones. Whether you want to make a non-fiction feature film, podcast, or 360°/VR project, there are boundless ways to bring your documentary idea to life. Our programme is 80% practice and is primarily run from our central London campus in the heart of Bloomsbury. You will receive expert advice from industry leaders who will help you shape your story and find your audience and platform.

Example modules
• Ideas to screen
• Foundations of production
• Major documentary dissertation

MA Immersive Storytelling
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Located within one of the UK’s largest creative screen and technology regions, Royal Holloway is the perfect place for the storytellers of tomorrow to study this innovative new MA. You will gain an understanding of technology and storytelling that blends film, games and television in the creation of new experiences for immersive platforms, alongside the opportunity for hands on experience with some of the leading immersive storytellers in the UK.

Example modules
• Sound and vision
• Foundations of immersive production
• Immersive fiction
• Digital media marketing: mobile, social media and strategy

MA International Media Management*
Main campus; FT; 12 months
Concentrating on the management and marketing of television and digital media projects, this MA teaches the project management, business and vocational skills essential for working within the media industry and overseeing the life cycle of complex projects from conception to completion. This innovative new course combines two previous successful Masters courses (International Television Industries and Media Management) into a single degree with increased optionality, taught by established media professionals as well as experienced project management professionals from Royal Holloway.

Example modules
• International television business
• Television as a creative industry
• Production study
• Digital media marketing
• Media industries report

MA Producing Film and Television
Central London; FT; 12 months
This outstanding MA concentrates on quality fiction and teaches aspiring producers the essential creative, management, business and technical skills they need for the global film and TV industries. Taught by award-winning industry professionals with close links to the UK industry, you will develop a personal portfolio of films, and projects to a very high standard. This MA suits creative and highly motivated students seeking a challenging 100% practical degree.

Example modules
• Script development
• International media finance
• Production of a short film and web series
• Production management
• Marketing and media law

MA Screenwriting for Television and Film
Main campus; FT (taught in retreat); 12 months
This intensive retreat degree course is taught by industry writers, directors, and producers over four ‘retreat weeks’, and via distance-learning with a website, chat room and e-tutorials. You will learn to write for film and television, developing a portfolio of ideas, outlines and varied formats culminating in a full-length feature screenplay or TV ‘bible’ and sample episodes. A highly inspiring and professional course for the motivated writer.

Example modules
• Script craft
• Story and theme
• Development lab
• Production contexts

MSc Immersive Technology
Taught jointly with the Department of Electronic Engineering. See page 62.

MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Independent researcher who wants to move on to a PhD? Just interested in what further study might look like?
Take a first step towards doctoral study: explore your area of interest in depth, test out a research topic, and learn the skills of longer scholarly writing and film production. You’ll be supervised one-to-one, and then assessed entirely on your research dissertation. Along with your one-to-one supervisions, you’ll take part in an interdisciplinary module in critical theory and methodologies. There, you’ll learn about the key thinkers in the field, and the critical approaches you’ll need for your dissertation.

Research opportunities
Academic staff are happy to discuss MPhil and PhD research projects in advance of a formal application. Please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research or write directly to your proposed supervisor.

We have expertise in creative industries, cross platform digital arts, immersive storytelling and interactivity, screenwriting, the use of media in the fine arts and work on both fictional and factual representations, and production. We are interested in supervising projects on many topics covering the theory and practice around film, television and digital media.

Facilities
Make use of our exclusive 24/7 media labs and postproduction rooms, our extensive links to local industry, complemented by an impressive range of professional location filming equipment, TV and sound studio facilities, supported by our dedicated, professional and approachable technical team.

Your future career
With a strong emphasis on professional training, we prepare graduates for careers across the media industry and the academy. Our alumni are working worldwide in a range of media practices from feature film production to broadcast television, new media and digital technologies. Graduates have an excellent professional reputation that has led to an international network for professional opportunities and support. Postgraduate students have gone on to work at the BBC, Paramount, Studio Canal, Sony TV, Lionsgate, ITV, Channel 4, Universal, MBC and Shanghai Media Group as well as freelance careers as directors, producers, screenwriters, story editors, visual effects directors, and editors, in various media with work appearing at festivals such as Cinéma du Réel, Sheffield, Berlin, The London Film Festival and Venice.

The Department of Media Arts is home to StoryFutures (see page 120)
Music

The Music department at Royal Holloway is nationally and internationally renowned, and attracts first-class students from all over the world.

Profile

- Home to a large and friendly postgraduate community (around 50–60 research students and 20 Masters students each year), our work covers a broad chronology and geography. From Baroque to contemporary music, and spanning Asia, Europe and the Americas, our research crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries and integrates perspectives from ethnomusicology, musicology, theory, composition and performance.

- Students work closely with internationally recognised experts in seminars and tutorials, and in research guided by a supervisory team. Special lecture series, postgraduate study days at which students give papers and chair discussions, composer workshops, and masterclasses all enhance the postgraduate experience, and teaching assistantships for doctoral students offer invaluable career development.

Courses

- MMus Music
- MMus Music: Continued Professional Development
- Postgraduate Diploma Music Performance
- MPhil/PhD

The Choir of Royal Holloway and the King’s Singers in the Windsor Building Auditorium

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Royal Holloway Music Department
Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students*: £5,270-£7,900 per year
International students*: £11,200-£16,800 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

“The vibrant community of teachers and students made the MMus an exciting and transformative experience. The wide array of options has allowed me to design a balanced study programme that strengthened my research skills and, at the same time, allowed me to develop an international music career while taking the course.”

