Why choose us?

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

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

(\textit{Times Higher Education, REF 2014, Overall ranking of institutions})

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

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

(\textit{The 10 most beautiful universities in the UK' Times Higher Education, 2018})
Vibrant and active community with strong student involvement: 130+ clubs and societies plus quality music, media and performing arts opportunities.

RANKED 29th IN THE UK FOR INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK
(Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2022)

TOP 25 UNIVERSITY IN THE UK
(Guardian University Guide, 2022)

A wide range of courses with flexibility to specialise in areas that interest you.
The health and safety of our entire community is our highest priority. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have taken measures to respond, and you can find out more about our current approach on our website. This prospectus contains general information about what we expect to provide during a typical year. As we continue to respond to the changing nature of the Covid-19 situation, we will make available more detail about study at Royal Holloway in 2022/23 on our website.

Travel directions

**By car**
Use postcode TW20 0EX; visit our website for parking information.

**By rail**
Via Egham station, which is on the Reading to Waterloo line. The station is a 20-minute uphill walk from campus.

**By bus**
University-run buses for students travel regularly between the station and campus (7-12 minutes).
There is a public bus stop just outside our main entry.

**By air**
A car/taxi will take around 20 minutes to travel between campus and London Heathrow airport; a public bus will take approximately 45 minutes (to Terminal 5).
I’m delighted that you are considering advanced study with us, one of the UK’s leading research universities, and in the top 25 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.

Over the last couple of years, world events have meant that all universities have had to adapt. Royal Holloway’s response has focused on maintaining our high standards of academic rigour, support for our community and, importantly, the direct interaction with staff and peers that we know matters most to our students. All this means you can be confident to plan to begin your studies with us.

Royal Holloway has always had a strong sense of purpose, and it’s this determination, and clarity around what we do and why we do it, that gives us the confidence to challenge ourselves and seek answers to global questions. It’s also why we can support you to pursue your own ambitions within your area of interest.

I hope that we will welcome you to Royal Holloway in September 2022.

Professor Paul Layzell, Principal

*Guardian University Guide, 2022
Our history

Royal Holloway was founded by two Victorian social pioneers, both of whom established colleges to make a difference in the world. They understood the life-changing opportunities afforded by education, and were inspired to make those benefits available to women, who were excluded from attending university at the time. They championed inclusivity and academic excellence, and those principles still underpin everything we do today.

Find out about our historic discoveries, notable alumni and academic innovation by visiting royalholloway.ac.uk/about-us/our-history

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.

1851
Royal Holloway College, founded by Thomas and Jane Holloway, is opened by HM Queen Victoria.

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

1886
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 to the University of London.

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

1944
Sir William Hunter McCrea 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.

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.

2012
We are the Olympic Village for Rowing, and our graduate Sophie Christiansen CBE wins three Paralympic Gold Medals. Our particle physicists contribute to the discovery of the Higgs Boson particle.

2017
HRH The Princess Royal visits to officially open the Emily Wilding Davison Building, containing our Library and Student Services Centre.

2019
Professor Dame Ann Dowling, President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, officially opens the Beatrice Shilling Building, a fantastic technology-led facility designed to develop a creative approach to study, collaboration and research.

2019
HRH The Princess Royal visits to officially open the Emily Wilding Davison Building, containing our Library and Student Services Centre.
“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 Digital Documentary and winner of the 2019 Short Form Programme BAFTA

Our research profile

Research and teaching excellence
We are acknowledged worldwide for pioneering work across all sectors of the arts, humanities and sciences. Our focus on challenge-led research, such as immersive and digital technologies, climate change, cyber security and quantum science addresses key issues facing modern society. This focus and our continued investment in first-class academic staff and facilities, lead to innovative partnerships with Higher Education, Government and industry.

National Research Assessment Exercise
Our position as one of the UK’s leading research intensive institutions is confirmed by the results of the latest (at time of printing) 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
Our centres of excellence

Royal Holloway is a member of several Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) and the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security for the Everyday (CDT) within the south east of England that are funded by one of the seven UK Research Councils.

Techne, a DTP of nine universities, funded by the Arts Humanities Research Council, is managed from Royal Holloway. Each year Techne offers up to 60 postgraduate research studentships to outstanding students pursuing the ‘craft’ of research through innovative, interdisciplinary and creative approaches across the arts and humanities.

As well as supporting students during their degrees, after completion of a PhD, it nurtures supportive exchanges and collaborative opportunities with a range of partner organisations, including the National Trust, Historic Royal Palaces and the National Archives, as well as offering a careers programme delivered by The Careers Group.

The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security for the Everyday (CDT) is also based at Royal Holloway. Its main objective is to develop cohorts of multidisciplinary researchers with a broad understanding of cyber security and a strong appreciation of the interplay between technical and social issues. The CDT offers ten scholarships each year to cyber security researchers at Royal Holloway.

StoryFutures is a £9m+ Research and Development collaboration funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council’s ‘Creative Industries Clusters Programme’. StoryFutures fuels innovation and growth in immersive storytelling by sharing cutting-edge research with creative SMEs across multiple disciplines including media arts, drama, psychology, electronic engineering, geography, management, history and computer science. Bringing together leading creative companies, research experts and major organisations like the BBC, The National Gallery and Discovery, it develops and prototypes new ideas to enrich innovation in creative industries.

“I started my PhD in 2017 in partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, studying the large collections of 18th and 19th-century Cinchona bark, from which quinine comes. I was commissioned by Kew to write a book on the natural and social history of tonic water and the origins of the gin and tonic. Just the Tonic was published last November and won ‘Best Debut Drinks Book’ at the Fortnum and Mason Food and Drink Awards 2020. The support from AHRC Techne NPIF and Royal Holloway made this possible, and I really recommend both the scheme and the university, which have been very supportive.”

