



We wish you all the best in supporting your student on their application journey towards studying at a university in the UK. Please get in touch if you have any questions about what Royal Holloway has to offer.

TOP 20
UNIVERSITY
IN THE UK

(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2020)

IN TOP 300
UNIVERSITIES
WORLDWIDE

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2020)

21st IN THE UK FOR
INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2020)

91% OF INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS WERE
EMPLOYED OR
IN FURTHER STUDY
WITHIN 6 MONTHS

(includes EU students across undergraduate and postgraduate courses based on 2018 destinations data)

How to support your international applicant in choosing the right university

These days, there is greater choice than ever before when considering University study. The UK has a lot to offer and parents want to know how best to support their applicant while they are considering where and what to study.

As one of the UK's top 20 universities*, Royal Holloway, University of London has a lot

of experience with the student journey, so we have put together our five top tips to help in deciding on a university, navigating through the application process and moving away from home.

We hope you find these tips useful and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

*(The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2020)



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Our five top tips

Based on the most frequently asked questions that our international team receives from parents, here are our top five tips for supporting an applicant through their journey.

1 Focus on what to study

Help your applicant to narrow down the options of what and where to study. This process can start earlier than expected as the subjects that students choose to study in high school might have an impact on the degrees they can apply to.

Most UK universities have specific subject requirements for admissions to their degrees. These requirements would normally be displayed on the degree page of the university's websites. It is important for students to be aware which ones those are so they talk to their school counsellors to make sure they study them and achieve the grades that they need.

For example, currently if a student wants to study Computer Science at Royal Holloway, this degree requires students to have studied Computer Science, Mathematics, or Physics as a higher level subject in the International Baccalaureate Diploma, apart from achieving the overall grade of 32 points.

Royal Holloway's online [course finder](#) is where you can find more information for all our degrees.



2 Think about location

Do your own research about the location of the university as well as the courses on offer. There are significant differences between cities and regions across the UK.

Royal Holloway is located just forty minutes from Central London by train and Egham has been consistently ranked as one of the safest university towns*.



3 Consider costs and funding

Tuition fees can vary greatly for international students, with individual courses in many cases having different tuition fees. Make sure to check the relevant course fees on the University website to confirm what exact fees may be payable.

Many Universities in the UK offer scholarships, though some of these are very popular and therefore competitive. Scholarships can have a varied range of requirements and may require individual applications. Royal Holloway largely awards scholarships based on academic achievements as well as a supporting statement written by the applicant.

More information on the costs associated with University study can be found on our [fees and funding webpage](#) as well as in our [international student guide](#).



4 View all elements of the application process including deadlines

Be aware of what needs to be done and when, so that you can support your applicant to plan accordingly, allowing some time for them to write their personal statement. As they continue through the journey, note deadlines for further action such as when to accept academic offers, scholarship closing dates, accommodation and visa applications (if required). This is very helpful in taking added stress out of the application process.

The key stages of the application process:

- Step 1:** Application submitted through the UCAS application system. In the UK, students can choose up to five institutions or courses to apply to.
- Step 2:** Students receive offers (or unsuccessful notifications) from the Universities they applied to.
- Step 3:** Students can then see whether there may be specific scholarships that they can apply for.
- Step 4:** Choose a firm, first choice offer and an insurance, back up offer. All other offers which have been made are then cancelled.
- Step 5:** Students apply for accommodation, usually to their firm choice University.
- Step 6:** Student pays their deposits, if required by University.
- Step 7:** Once school examination results plus any English language results are achieved and if deposits have been paid, student should receive the confirmation of place, with issuing of a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number.
- Step 8:** If student requires a visa, they must now apply using their CAS number.
- Step 9:** Once an offer and visa is confirmed, students should book flights and make arrangements to start their studies in the UK.
- Step 10:** Students arrive on campus and join others for the University's welcome week, before commencing studies.

5 Research about the help available to support your applicant with life in a new country

Moving to the UK can be a huge milestone, especially if applicants are leaving home for the first time. However, UK universities are well-known for offering a high level of student support, including dedicated teams to [support international students](#) on arrival and during their time at the university.

Royal Holloway is a friendly and supportive community and we want to help students get the most out of their time at University. Some of the additional support services at Royal Holloway include:

- Health centre** offers GP/nurse appointments, first aid, physiotherapy and psychiatry services
- Careers and employability** for careers planning support and wider guidance on searching for jobs and recruitment fairs.
- Academic support** our Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAs) runs workshops, individual advice and drop-in sessions to help boost academic and study skills.



*The 10 safest places to be a student, Times Higher Education, 2018