Giorgio
MMus

More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/music
**MMus Music**  
**Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months**  
This course offers focused pathways in composition, ethnomusicology, musicology, and performance, and individual electives include areas such as multimedia and film music, performance studies, historical musicology, and acoustic and electronic composition. This creates a balance of broad-based and specialist training, designed to work as a self-standing qualification or as a preparation for research (including ethnography and practice-based research).

**Example modules**  
- Skills in advanced musical studies  
- Special study: composition, dissertation or performance  
- Topics in multimedia and film music  
- Techniques in ethnomusicology  
- Composing for ensemble

**MMus Music: Continued Professional Development**  
**Main campus/central London; CPD; 60 months**  
Our CPD mode of study enables you to complete the MMus even if you are working full time. By taking one elective per year, you will complete the full course over 60 months.

**PG Diploma Music Performance**  
**Main campus/central London; FT/PT; 12/24 months**  
This course, which is taught alongside the MMus, is designed to enable students to specialise in performance and performance studies, without the need to maintain a broad and essay-based focus that is more usual in the MMus.

**Example modules**  
- Special study: performance  
- Techniques of performance studies  
- Short recital  
- Music of the Americas – politics, indigeneity and performance  
- Documenting performance

**Research opportunities**  
We offer an MA by research option. Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research programmes. Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application. Please contact the Director of Postgraduate Research.

**Research interests**  
Staff specialisms range widely from the Baroque to the present, and encompass popular and commercial music, film music, sound studies, world musics, and music of the Western tradition. Research groupings also centre on Britain, Eastern Europe, the Americas, South east and East Asia, and the ‘Long 19th Century’. Our research methodologies include:

- The social, political, and institutional history of music  
- Music and gender  
- Ethnomusicology – especially Latin America, the Caribbean, Northern Europe, China, and India and its diaspora  
- Historiography, reception history, aesthetics, music analysis, and critical theory  
- Editing and philology  
- Acoustic and studio composition  
- Performance and performance studies  
- Film and media studies
Research facilities
The department has an IT suite with round-the-clock access for postgraduate students, a large number of practice rooms and a small recital room. The new library in the Emily Wilding Davison Building, just a few minutes from the department, holds our extensive music collection. Composers benefit from our industry-standard suite of studios for film/television composition, and performance studies students from a Disklavier.
We have collaborative research activities with other major institutions in the UK and continental Europe. In addition, our staff edit major musicological journals (e.g. Music & Letters, Plainsong and Medieval Music, Twentieth-Century Music, Ethnomusicology Forum) and book series (Cambridge University Press’ Music in Context). We also lead bibliographical projects that underpin the work of musicologists worldwide (RISM UK, Early Music Online, A Big Data History of Music).

Your future career
Our graduates have interesting and successful careers. Many of our research students graduate to full-time academic posts, while others are active in performance, composition, publishing, the media, and teaching.
Philosophy

Philosophy at Royal Holloway offers you an exciting and unique opportunity to study one of the oldest and most fundamental forms of human enquiry.

Profile

• Part of the Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy, we offer an exciting, diverse and unique way to study the subject. Our distinctive programme works across traditional divisions between analytic and continental philosophy, contemporary philosophy and the history of philosophy, and connects philosophy to related disciplines across the arts, humanities and social sciences.

• The research interests of our staff include Hellenistic philosophy, 19th and 20th-century German and French philosophy, analytic philosophy, philosophy of psychiatry, pragmatism, applied political theory and ethics, poststructuralist political thought, and democratic theory.

• We offer taught MA degree courses reflecting our research foci, as well as supervision for an MA by Research and an MPhil/PhD.

Statue of Plato

Courses

MA European Philosophy
MA Modern Philosophy
MA Political Philosophy
MA Philosophy by Research
MPhil/PhD

16th IN THE UK

(Guardian University Guide, 2020)

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“After completing my undergraduate degree in Politics at Royal Holloway and being awarded the Principal’s Masters Scholarship, I wanted to pursue my research interests further. The Political Philosophy course bridges the gap between philosophy and politics to offer an expanse of stimulating topics, engaging events, and a community-driven approach to learning. Being surrounded by dedicated staff and inspiring students has made for a truly memorable experience at the heart of one of the UK’s most stunning campus-based universities.”

Stephen
MA Political Philosophy

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £9,400 per year
International students: £16,800 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/philosophy
MA European Philosophy
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
One of the few MA degrees in the country to specialise in the European philosophical tradition, this programme examines the development of European philosophy from Kant’s critical philosophy through to the Frankfurt School and 20th-century French philosophical movements. Students will take ‘Advanced topics in philosophy’, core modules from among the European philosophical legacy, 20th-century French philosophy, and contemporary continental political theory, and will complete a 10-12,000 word dissertation.

Example modules
• Continental aesthetics
• Identity, power and radical political theory
• 20th-century French thought
• Contemporary continental political theory

MA Modern Philosophy
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This distinctive MA brings the analytic and continental traditions in philosophy into conversation, offering both the conceptual rigour of the former and sensitivity to historical and textual issues of the latter. Students will take ‘Advanced topics in philosophy’, core modules on the European philosophical legacy and legacies of Wittgenstein, and complete a 10-12,000 word dissertation.