Kim
AHRC Techne-funded doctoral researcher on a National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Studentship
What is postgraduate study?

Taught courses
Taught courses include a set amount of contact time with a tutor and vary greatly in terms of content. 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
A limited number of departments offer Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates. Upon successful completion of a Postgraduate Diploma, you may be able to progress to a Masters course by completing a dissertation. A Postgraduate Certificate is awarded to students who complete specific modules.

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 but there are some exceptions. Please refer to each department’s pages for full details on duration of individual courses.

Year in business or industry
Some of our Masters level courses offer an option of taking a year in business or industry. We have strong links with companies in the local area plus you can take advantage of wider opportunities; 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. Assessment is also varied. Some courses and diplomas have a mixture of coursework and unseen examinations, while others rely solely on assessed coursework. 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 demonstrating your ability to design and carry out an independent research project. Some courses also include a taught component which must be passed. The Masters by Research provides a good preparation for study at PhD level.

Find the right course
Visit our website for the latest information about courses, teaching and assessment and entry requirements: royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

Narender Ramnani, Professor of Neuroscience in the Department of Psychology uses functional neuroimaging methods to investigate the mechanisms in the human brain that underly higher cognition, learning and the control of action, and contributes to our new MSc in Applied Neuroscience.
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.

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

**Masters by Research**
See page 9

Supervision
Research is supported by one or more supervisors but the final outcome depends entirely on the individual student. The Code of Practice for Research Degree Students and Supervisors 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. 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 courses to help research students develop broader, transferable skills alongside their research, such as training in ethics and academic writing, and presentation and leadership 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 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, and you will be required to take the training if you are teaching without an experienced teacher present. We run a teacher training programme called inSTIL for postgraduate researchers and completion of this leads to the widely-recognised Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA). Once you have settled in to your research, you will have the opportunity to become a mentor to new research students, and obtain the AFHEA recognition.

We also offer opportunities to do some work in schools (via the Brilliant Club scheme) after receiving training in school teaching.

The Doctoral School
This is the key postgraduate research student hub that supports all our research students through the key milestones in their academic journey. It provides a range of dedicated administrative support together with specialist and bespoke services, including researcher development training, fees and funding information and support to enable you to make the most of your degree.

Contact doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk for more information.

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.
First steps
In order to complete a research degree at Royal Holloway, in most cases you will need a supervisor from one of our departments.
You can find out about each of our academic departments in this prospectus, with further details available on our website. You can start the process of applying for a research degree by making informal enquiries to one of our Directors of Postgraduate Education, who will be able to give you more information.
Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/PGdirectors

Funding
There are a number of different ways to fund your research degree, including studentships and sponsorship. See page 32 for more information.

“I chose to study at Royal Holloway for its high quality greenhouse gas research in the Department of Earth Sciences. I really enjoyed working with my research group, and I was also given the opportunity to collaborate with a network of European universities and professors, helping to identify what my options are for the future. I really feel that I made the right choice with my PhD. Not only have I been offered support with my research, I’ve been encouraged to take advantage of everything offered to me, which has helped to develop soft skills such as presenting, essential for my career development.”
Julianne
PhD student, Earth Sciences
Davison Building
Our state-of-the-art building houses the library, Union shop, bank, Event and Exhibition spaces, as well as the Volunteering and Enterprise Hubs and our Student Services Centre, a central point for all student enquiries.

International Building
The International Building is home to our Doctoral Hub, an area for postgraduate research students to study and network.

Founder’s Building
Our beautiful Grade I-listed building is home to 500 students as well as the Chapel, the Picture Gallery which contains Thomas Holloway’s collection of Victorian art, the Victorian Reading Room as well as support services; health, wellbeing and our academic skills support team.

Cafes and bars
Each of the 11 eateries on campus has its own style and character, and there’s something to suit every budget, taste, mood and dietary need.

Map correct at September 2021
Students’ Union Building
Large function hall which transforms from nightclub to fruit and vegetable market throughout the week. The building is also home to the Advice Centre, where students can get free and independent advice on a range of topics.

Sports facilities
The Sports Centre houses a multi-use sports hall, a 60 station fitness suite, an aerobics area and changing facilities.

We also have world-class, floodlit outdoor pitches and courts, which provide all-weather playing surfaces for a wide range of sports.
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 to fit study around 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.

Our home in London

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. New for 2022 is the opening of our renovated, exclusive-use space in Stewart House, which will make another light and airy addition to our facilities in London. These three stunning buildings, all just a few minutes apart, provide an inspiring and vibrant environment to stimulate creative and critical thinking.

Our campus in London provides high quality teaching and learning facilities, which create a positive environment for our students, staff and alumni. Studying here you’ll be taught by our inspiring lecturers in modern seminar rooms with access to breakout areas and common rooms with comfortable seating – great if you need somewhere to relax between teaching sessions. There are simple kitchen facilities available at our Bedford Square base and you’ll have access to further study spaces in Senate House Library.

Bedford Square with Senate House behind
London–based degree courses
In 2022/23, 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 118)

**MA Creative Writing (Fiction Writing, Literary Non-Fiction, Poetry or Poetic Practice)**
(see page 68)

**MSc Digital Marketing**
(see page 38)

**MA Digital Documentary**
(see page 94)

**MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management**
(see page 38)

**MA Producing Film and Television**
(see page 94)

**MSc Project Management**

**MSc Cyber Security Project Management**

**MSc Engineering Management**

**MSc Software Project Management**
(see page 66)

**MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies**
(see page 88)

**MSc Social Work**
(see page 118)

**PGDip Social Work (Step up to Social Work)**
(see page 118)

“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
Being a Royal Holloway student in London

Our central London campus benefits from its own dedicated library and numerous other study spaces. The area boasts several coffee shops ideal for breaks in between lectures, or for study, and the Senate House Library is a great place to settle down to study too.