Example modules
• Philosophy of psychiatry
• Issues in normative epistemology
• Contemporary continental political theory
• The European philosophical legacy: From Kant to the present

MA Political Philosophy
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This programme offers advanced training in key issues and thinkers in contemporary political thought, from Anglo-American and continental perspectives, including applied analytical political and democratic theory, post-Nietzschean theories of identity and post-identity politics, and pragmatist philosophy. Students will take ‘Advanced topics in philosophy’, core modules from among political concepts, contemporary Anglo-American political theory and contemporary continental political theory, and will complete a 10-12,000 word dissertation.
Other research interests of the group include philosophies of time, the metaphysics of free will and personal identity, philosophy of mind and psychiatry, philosophy of love, applied ethics, philosophy and literature and continental philosophy of religion.

Research facilities
Philosophy is part of the new School of Law and Social Sciences located at the centre of our historic main campus in Egham. The university also has a central London location at Bedford Square as well as several teaching rooms in the University of London’s Senate House. In addition to the substantial library collections on campus, postgraduates also have access to other libraries of the University of London, including Senate House. Philosophy students also benefit from our collaboration with and support from the Institute of Philosophy in the School of Advanced Study in central London, which offers a very wide range of seminars and lectures throughout the academic year.
Physics

As a major centre for Physics research-led teaching in the University of London, our research portfolio has continued to expand from its origins in the late 1800s through to the exploration of today's exciting research directions and involvement in global research partnerships.

Profile

- The latest UK research assessment (REF 2014) confirmed the high international significance of our research.
- We are renowned for research excellence in many areas: particle physics at the LHC, CERN, dark matter searches and neutrino experiments, particle astrophysics, accelerator physics, nanophysics and graphene, quantum matter, superconducting/superfluid physics, quantum computing, as well as theoretical physics.
- Much of our research is carried out in collaboration with other leading universities in Europe and worldwide, creating a vibrant international atmosphere.
- Research is generously supported by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), the European Commission, the Royal Society, the National Physical Laboratory, CERN, the European Spallation Source, SNOLAB, and by industry.

Research at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) CERN

Courses

MSc Euromasters in Physics
MSc Physics by Research
MPhil/PhD Physics

86% RESEARCH RATED 4* OR 3*
WORLD LEADING OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT
(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

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Tuition fees 2020/21
Euromasters UK and EU students: £7,900 per year
International students: £16,800 per year
MSc by Research UK and EU students: £7,900 per year
International students: £17,900 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

“My work combines aspects of both theoretical physics at Royal Holloway with the experimental facilities of the Diamond Light Source. This collaboration has allowed us to probe exotic phases of matter in new and exciting ways. My PhD has allowed me to travel all over the world to discuss ideas with many interesting scientists.”

Luke
PhD in Condensed Matter Physics

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/physics
Euromasters in Physics
Main campus/SEPnet Two year MSc (120 ECTS)
Offered by Royal Holloway as part of its South East Physics Network Partnership. The first year consists mainly of taught courses in the University of London; the second research year can be at Royal Holloway or one of our SEPnet partners. Visit sepnet.ac.uk

Example modules
• Advanced quantum theory
• Particle accelerator physics
• Superfluids, condensates and superconductors
• Dark matter and dark energy
• Physics at the nanoscale

MSc Physics by Research
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Available in any research area, this Masters by research provides a standalone qualification, or foundation for a subsequent PhD degree. We have strong links with leading international facilities and leading research expertise, providing you with a wide range of options.

Research interests
Our strengths range from explorations of the fundamental properties of matter at the lowest temperatures and on nanometre scales to elementary particles at the highest attainable energies.

The Centre for Particle Physics has four areas of focus:
• At CERN, the ATLAS experiment is collecting data produced by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). Our physicists played an important role in the 2012 discovery at the LHC of the Higgs boson and are studying the new particle’s properties. Members are also carrying out studies of the top quark and searching for new physics that goes beyond the current Standard Model, such as quark-lepton compositeness and extra dimensions. The group also plays an important role in computing for the LHC through involvement in the Particle Physics Grid.
• Research centred on the physics of cutting-edge particle accelerators, both for particle physics experiments including the LHC, and for light sources and neutron spectroscopy experiments. This work is being pursued in the John Adams Institute for Accelerator Science, a joint initiative between Royal Holloway, Oxford University, and Imperial College.
• The search for dark matter and neutrino physics with the DEAP/CLEAN and DMTPC direct detection experiments, located at underground laboratories in Canada and the United States respectively. A major goal of this activity is developing beyond state-of-the-art instrumentation for the next generation of dark matter searches in a new laboratory on campus.

The Centre for Condensed Matter Physics includes:
• The London Low Temperature Laboratory studying the emergent properties of Helium, which is a model quantum system. Research projects are available in our MilliKelvin Laboratory on 2D quantum fluids and solids, solid 3He and helium clusters, NMR using SQUIDs and current sensing noise thermometry.
• The Advanced Materials group study fundamental problems including magnetic monopoles, quantum criticality and superconductivity, as well as new materials for energy applications such as thermoelectric and battery materials. Experimental projects use neutron and synchrotron X-ray scattering at the nearby ISIS and Diamond facilities.
• The Nanotechnology group study quantum technologies with the National Physical Laboratory including quantum computation, spintronics, TeraHertz, quantum limited sensors, the electrical and thermal properties of quantum wires and the non–linear properties of the Josephson junction.

The Centre for Theoretical Physics includes:
• Research in theoretical particle physics in the areas of collider phenomenology and astroparticle theory. This includes calculations for the LHC and phenomenological studies of Higgs and electroweak gauge bosons in and beyond the Standard Model. The astro-particle activity includes theoretical developments in dark matter physics, early Universe cosmology and neutrino physics.
• The Hubbard Theory Consortium offers projects in the theory of topological materials, correlated electron systems, superconducting spintronics, high-temperature superconductivity, cold atoms and quantum many-body non-equilibrium physics. Methods include dynamical mean field theory, quantum kinetic transport theory, many-body Green function techniques, density functional theory, and correlated wave function techniques.
• The Materials Simulation group develops and applies electronic structure simulation techniques and algorithms to model the structural, electronic and spectroscopic properties of solids. This activity is based around the CASTEP code and the EPSRC national supercomputing facility, ARCHER, and overlaps strongly with the experimental Advanced Materials group.

Research opportunities
Applications are invited for postgraduate research places leading to the PhD degree in any of the department’s research areas. We invite you to email staff with whom you are interested in working. Staff lists are available on our website. UK and EU postgraduate students can be funded by research council awards or by our studentships.

Research facilities
Major facilities include the University of London Low Temperature Laboratory and Ultra-low Temperature Facility; SuperFab, the UK Centre for Superconducting and hybrid Quantum Systems; the Materials Discovery Laboratory; High Performance Computing Cluster; Accelerator Physics Laboratory, Dark Matter Laboratory, and High Power Laser Facility.

Your future career
Some of our MSc graduates embark on a PhD or obtain positions which they would have been unable to gain with their first degree alone. Many PhD graduates continue in Physics associated research, either in academic or commercial laboratories. Others enter financial institutions, jobs involving computers and communications, or scientific publishing.

SuperFab
Superfab is a world-class nanofabrication centre and a UK national facility focused on the development of superconducting quantum circuits, with applications in next generation quantum limited sensing and quantum computing.

SuperFab is the home of the UK Centre for Superconducting and hybrid Quantum Systems (UK-CSQS). The facility is owned by the Department of Physics at Royal Holloway and operated in collaboration with the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) as an open user facility serving academic and industrial interests.

It is a result of an exciting collaboration between Royal Holloway, NPL and Lancaster University, dedicated to the development of quantum device technology through the application of fundamental phenomena based on superconductivity.

The Centre supports scientists researching superconducting quantum systems, including quantum computation, spintronics, quantum limited sensors and the electrical and thermal properties of quantum wires.

We invite expressions of interest from academic, industrial research projects and SMEs that could lead to new and unique types of ultra-sensitive sensing devices including access for industrial projects to assist with the commercialisation of Quantum technology.

Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/superfab
Politics and International Relations

We are a growing department with academic staff, visiting scholars and over 30 doctoral research students who all play an active role in the department’s dynamic research culture.

Profile

- Postgraduate teaching in the department is research-led, meaning that academics teach courses they research and publish on, making for an intensive and in-depth learning experience. Postgraduate teaching is supported by an intensive research skills training programme, seven active research centres, regular research seminars with guest academics and policy makers. We regularly host guest speakers and run conferences and seminars in which students take an active role. They are mentored by established academics to develop their doctoral dissertations and publishing profiles, as well as learning how to present their research at seminars and conferences outside of Royal Holloway.

- We are part of two doctoral training centres: the Economic and Social Research Council Southeast Doctoral Training Centre with ESRC 1+3 and CASE studentships; we are also part of the Arts and Humanities Research Council TECHNE doctoral training partnership, which funds PhD research in a range of arts and humanities disciplines.

- Our Masters degree courses are also offered at Postgraduate Diploma level (without the completion of a final dissertation) and can be studied on a part time (20 months) or full-time (nine months) basis. Each course consists of core modules, a wide variety of specialist options, and a 10–12,000 word supervised dissertation.

Courses

MA Islamic and West Asian Studies
MA Politics of Development
MSc Contemporary Political Theory
MSc Elections, Campaigns and Democracy
MSc Global Futures
(Course under development)
MSc International Public Policy
MSc International Relations
MSc International Security
MSc Media, Power and Public Affairs
MPhil/PhD

The Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy is home to the Democracy and Elections Centre
“Studying a degree in International Relations was the best decision I ever made. The department has provided me with both academic skills and experiences which will undoubtedly help me build a better future.

Combined with the university’s multiculturalism, the opportunity to make lifelong friends and to join a number of clubs and societies, I am sure my experiences here will help me succeed academically, socially and personally.”