The Senate House Library, which is the central library for the University of London, houses more than two million books and 50 special collections. There are numerous study spaces available to you and you are naturally also welcome to visit our own library at Egham campus.

Studying in London you are entitled to membership of the Royal Holloway Students’ Union and its various clubs and societies, see page 25.

Accommodation

A small number of rooms are available to full-time postgraduate students studying on our degrees in London, in the University of London’s intercollegiate halls. Visit halls.london.ac.uk for more information. The University of London’s Housing Service, housing.lon.ac.uk, 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 20 for more information).

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

Most postgraduate students find their closest contact is with their departmental advisors and supervisors, and there are a range of academic services on offer to help with your study. At Royal Holloway we are renowned for our 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.

Our Egham campus
As well as for some support services, it may be necessary for you to come to our Egham campus for certain key events during your study. These may include enrolment, examinations and your graduation ceremony and you will be told in advance if this is the case.

You’re welcome 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 also worth a visit as a historic site in its own right and is only 40 minutes by train from central London (see page 4 for travel information).

“The main beauty of digital marketing is the transferable nature of the skillset, which can be applied to any industry or business sector.

I made the perfect decision coming to Royal Holloway, University of London to study for my Masters in Digital Marketing. Location-wise London offers an exciting, diverse and cultured student city, whilst the course provides expert lecturers with the tools, techniques and theory necessary to prepare me to succeed in the dynamic digital marketing industry.”

Katherine
MSc Digital Marketing
Living on campus
For full-time postgraduate students there are a variety of accommodation options available. 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 before the closing dates as published on our website, and if you want to remain in halls after your first year, you’ll need to reapply. We advise you to read our Allocation Policy on the website for full information on applying to live in halls.

Our halls of residence
We offer a wide range of accommodation for postgraduate students in our halls, from shared flats to townhouses with shared or en-suite bathrooms.

Adapted accommodation
If you have a medical condition, we’ll do everything to make sure you’re offered the right accommodation to suit your needs. You will need to register with the Disability & Neurodiversity team as well as submitting an accommodation application. We’ll then be able to assess your needs and allocate a room that works for you.

Accommodation fees for 2022/23

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Please note: All postgraduate halls are self-catered. Availability of rooms, fees, let lengths and terms and conditions may change. See our website for the latest information on accommodation.
“I was slightly worried before starting my course about how living at home would impact my student experience, but I soon found that I had no reason to be. Probably about half the people on my course were living outside Egham or at home, and I found that volunteering on campus was a great way to get involved and meet fellow students.”

Michaela
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 studentservices@royalholloway.ac.uk for current information.

Living off campus
Some postgraduate students choose to live near campus in private sector accommodation available in the local area, such as Englefield Green, Egham, Staines, 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. You can find properties in the local area using StudentPad which is operated on behalf of the Students’ Union. rhulstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation
Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/commuting to find out more about commuting onto campus.

Living in London
If your degree course or research involves work in London you may prefer to live in the capital. Royal Holloway has a small number of spaces 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 private sector accommodation in London. Further information can be found at royalholloway.ac.uk/intercollegiate-accommodation and housing.london.ac.uk
Study facilities

Our library is located inside the flagship Emily Wilding Davison Building, which is at the heart of our campus. It contains helpful services and facilities to support you as a student at Royal Holloway, such as the library, shop, café, Student Services Centre and Careers Service.

Library services and study space

The library provides access to a wide range of digital resources, most of which can be viewed both on and off campus, alongside our extensive collection of printed books and journals.

There are also enquiry and advice services to help you use the library, whether you’re on campus or studying remotely. There is an IT help desk providing a laptop and mobile device support service.

Your Information Consultant will provide tailored information skills training and advice in discovering, referencing and evaluating relevant resources for your subject.

Within the library there are a range of seating options to accommodate different types of studying.

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 use other libraries in the University of London, including Senate House Library, for free, where you can explore a wide range of digital and print resources.
Academic support

Taught postgraduates benefit from a range of useful services to support your study.

Academic skills development

Most postgraduates find their closest contact is with departmental advisors and supervisors. Further support is also available from the Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAS), there to ensure that you can perform to the best of your ability. Our friendly Learning Developers offer a range of useful services with you in mind:

- tailored sessions embedded within your academic modules to help you tackle the challenges e.g., researching for and writing a dissertation
- bookable 1:1 advice on writing within your discipline, and on maths, stats and numeracy
- workshops, courses and self-study resources on key academic and language skills.

English Language support available ahead of your study

If English isn’t your first language and you are looking to boost your language skills prior to studying your Masters with us, we have programmes to help you adjust to studying in an unfamiliar academic setting:

Our Pre-sessional English Language Programme will improve your academic English and help you gain a better understanding of the key skills you need to successfully study at Royal Holloway. For more information, please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/pelp

Alternatively, our Pre-Masters Programmes, which are delivered by our partners, Study Group, help you prepare for your chosen Masters course by covering relevant subject knowledge in addition to improving your language and academic skills. For more information, please visit rhulisc.com

“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 degree assignments, I booked the one-to-one tutorial to help brainstorm and format the argument. CeDAS is really beneficial to students whether local or international.”

Chen-Ju
MA Marketing
Personal support

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

Wellbeing support & guidance
Our triage service provides advice and guidance for all students to support a balanced lifestyle and positive personal wellbeing. Advisors provide support on a wide variety of wellbeing issues and will signpost students to specialised services internally and externally.

Disability & Neurodiversity
We support students with disability, neurodiversity, 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 accommodation) and academic courses. If you think you may need provision like this, we recommend you seek advice from us before enrolment.

Mental health
We have advisors who specialise in supporting both students with a mental health condition and those who have emerging mental health challenges. We work closely with local NHS teams to provide holistic support.

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.

GP surgery on campus
We have an NHS-managed service available to students living in halls or the local area. The medical team provides all standard NHS GP services and is responsive to the needs of a student community.

Hall Life team
The team promotes a happy residential experience for students living in Royal Holloway accommodation and organises social events.

Financial wellbeing
Our advisors provide guidance on budgeting, loans and working while you study. They can also provide financial assistance through the Study Support Grant.

International student support
The team supports students who come to the UK to study at Royal Holloway, providing advice on living and studying, 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.

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

“I was supported by the Disability & Neurodiversity team, who assessed my needs and put in place specific exam access arrangements for me to ensure I had an equal chance to succeed in my assessments. I have since become a Specialist Mentor alongside my studies supporting students navigate through the many challenges associated with their own university experiences.”

Deon
PhD student, Criminology and Sociology and Specialist Mentor
“Royal Holloway has many great qualities including the beautiful greenery of the Egham campus which sends out such a positive vibe. When I came here for an Open Day before beginning my undergraduate degree, I fell in love with the whole campus. It’s so peaceful, yet has so much life. The vast multitude of opportunities on offer is also really impressive, whether it is student engagement, volunteering or societies/sports clubs. The diversity of the people that study here was also important to me as I’m not just here to get a degree, but to have the full university experience. Royal Holloway offers exactly that with opportunities to meet people in all sorts of roles from many different backgrounds and parts of the world, which is great because such exposure helps grow my perspective and broadens my views of the world.”

Maciej
MSc Global Futures: Justice, Development and Sustainability

Chat with Liam

You can find out more about being a student at Royal Holloway by chatting directly to one of our current postgraduate students online. They’ll be happy to talk to you about everything from studying in their academic department and their experience of living in halls to the best places to eat on campus. To start a conversation, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/chat

We also run a range of activities and events throughout the year to give you a taste of Royal Holloway life, either face-to-face at our Egham or central London campuses or online. Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/pgevents
Community
We have a vibrant postgraduate community with 1,700 postgraduate taught and over 600 postgraduate research students.

Perfectly placed
You get the best of open space 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-upon-Thames, 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 around 130 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.

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 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.
Our global alumni community

95,000+ 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 95,000 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 newsletters and social media
- Invitations to global events and reunions, including concerts and informative lectures
- Lifelong access to the university library
- Access to exclusive Royal Holloway and University of London services and discounts
- Access to alumni mentoring opportunities.
Your future career

Career planning and development

Our friendly and experienced staff offer tailored support to help you boost your employability and prepare you for your career ahead.

The Careers Service is available Monday to Friday during term-time and vacations. Students can book one-to-one sessions, CV and application checks and practice interviews, as well as attend skills workshops.

You don’t need to be on campus to get advice from our team from one of our many online services and we will continue to support you for two years after graduation.

We have strong links with a number of high-profile employers, including GCHQ, Wellcome Trust, the Environment Agency, Dell, KPMG, Invesco and Accenture. With our Careers Fairs, Employer Drop-ins, Skills Sessions and Alumni Panels, you will gain an invaluable opportunity to network with potential future employers and get ahead of the crowd.

You don’t need to be on campus to get advice from our team from one of our many online services and we will continue to support you for two years after graduation.

79% in graduate level employment or further study 15 months after leaving Royal Holloway

(Guardian University Guide, 2022)

“The Careers Service has helped me recognise the true employability value of studying for a Masters degree. One-to-one meetings with advisers helped me understand how best to present the skills I have gained as a postgraduate student, and the degree itself, both on my CV and during interviews.

The employability fairs and ‘Meet the Employer’ events were pivotal in my decision to apply to the Civil Service Fast Stream Scheme and throughout my application the Careers Service supported me by providing invaluable feedback in preparation for the final assessment centre.”

Lizzie
PhD student, Economics
Working while you study

There are many opportunities for work on campus and in the local area. Full-time students are encouraged to work up to 20 hours a week during term-time. Students who are studying in the UK on a Student Route 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 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 a large number of job 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 decide, these opportunities not only provide an income but also the chance to develop a range of skills that you can add to your CV.

“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 student, Biological Sciences

*UKVI regulations
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 whether you’re a UK resident, or live overseas. For eligible EU students starting a course with us in 2022, we will award a fee reduction scholarship equivalent to 60% of the difference between the UK and international fee for your course.

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 consider a range between £12,500 - £15,800 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 into account 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
There are many potential sources of funding for your postgraduate studies, so it’s a good idea to review your options early. Most funding agencies and bodies operate strict deadlines and there is a lot of competition, so ensure you allow plenty of time to apply for any funding you require. 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.

External scholarships are also available, with some exclusively for international students. Full details are available on our website but opportunities include:

- Chevening
- Fullbright
- Marshall
- US Federal Student Aid

Other sources of income include:

- postgraduate student loans
- professional and career development loans
- sponsorship from an employer
- part-time job alongside your study (see page 30).
Royal Holloway and other University of London graduates

If you studied your undergraduate degree at Royal Holloway you will receive a 15% discount on your fees for a taught postgraduate degree. If you graduated from another institution within the University of London you will receive a 10% discount on your tuition fees.

Funding opportunities for research students

We recognise that funding can be a barrier for students looking to progress their academic careers via research, so we offer a variety of funding opportunities.

College studentships

These provide funding for fees, maintenance or both (depending on the studentship awarded) and are usually awarded for three years for full-time students and six years pro-rata for part-time students.

Studentships are selected by academic departments and if you would like to be considered you will need to speak to your supervisor or the Director of Postgraduate Education in your chosen department.

If the award is over £10,000 a year then students are expected to assist with teaching or other academic duties for up to six hours a week during term time.