Rubuiya
MSc International Relations

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £9,400 per year
International students: £16,800 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
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More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/politicsandir
MA Islamic and West Asian Studies
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
A joint degree with the Department of History, this MA provides students with a nuanced understanding of Islamic societies and West Asian communities.
Example modules
• Islam and West Asia in international relations
• Political economy of the Middle East
• Israel-Palestinian conflict: A global perspective

MA Politics of Development
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Explore political contexts of international development, international and domestic, in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.
Example modules
• Political economy of development
• Political economy of the Middle East
• Development politics in sub-Saharan Africa
• International public policy
• Global food security

MSc Elections, Campaigns and Democracy
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Theoretical and practical training on the challenges of running a modern election campaign.
Example modules
• Analysing public opinion
• Elections and campaigning
• Governing through the media
• Democracy and citizenship in Europe

MSc Contemporary Political Theory
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
This course is ideal for those seeking a broad-based advanced grounding in contemporary political theory.

Example modules:
• Political concepts
• Contemporary Anglo-American political theory
• Contemporary continental political theory
• Contemporary political thinkers

MSc Global Futures
(Geopolitics and Security pathway)
(Course under development)
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Taught jointly with the Department of Geography. See page 70.

MSc International Public Policy
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
IPP brings together the academic study of International Relations with a practice-based analysis of global policy.
Example modules
• Analysing international politics
• International public policy
• European Union politics and policy
• Public policy practice

MSc International Relations
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
Key issues in international relations and transnational politics, theory and concepts of International Relations.
Example modules
• Analysing international politics
• International public policy
• Media, war and conflict
• US foreign policy

MA Islamic and West Asian Studies
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
A joint degree with the Department of History, this MA provides students with a nuanced understanding of Islamic societies and West Asian communities.
Example modules
• Islam and West Asia in international relations
• Political economy of the Middle East
• Israel-Palestinian conflict: A global perspective

Look at how globalisation influences development in nations such as Kenya on MA Politics of Development.
Example modules
- International security
- US foreign policy
- Media, war and conflict
- Understanding defence

MSc Media, Power and Public Affairs
Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months
In-depth analysis of the changing media environment and its impact on political institutions, citizens’ attitudes and behaviours and public policy.

Research facilities
In addition to the library collections on campus, postgraduates also have access to other libraries of the University of London, including Senate House and the London School of Economics.

Your future career
Our postgraduate degrees help to hone the knowledge and transferable skills which will enable you to pursue a variety of potential careers in the public and private sectors, civil society and international organisations.

Politics and International Relations
is a rapidly-growing department which has appointed world-class researchers who work on a wide spectrum of theoretical and methodological approaches and a broad range of issues and geographical areas. This empirical, methodological and theoretical plurality is reflected in the variety of research centres in PIR, which include:
- The Centre for European Politics
- The Democracy and Elections Centre
- The Centre for International Public Policy
- The Centre for Islamic and West Asian Studies
- The Centre for Politics in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East
- The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group
- The New Political Communications Unit.

The department is very well placed to supervise a wide range of dissertation topics and to deliver research-led teaching.

Study how intergovernmental organisations affect policy-making on MSc International Public Policy.
Psychology

The Department of Psychology is a vibrant research community with an international reputation for leading research. Our dynamic and varied research covers the cognitive and neural underpinnings of social interaction, learning, memory, and language, through to more applied research topics in forensic, clinical, health, and developmental psychology.

Profile

• The latest UK research assessment (REF 2014) confirmed the high international significance of our research, rating 93% of research as 4* and 3* world-class and internationally excellent.
• We offer a lively and stimulating intellectual environment, organised into four partly overlapping research groups: Health and Wellbeing; Social and Affective Processes; Language, Memory and Attention; Perception, Action and Decision-making.
• Our academic staff work at the forefront of their field in areas including cognitive and systems neuroscience, language and memory, and social, clinical, and forensic psychology.
• Research is generously supported by Research Councils such as the MRC, ESRC, and BBSRC, charities like the Leverhulme Trust, British Diabetic Association and Macular Society, industrial investors and companies, academic trusts, healthcare companies, hospitals, and government.

Cutting-edge facilities to augment your learning

Courses
MSc Applied Social Psychology
MSc Forensic Psychology
MSc Clinical Psychology
MSc/Certificate/Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
MPhil/PhD
Tuition fees 2020/21
Home and EU students*: £9,400-£11,600 per year
International students*: £17,900-£19,000 per year
*Fees vary per course. Check website for exact course fees.

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/psychology

“I chose to study Psychology at Royal Holloway because it is known for having an excellent reputation for research quality, and this was very important to me, particularly because research is such a key component driving Psychology as a discipline. The most enjoyable part of the course for me was the empirical project, it was incredibly rewarding.”

Victoria
MSc Applied Social Psychology
Example modules
- The legal and criminal justice context for forensic psychology
- Cognitive, social and neuroscience approaches to forensic investigations
- Young people and families in the criminal justice system

**MSc Clinical Psychology**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This Masters is designed to equip students with knowledge and skills to pursue a career in a mental health setting or in mental health research. You will develop an in-depth understanding of clinical assessment, evidence-based treatment, and wellbeing, and an array of analytical, methodological, and statistical research skills. It is suitable for those interested in pursuing a PhD, a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClin) or a Counselling degree in the future, as well as those who wish to work within a health care setting.