External studentships

Postgraduate Research Students who apply to Royal Holloway may also be eligible to apply for a studentship at one of the following:

- Arts and Humanities Research Council through Techne
- Economic and Social Research Council through South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS)
- Natural Environmental Research Council ARIES
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Council (BBSRC) through London Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme (LiDO)

More information on funding for research degrees is available at royalholloway.ac.uk/researchfunding or you can contact doctoralschool@rhul.ac.uk
Scholarships

We have a generous package of scholarships available for postgraduate students which are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and potential and, for some of our awards, evidence of financial need. Some scholarships cover all or part of your tuition fees while others make a contribution towards the costs associated with being a postgraduate student. The majority of our scholarships are competitive; you will need to submit an online application which gives you the opportunity to explain how a scholarship could help you achieve your academic goals. There are also a number of externally-provided scholarships available which you can apply for to study at Royal Holloway.

You can apply for one of our scholarships once you have received an offer to study with us. Most of our scholarships require you to apply using our online portal, where you will be able to submit an application statement, explaining why you should receive the scholarship, as well as upload any relevant information such as references or academic transcripts.

Visit our website for full details of which scholarships we have available for 2022 entry and information on how and when to apply.

“I was delighted to receive the scholarship, so much so that my first reaction was a squeal of joy on reading the acceptance email! The scholarship has eased the financial pressure that comes with pursuing a Masters degree which means I can double down on my study efforts. It was an indicator to me that Royal Holloway truly recognises those with drive and a desire to succeed in their field.”

Roy
MSc Computer Science student,
Principal’s Masters Scholarship
Departments and courses
Biological Sciences

Internationally recognised for world class research excellence, our department has an active 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 new 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.
- We’re part of the School of Life Sciences and the Environment, advancing knowledge and changing lives.

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 available each year, with funding from UK Research Councils, institutional sources, companies and charities.

Courses

MSc Biological Sciences Research
MPhil/PhD

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INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT
WORLD LEADING OR 76
RESEARCH
RATED 4* OR 3*
% INFLUENTIAL OUTPUT
(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

25 IN THE UK (THE REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

FT (Full-time) PT (Part-time) 12/24 (Months duration)
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
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.
Recent employers include Natural England, Royal Free Hospital, Natural History Museum, London Zoo, Syngenta, Defra and Plantlife International.

“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

Tuition fees 2022/23
UK students*: £7,500 per year
International students*: £27,200 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**
*Fee includes a £3,000 bench fee. 2022 course fee not yet confirmed. Please check website for updates.
**See page 31 for more details

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/biologicalsciences

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
Business and Management

We are an intellectually rigorous, research-led and AACSB accredited 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 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 Logistics and Supply Chain Management
MSc Sustainability and Management
MPhil/PhD

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“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  
- Consumption research methods  
- Marketing communications  
- Services marketing

**MA Marketing**  
**Main campus, FT, 12 months**  
This degree caters for those with 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 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 digital platforms

**MSc Digital Marketing**  
**Central London, 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 distinct commitment to intellectual values.  
**Example modules**  
- Digital brand storytelling  
- Digital consumer in online culture  
- Advertising in a digital era  
- Applied digital research skills

**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**  
- New venture creation and financial planning  
- Entrepreneurial marketing  
- Family and small business management  
- Business 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, communication 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 of 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

The School of Business and Management’s building
MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management
Central London, FT, 12 months
This CILT-accredited degree course, taught in central London, will provide you with the knowledge and skills in logistics and supply chain management preparing you to make a significant contribution in an international marketplace. Advised by leaders from industry, this cutting edge course equips you with the tools necessary to make future supply chains more sustainable, resilient and responsive in an increasingly digital and unpredictable world.

Example modules
• International logistics and supply chain strategy
• Information systems and e-supply chains
• Transport and network design
• Customer service and channel management
• Circular economy and sustainable supply chains

MSc Sustainability and Management
Taught in partnership with the Department of Geography. See page 72.

Research opportunities
We undertake agenda-setting research on management and organisation theory, policy and practice, addressing pressing cultural, social, economic and business challenges. 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 at Royal Holloway.

Key research areas include:
• Sustainability and ethics
• Accounting and accountability
• Macro-marketing and consumption
• Organisation studies

Our research theme groups include:
• Intercultural and international perspectives on management
• Knowledge and organisational learning

“The MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management course has been both enjoyable and intellectually stimulating, with modules designed around modern business practises and industry challenges. Utilising traditional academic methodologies within industry focused topics and assessments, I feel equipped to enter the industry and challenge traditional approaches as I start my career at innocent drinks within the Logistics Operations team.”

Alex
MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management
**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.

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**Your future career**

Our postgraduate business and management degrees can help grow your employability for success throughout your chosen career. Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), this means your qualification is recognised in industry, giving you a competitive edge when applying for jobs.

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

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MSc Digital Marketing students on a field trip to Tate Modern, London
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 with our innovative Classicists.

Profile

• We offer a full coverage of the subject range, with core strengths in oratory, theoretically-driven approaches to Classical literature, digital archaeology, and Classical reception. Our research and teaching is embedded in the contemporary world, seeing Classics as both part of contemporary culture and offering a critical distance from which we can engage with global challenges.

• We offer three intercollegiate taught MA courses in partnership with King’s College London and University College London, with an unparalleled range of modules. We also offer MRes programmes in Classical Reception and Rhetoric, drawing on the expertise of our research centres in the Reception of Greece and Rome and for Oratory and Rhetoric.

• Our courses provide ideal preparation for PhD work or an additional year of advanced study to enhance your undergraduate qualification.

• Part of the interdisciplinary School of Humanities, championing active engagement in a diverse world.

Courses

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

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The colonnaded street in Apamea, Syria photographed in 2004 by Dr Zena Kamash
“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 meant 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 2022/23
UK students: £8,300 per year
International students: £17,600 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23*

*See page 31 for more details

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/classics

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
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 parts of the Mediterranean world, and develop your skills in the techniques of art history and archaeology.

Example modules
• City of Athens
• 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
• Latin epic
• 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.
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 our 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 fiction, 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

Our MA students emerge with high-level research, analytic, and writing skills which equip them for a wide range of careers in, related to, and beyond academia. Recent graduates have gone on to careers in teaching in the UK and internationally, in museum and heritage sector work, and in social and governmental research, as well as in the cultural, media, and creative sectors, legal and financial professions, and tech and information industries.

Career-focused events and training include skills sessions, alumni showcases and Q&As, as well activities run by the School of Humanities and the wider university.
Computer Science

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 host 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.
- We’re part of the School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, delivering world class fundamental research and impact.

Courses

MSc Artificial Intelligence
MSc Computational Finance
MSc Data Science and Analytics
MSc Machine Learning
MSc Computer Science by Research
PhD Computer Science
“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 2022/23
UK students: £12,200 per year
International students*: £22,000-£26,200 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**

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More department information
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Entry requirements and how to apply
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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 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 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 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

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, Foward3D, Gamesys, HACT, Hokodo, 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.

**Code Groovers**
Code Groovers is the commercial software development arm of the Department of Computer Science at Royal Holloway. Staff and students work together to conceive and develop proven software solutions for our clients using state-of-the-art technologies and methods. Our goal is to unleash the capacity of younger computer scientists to create high-quality, innovative software, and to offer excellent value for money solutions to our clients.

**Research interests**
Our research is structured into six centres, some of which are interdisciplinary.

**Algorithms and Applications:** focusing, from a theoretical perspective, on parameterised algorithms and computational complexity and, from applications, in access control in information security.

**Bioinformatics:** addressing areas within Bioinformatics including gene prediction, protein-DNA interactions, reconstructing biological networks from transcriptomic data, and identifying markers in human serum using proteomic data.

**Distributed and Global Computing:** spanning theory and practice, from resilience and security of IoT systems, formal modelling and analysis of cyber-physical systems with applications in security and medicine, to cognitive and autonomous agent systems; and automated planning, scheduling and search control with applications in surveillance, disaster response missions, and space operations.

**Machine Learning:** focusing on fundamental research and commercial industrial applications, including universal prediction, Support-Vector method, probabilistic reasoning, the theory of Kolmogorov and predictive complexity, online prediction with expert advice, transductive inference, reinforcement learning, and computational finance.

**Robust Inference in a Digital Economy:** addressing the opportunities and challenges resulting from the digitalisation of society, from robust inference as the basis for robust decision-making in finance, economics, and other social sciences, to data collection, processing and analysis and big-data technologies.

**Software Language Engineering:** focusing on the theory and application of grammar-based techniques, on verification of automata, on automatic assessment of the reliability and security of software, and on type theory and applications.

**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, and GPU. 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 Services, the department has a dedicated administrator and an academic who coordinates and oversees placements and job opportunities.
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.

• Part of the interdisciplinary School of Performing and Digital Arts, which encourages diverse and collaborative creativity.

Courses

MA Theatre Directing
MA by Research
MPhil/PhD
“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 2022/23
UK students*: £9,800 per year
International students*: £22,000 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23 **
*2022 fee for MA by Research not yet confirmed, check website for updates.
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/drama

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
Example modules
- A director prepares
- Theatre directing
- Making performance
- Director’s log: production and process

MA by Research
Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months
The MA by Research (Drama and Theatre Studies) is a flexible course that allows you to undertake in-depth study (both full and part-time), under the supervision of international experts, on a broad range of subjects, including cultural studies, drama, theatre studies, dance studies, performance studies or comparative topics. The core of the MA by Research is a 30,000 word dissertation on a subject of your choosing, intended to give you the scope to explore your area of interest in real depth and to develop sophisticated critical and analytical research and writing skills.
Research opportunities/departmental research interests
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 our Director of Postgraduate Research Education or write directly to your proposed supervisor. The department has research specialisms in a broad range of international performance contexts including contemporary British theatre, Asian theatre and performance, applied theatre and social engagement, museum and gallery contexts, as well as dance and new technologies. 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 Performing and Digital 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 professional-standard rehearsal studios that include 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, lectures and platform discussions are regularly offered to postgraduates featuring leading playwrights, directors, choreographers and practitioners. In the recent past, these have included Kwame Kwei-Armah, Katie Mitchell, Vicky Featherstone, David Greig, Winsome Pinnock, Simon Stephens, Tim Crouch, Oliver Frljić, Lola Arias, Martin Crimp, Mark Ravenhill and Chris Goode.

Your future career
Our graduates have an excellent record of employment, and the training programme offered by our MA Theatre Directing 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

- 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.
- 94% of our research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014).
- 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.
- We’re part of the School of Life Sciences and the Environment, advancing knowledge and changing lives.

Fieldwork develops important skills for earth scientists

Courses

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

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“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

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More department information
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Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
**MSc Energy Geosciences**

**Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months**

The MSc in Energy Geosciences provides you with the ideal training for a career in the hydrocarbon and renewable industry and growing low carbon energy industry. The flexible course structure enables you to select from a range of course modules to tailor your learning to your own preferences and ambitions on the Petroleum Geosciences or the Sustainable Georesources pathways. The course covers different aspects of basin formation and subsurface characterisation and it is partly taught by, and closely associated with, a large number of international energy companies as well as many local consultancies. A PG Certificate in Energy Geosciences is also available for direct entry.