Example modules
- Clinical assessment and treatment approaches
- Professional clinical practice and skills
- Advanced and applied research techniques

**PG Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapy/PD Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iapt) PG Certificate in Behavioural Couples Therapy**
**Based at 7a Woodfield Road, London W9 2NW. CBT is PT 18 months, the IAPT is FT 12 months, and BCT is PT 12 months**
Multidisciplinary courses, in collaboration with the Central and Northwest London Mental Health NHS Trust, aimed at NHS staff from the mental health and allied professions who have the need to use CBT in their everyday work. A suitable qualification in a mental health field or equivalent professional experience, and at least one year of post-qualification experience in mental health work, are required.
Contact: Course Administrator, (020 7266 9580), central-london-cbt.com

**MSc Applied Social Psychology**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This course equips students with knowledge about cutting-edge developments and issues in applied social psychology, and an array of analytical, methodological, and statistical research skills important for a PhD and for jobs in applied settings in commercial and governmental organisations.

Example modules
- Psychology in applied settings
- Intergroup and interpersonal processes
- Adjustment and wellbeing

**MSc Forensic Psychology**
**Main campus; FT/PT; 12/60 months**
This Masters, jointly run with the School of Law, is designed to give students in-depth insights into topical issues and new research in forensic psychology, in line with the British Psychological Society curriculum requirements. Staff from Psychology, Criminology and Law will help you to enhance your critical understanding of psychological theories and evidence relevant to the legal and criminal justice context. The course has strong links with external practitioners to further enrich your studies.
The Department of Psychology is a close-knit learning community

Example modules
- Clinical skills
- Clinical psychology in various populations (children and young people, adults, older adults, learning disabilities and long term needs)
- Adult and child neuropsychology
- Health psychology
- Interventions (cognitive behavioural, systemic, psychodynamic, groups)

Research opportunities
We invite applicants for our PhD programme to discuss possible research topics with a potential supervisor before submitting a formal application. Staff details can be found on our website. Candidates can apply for PhD studentships from the department and from external sources, such as the ESRC-funded South-East Network for Social Sciences doctoral training partnership.

Research facilities
We have a research-dedicated 3T MR scanner for brain imaging, electroencephalography (EEG) for recording brain activity, and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS); systems for recording eye movements, electropalatograph for analysis of articulatory movements, and equipment for measurement of reaching and grasping movements. We also have a test library of psychometric instruments, soundproof testing booths and observation and infant-testing laboratories.

Research groups have frequent seminars in which members present their recent findings, discuss other research and develop ideas and future plans, and host invited external speakers.

Your future career
Graduates are well-equipped to progress to further PhD study, careers in mental health, or to careers in applied settings in commercial and governmental organisations. Previous graduates have entered into a variety of interesting careers, from: Clinical Psychologist in the NHS; program management, HR positions, marketing research; and Research Clinical Psychologist at the Wellcome Trust; to research and academic positions.

We have excellent links with hospitals, schools, social services, industrial sponsors and charities as well as other universities and institutes.
Social Work

We are one of the largest providers of continuous postgraduate social work training in the South East. As part of the School of Law and Social Sciences, our research and teaching derives from the key objective of ensuring that contemporary social work, health and social care policy, and practice can be informed at every level by a sound knowledge and value base.

We are committed to developing critically-reflective practitioners who can provide effective social work provision for the most vulnerable in our society within an anti-oppressive and social justice framework. We undertake a wide variety of commissioned research in the national and international social work and health arena, which underpins our taught courses.

Profile

- Strong partnerships across London offering a great variety of placements in all settings
- Attracts a diverse student group
- Qualified social work academic teaching staff
- Teaching informed by our research
- Taught at our central London campus
- High level of employability within six months of qualification
- A solid grounding in integrating social work theory into practice

Courses

- MSc Social Work
- MSc Advanced Practice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (Step up to Social Work)
- MPhil/PhD

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“During my studies I have been taught to be a critical thinking social worker and to consider the role of power in every situation. I have been empowered to challenge myself and long-held beliefs, assumptions and opinions will be put to the test, and you will come out the other side more refined in your world view, and in your understanding of self. Beyond the class, Royal Holloway will provide you an enriching atmosphere. With students and academics from diverse backgrounds, you will feel a sense of belonging.”

Jeffrey
MSc Social Work

Tuition fees 2020/21
UK and EU students: £7,900 per year
International students: £16,800 per year

Entry requirements and how to apply
See Admissions process on page 124.

More course information and contacts
royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/socialwork
MSc Social Work
Central London; FT; 24 months
MSc Social Work is a degree course for applicants who already have a first degree and want to embark on a career in social work. This two-year course will fully prepare you for a professional career in the statutory or voluntary social work field.
This course runs in close partnership with social work and social care agencies and local authorities, where you will benefit from two practice learning placements – experiencing the world of social work first hand, and learning from direct practice with qualified practitioners, service users, carers and other professionals. Practice-based learning is integrated with university-based teaching and learning throughout the programme.
Example modules
• Human behaviour in the social environment
• Social policy for social workers
• Theories and knowledge for social work practice
• Law for social workers
• Critical social work
• Understanding and working in organisations