**Example modules**

- Reservoir geosciences
- Sedimentology and stratigraphy
- CCS and subsurface energy storage
- Geothermal energy
- Petroleum systems

**MSc Petroleum Geoscience by Distance Learning**

**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.

You can 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, Syngenta Prize for most improved performance, 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

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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.

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.

Your future career
Our Masters degrees have earned a strong reputation in industry for premier training, making our graduates highly employable within the sector. Our MSc Energy Geosciences programme has run since 1985, and we are recognised worldwide as one of the energy industry’s excellent training facilities, having helped graduates from across the world progress into rewarding careers. There is huge demand for well-qualified energy geoscientists, and you’ll graduate as a highly desirable candidate for employers in a variety of energy sectors.

Our MSc Environmental Diagnosis & Management has outstanding links with the environmental sector through the contributions of professional practitioners, case studies, study visits, and research projects. We have new employer placement links each year and particularly strong links with Arup, Atkins, CEH Wallingford, and Syngenta. The MSc offers excellent vocational and research training and career preparation for environmental jobs, research or academia. Graduate destinations include Arup, Atkins, AECOM, Golder and WSP.
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 by 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 leading UK and international universities.
• Students benefit from considerable individual attention from our staff.
• Part of the School of Law and Social Sciences, focusing on social inquiry, democracy, justice, human rights and economic development.

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

London - just 40 minutes away by train - and its financial district

Top 10

UK Economics Departments

(The, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

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“Studying a Masters in Finance at Royal Holloway has given me a great sense of direction. The opportunities available to me, from guest speakers and networking events to inter-university trading competitions, have allowed me to discover where my true passions lie. Additionally, the standard of education provided in the course is of the highest order and you can be sure that it will challenge you in a deeply intellectual manner. My overall experience of this MSc and Royal Holloway has been extremely positive thanks to both my lecturers and peers and I cannot recommend it highly enough.”

Gabriel
MSc Finance

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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/economics

Entry requirements and how to apply
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MSc Corporate Finance
Main campus, FT, 12 months
This course 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.
This degree has been designed to help you prepare for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam.

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 Masters 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
- Microeconomic theory
- Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Advanced topics in macroeconomics
- Advanced topics in microeconomics

MSc Economics (2 year)
Main campus, FT, 24 months
This course is designed for students who would like to study economics but who have an undergraduate degree in a different subject. The first year consists of advanced undergraduate-level modules which provide the foundations of microeconomics, macroeconomics and quantitative methods, as well as some optional modules. Having passed the first year you will progress to the MSc Economics (above).

Example modules
See above and royalholloway.ac.uk/courses
MSc Finance (1 year)
Main campus, FT, 12 months
This 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. It will provide you with training from a practical as well as a theoretical point of view with the aim of enhancing your employability.
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
• 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 MSc Finance. Having passed the first year you will progress to the full degree (above).

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

Research opportunities
Our department produces world-class 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)
• Centre for Macroeconomic and Labour Economics (MaLEc)
• Centre for Mathematical and Theoretical Economics (MATE)
• Centre for Research in Economics Education

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 new building is kitted-out with state-of-the-art equipment.
- The department has an equality ethos, attracting a greater than UK average proportion of women students, within an inclusive environment.
- Our excellent location in the South East facilitates links with the majority of leading UK-based electronics companies.
- Our courses are taught by experienced practitioners and 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.
- We’re part of the School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, delivering world class fundamental research and impact.

Courses

- MSc in Engineering Management
- MSc Project Management
- MSc Project Management (Distance Learning)
- MSc Cyber Security Project Management
- MSc Software Project Management
- MSc by Research in Electronic Engineering
- MPhil/PhD in Electronic Engineering

The Beatrice Shilling Building
Tuition fees 2022/23
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EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**
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“Creating and integrating a challenging mission in the field of photovoltaic research is an exciting investment to make. Pursuing my PhD with the best available research resources in this department has been a happy experience, helping me to facilitate designing Thin–film solar cell nanostructures with new generation materials for high power efficiency.”

Maria
PhD in Electronic Engineering

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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/electronicengineering

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
MSc in Engineering Management  
Central London, FT/PT, 12/24-60 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 Project Management  
Central London, FT/PT, 12/24-60 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. Industry connections have informed the design and content of the course to meet the demands of employers across competitive global markets. The course will equip you with practical tools and skills, together with an understanding of the academic theories underpinning them. You will learn about basic and advanced project management concepts, strategy and ethics, the funding of projects and risk management, finance and accounting and gain an understanding of the challenges of managing projects in different industries.

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

MSc Project Management by Distance Learning  
Distance Learning, PT, 24-60 months  
The MSc Project Management by Distance Learning is available 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. Visit london.ac.uk/courses/msc-project-management.

MSc Cyber Security Project Management  
Central London, FT/PT, 12/24-60 months  
This new Masters is taught by experienced practitioners from the digital and information security sector. In an area with considerable job growth, you will develop a clear understanding of the risks posed by cyber threats and methods to combat them. You’ll acquire a strong skillset by studying the Prince 2 qualification, practical knowledge of project management, an in-depth understanding of Agile (software development) methodology, and the ability to interact with developers.

MSc Software Project Management  
Central London, FT/PT, 12/24-60 months  
This new software industry-focused degree opens up digital sector job opportunities to students with non-technical backgrounds. If you are a finalist or recent graduate in any subject wanting to boost your employability, this innovative course will develop your knowledge and skills to provide a pathway to success in the digital era.

“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
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, and 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.

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, and researchers across other departments and industry. Groups host regular research seminars and 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 courses 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, 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 their organisations and into senior management positions or change career paths.
English

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.
• Postgraduate students enjoy a varied and lively research culture at both our London and Egham campuses. The Centre for Victorian Studies and the London Old and Middle English Research Seminar (LOMERS) host international scholars presenting on their current research. 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, the Old and Middle English reading groups, readings and performances from our Creative Writing students and internationally recognised staff: these are just a glimpse 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.
• We are part of the interdisciplinary School of Humanities, championing active engagement in a diverse world.