MSc Advanced Practice
Central London; PT; 36-60 months
This MSc course builds upon the long-standing partnerships that the department has with employer agencies and service user groups. The course provides professionally and academically rigorous post-qualifying postgraduate social work training that enables you to critically evaluate theory and utilise research findings in relation to advanced practice and leadership. Social work academics are active in research, practice and interdisciplinary work across a range of settings.
Doing the programme, you can specialise in one of the following:
1. Children & families
2. Adults
3. Leadership & management
4. Professional education
Example modules
• Supervision of professional practice
• Understanding personality disorders: implications for parents, parenting and child development
• Risk and decision-making
• Children with harmful sexual behaviour
• Advanced practice in safeguarding adults at risk
• Systemic practice with families and organisations (accredited at foundation level by Association of Family Therapists)
• ASYE & traditional consolidation of practice
• PEPS 1 & 2
Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work
(Step up to Social Work)
Central London; FT; 14 months
Offered as part of the Surrey and South East London Partnership, the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (Step up to Social Work) is a condensed programme of study that leads to a professional qualification in social work. It is similar in content to the MSc Social Work but does not include the dissertation requirement.
This course runs in close partnership with local authorities based in inner and outer London boroughs as well as neighbouring counties where you’ll benefit from two fieldwork placements – experiencing the world of social work first hand, and hearing from service users and carers’ representatives. This practical experience informs and is backed up by university-based teaching.

Example modules
• Human behaviour in the social environment
• Social policy for social workers
• Theories and knowledge for social work practice
• Law for social workers
• Critical social work
• Understanding and working in organisations
For further information see
gov.uk/guidance/step-up-to-social-work-information-for-applicants

Research opportunities
Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research programmes. Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application.

Please write directly to your proposed supervisor. A staff list can be found on our website.
Royal Holloway also offers a Professional Doctorate, developed in collaboration with St George’s University of London and Kingston University. It is a six year, part-time programme with a focus on professionalism in contemporary practice and policy. It is designed to enable those in health and social care to advance professionally through critical and reflexive social science study, undertaking original research and implementing advanced practice.
Our research areas include:
• Inequalities, justice and power
• Contemporary professionalism

Your future career
The MSc in Social Work qualifies graduates for careers in statutory and voluntary social work and graduates of the MSc Social Work and the PG Diploma in Social Work can apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council. Qualified social workers can continue their professional and academic development through taught post-qualifying degrees or research opportunities within the department, e.g. the MSc Advanced Practice. Our Masters courses are a solid basis for further academic research and training such as a PhD or Professional Doctorate.
Fueling innovation in immersive storytelling

_StoryFutures_ is a research and development collaboration into the future of story form and immersive audience experience, made possible by a £6.85 million grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council’s Creative Industries Clusters Programme.

Located at Royal Holloway, in an area with the highest density of creative industries outside of London, _StoryFutures_ brings higher education together with the region’s creative businesses and creative-tech sector. Driving growth and enabling innovative new products, content, services and experiences, Royal Holloway is at the epicentre of digital storytelling innovation in the UK.

Using cutting-edge research in cognitive psychology, neuroscience and media, we test these prototypes and pilots with audiences, fuelling commercial growth and creating enthralling experiences for the public.

Two innovative Masters courses will put you at the heart of the _StoryFutures_ project.

- **MA Immersive Storytelling** (see page 92)
- **MSc Immersive Technology** (see page 62)

[royalholloway.ac.uk/storyfutures](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/storyfutures)
How much does it cost?

Tuition fees
These cover all academic-related costs from teaching and supervision, plus use of library and IT facilities, to assessments (excluding resit, repeat and deferred examinations or assessments) and administration.
Tuition fees vary from course to course and depending on whether you’re a UK resident, live in Europe or outside the European Union.
Students studying part-time are charged a pro-rata tuition fee.
Up-to-date information on tuition fees for all postgraduate courses and any additional costs relating to your chosen course can be found via our website at royalholloway.ac.uk/courses
Information on the fee for your particular course will be included with your offer letter.

Living expenses
Living costs during your time with us as a postgraduate student will vary, depending on your individual needs and lifestyle. We estimate you should think in terms of a range from £11,000 - £13,000 for a single person living on campus per year to cover accommodation, food, personal expenses, study-related costs, and some limited travelling. International students will also need to take account of various settling-in expenses, including arrangements for travel to and within the UK, visas and travel and health insurance.
For more information visit royalholloway.ac.uk/pglivingcosts
Funding your studies

There are many potential sources of funding for your postgraduate studies, so it’s sensible to be organised. Most funding agencies and bodies operate strict deadlines and there is a lot of competition. The majority of postgraduate students don’t gain funding to cover both tuition fees and living expenses, so it’s important to think about how you’ll support your studies. A good starting point is to visit our website to get advice on sources of funding and how to apply.

Potential sources of funding

- Postgraduate student loan
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Departmental Assistantships
- Professional and career development loans
- Employer sponsorship
- Working alongside your study
- Postgraduate Taught discount for Royal Holloway alumni

Scholarships and bursaries

We directly support a number of our taught postgraduate students to differing levels through a variety of scholarships and bursaries, usually awarded for academic success, or excellence in sport or music. Some cover tuition fees while others make a contribution towards the cost of study. Some academic departments can provide access to other awards on offer or can advise on industry-specific funding opportunities (for instance in Psychology). If you’re a Royal Holloway graduate, you can take advantage of an automatic discount on your tuition fees, currently 15% off

*Please check our website for the latest level of benefit.
Opportunities for international students
Financial support is available from a wide range of sources, for instance:
• Royal Holloway Principal’s Masters Scholarships
• Commonwealth Scholarships
• Fulbright-Royal Holloway Award
• US International Foundation Scholarships
• US Federal Student Aid
• Manju Mehrotra Scholarship
Details of these scholarships, qualifying requirements and deadlines for application are provided on our website royalholloway.ac.uk/postgraduatescholarships

Opportunities for postgraduate research students
In addition to Royal Holloway studentships for postgraduate research students covering fees or fees plus maintenance, we also support applications for the following Research Council studentships:
• Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)
• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
• Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)
• Natural Environmental Research Council (NERC)
• Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)
To find out more please contact the Director of PGR Education covering your chosen department, who also will be able to advise on any other studentships specific to the discipline. Alternatively, please contact the Doctoral School or visit royalholloway.ac.uk/researchfunding

“After completing a History degree here and taking a few years out of education, I was delighted to be awarded the Dinah and Jessica Nichols Scholarship. My scholarship has provided the financial support necessary for my studies and I’ve had the opportunity to meet a number of alumni including my scholarship donor. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my studies and feel better equipped for the next stage of my career.”
Robyn, MA History
Entry requirements and how to apply

Entry requirements

We usually ask for a UK Second Class Honours degree and in some cases additional professional experience. We also accept applications from applicants with non-standard qualifications, or in an area different to the one you are applying for. You can find exact course entry requirements at royalholloway.ac.uk/courses. We recommend you speak to our Admissions team via email study@royalholloway.ac.uk or phone +44(0)1784 414944.

Application process

Before you apply

Find out everything you can about the programme you’d like to join.

You may find it helpful to consult:

• our website
• Disability and Dyslexia Services team for advice if you have any special requirements
• Director of Postgraduate Taught Education in your chosen department
• university staff visiting British Council events or recruitment fairs overseas
• our Admissions and Applicant Services team
• a potential research supervisor.

When to apply

We don’t have a formal application deadline for postgraduate study, however, as all programmes begin in September, we strongly advise you to apply as soon as possible, especially if you require a student visa.

If you want to apply for financial support from Royal Holloway or an external funding body, please make sure you know when these deadlines are, as they can differ.

Apply online

Register and set up your Applicant Portal for our online application system, Royal Holloway Direct, at royalholloway.ac.uk/pgapplication.

This easy system allows you to upload all your relevant documents along with your application and you can return to your application as many times as you need before submitting it.

You’ll need to upload:

• one confidential reference, either uploaded by you or directly by your referee
• a copy of your degree certificate and a transcript of your degree study so far
• a copy of your passport photo page and, if you require a Tier 4 student visa, copies of previous UK study visas
• any written or portfolio work required by your department.
Your offer

If we’re able to make you an offer, we will communicate details of this in an offer letter by email, making clear any conditions that may apply (for example achieving a certain qualification).

To guarantee your place, UK or EU students need to pay a tuition fee deposit of £100 and international students £3,000. The deposit is not required if you have a scholarship that covers full tuition fees.

Before you can join us, you must have met Royal Holloway’s general entry requirements. Any specific additional requirements set by the department must also be met before you commence your course.

All qualifications required as part of your offer will be verified before entry.

Decision

You may be invited to an interview by your department before we make a decision, otherwise we consider the information supplied in your application, plus your references and any relevant supporting materials.

Check the status of your application

Once you’ve submitted your application and been given your student ID number, you can track its status at any point.

Log in to your Royal Holloway Direct Applicant Portal – you will be sent a direct link. You should expect a decision from us within four to six weeks.
Terms and conditions of admission

Royal Holloway’s Admissions Policy provides comprehensive details of all aspects of admission to Royal Holloway, University of London, and is available on our website. This document provides you with all the important information you need about our admissions procedures and how your application will be considered. You are advised to read through this document prior to submitting your application.

When you accept an offer of a place to study at Royal Holloway, a legal contract is formed between you and the university. At the point of offer, we will provide you with the Terms and Conditions associated with your admission to Royal Holloway, including links to all relevant policy documents and your rights should you wish to withdraw acceptance of your offer. We advise you to read these carefully before you accept your offer.

If you would like to give us any feedback on your experience as an applicant to Royal Holloway, or if you have any cause for complaint about the way your application was dealt with, details of who to contact are provided in our Admissions Policy document.

This prospectus was edited and produced by Royal Holloway’s Marketing and Communications team. It was published in October 2019 and the information given was correct at that time. It is intended primarily for those considering admission to Royal Holloway as postgraduate students in 2020.

As described in our terms and conditions (found online), occasionally it may be necessary for the university to vary the content and delivery of programmes. The university endeavours to keep such changes and disruption to a minimum, but there is a possibility that changes may occur before or after admission, and differ from what is printed in this prospectus. We advise all applicants to refer to the website prior to making any application.
Our global alumni community

90,000+ ALUMNI IN 165 COUNTRIES

Continuing opportunities and benefits

By joining Royal Holloway you will become part of a family of over 10,000 students, over 1,500 expert staff and over 90,000 alumni working in every field imaginable across the globe. This community is a valuable source of support for your future career. Fellow students and staff are there to support you during your studies and graduates are a valuable network to help you forge ahead in your career, when the time comes. By being part of our lifelong, global network a number of opportunities and benefits will be available to you:

- Access to careers support and resources for two years after graduating
- University and alumni updates and news via our online magazine, e-newsletters and social media
- Invitations to global events and reunions, including concerts and informative lectures
- International alumni groups in many countries worldwide
- Access to exclusive Royal Holloway and University of London services and discounts.
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