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

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(Times Good University Guide, 2022)
1st IN THE UK FOR CREATIVE WRITING
(Guardian University Guide, 2022)
“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
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, fiction writers and those interested in experimental non-fiction prose 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 modules in Medieval literature, 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 Drama, 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
• 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.

Taught in one of the most flamboyant and beautiful buildings of Victorian Britain, and housing one of the finest private collections of Victorian art, you can enjoy a true immersion in a vibrant 19th-century atmosphere, supported by the exciting guest lectures and symposia of the Centre for Victorian Studies.

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.
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 Masters 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 Victoria 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.

available at Royal Holloway, 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 our 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 Old English 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, George Eliot, 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.
Geography

As a leading centre for geographical research and teaching, we have earned international recognition for advancing understanding of the challenges facing contemporary culture, the economy and the environment.

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.

• We’re part of the School of Life Sciences and the Environment, advancing knowledge and changing lives.

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

Environmental and social sustainability research

100 % OF RESEARCH IMPACT IS 4* OR 3* INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT

(Research Excellence Framework, 2014)

2ND IN THE UK FOR WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

(The REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

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UK students: £8,300-£9,800 per year
International students: £17,600-£20,000 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23*

* Fees may vary per course, see website
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Geography

“This Masters felt like a natural progression after I studied Geography here as an undergraduate. There’s a close community and many of the lecturers are actively researching the areas of Cultural Geography I’m interested in. The coursework is so broad, with freedom to write about what interests you, and seminars facilitate debates around themes I hadn’t previously considered. It definitely opens up your mind to new ways of thinking, both about our current world, and its possible futures.”

Georgia
MSc Global Futures: Culture & Creativity

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/geography

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
MSc in Global Futures
Main campus/central London, FT/PT, 12/24 months
This 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 infrastructural 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.

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.

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 38) 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
This 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 ideal 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. 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.

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 promotes interdisciplinary research based on three themes of major importance for understanding Quaternary environmental change: the dynamics of global change; the human dimension of environmental change; and 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 earned 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 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.
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).
Health Studies

The Department of Health Studies is advancing new and established areas of teaching and research excellence allied to healthy communities. By focusing on the wellbeing of people and the environment, we can engage with fundamental challenges and build healthy and resilient societies.

Profile

- Our young and dynamic department builds on world-class research and interdisciplinary collaborations between Health Studies and a number of departments and schools at Royal Holloway. We also work with leading health and environmental organisations, including Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew and the Harvard-led Planetary Health Alliance (the Northern European Hub is coordinated from Royal Holloway).
- We offer a portfolio of closely-related Masters courses designed around supporting healthier populations and healthier environments.
- Our students will become leaders, innovators and influencers across boundaries, equipped to address the equity issues in our global community with a robust understanding of the links between healthy environments and healthy people.
- Our transdisciplinary approach will develop nature-based approaches to society’s most pressing challenges through behavioural, technical and evidence based solutions that outline the value of good health to national and global economies.
- We’re part of the School of Life Sciences and the Environment, advancing knowledge and changing lives.

MSc Food Security, Sustainability and Biodiversity*
(in partnership with Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew)

MSc Global Health: Human Health and the Environment*

MA Global Health: Society, Culture and Behaviour*

Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months

These exciting new degrees connect knowledge to global health-related challenges, and solutions based around creative and flexible thinking and interdisciplinary education. Each course includes experiential learning and placement-based trial and error experiences, independently and in teams, including interdisciplinary settings. For full course descriptions please refer to our website.

Courses

MSc Food Security, Sustainability and Biodiversity

MSc Global Health: Human Health and the Environment

MA Global Health: Society, Culture and Behaviour

MPhil/PhD

*Degrees under development for 2022 entry
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. You will find staff details on our website.

Research facilities
The department has a wide range of research facilities 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
You will graduate with the knowledge, transferable research and employability skills that will make you a highly desirable candidate for employers in a variety of sectors. From roles in public health advice, voluntary services, wellbeing counselling, and community development projects to planetary health organisations and ecology, your degree can lead you to a rewarding career in a diverse world.

“Our students join an ambitious department which is well connected and integrated into close and far communities. You will benefit from individual attention, stimulating teaching to inspire and challenge you, and the flexibility to explore your own interests.”
Professor Alex Palombi
Head of Department

Tuition fees 2022/23
Please refer to our website for fee information

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/healthstudies

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
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 in the department, 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.
• We are part of the interdisciplinary School of Humanities, championing active engagement in a diverse world.

MA Public History students on the rooftop of Hampton Court Palace during a field trip.

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 Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
MA Medieval Studies
MA Public History
MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture
MA by Research
MPhil/PhD

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(THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2014)

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(Guardian University Guide, 2022)
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International students: £17,600–£18,800 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23*
*See page 31 for more details

“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

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/history

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
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
• (Micro)Histories of race in North America
• Culture Wars: A genealogy of the European civil wars, 1917–1947
• Looking at the Victorians: Visual and material culture in Britain, 1837–1901

MA History: Gender Histories*
Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months
Taking advantage of Royal Holloway’s longstanding research specialization in 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
• Breaking Waves: histories of feminism in Britain
• Narrating queer gender and sexuality in the 20th 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
• Economy of Classical Athens
• Hellenistic Encounters with Egypt
• Diasporas, Minorities and Refugees in 20th century Europe and the Mediterranean
• 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? Muslims in the West
• 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 an innovative and public-facing research-based project.

Example modules
• Pathways to the past: public history in theory and practice
• Nothing about us without us: The Power of Oral History
• Communicating History: Radio, Podcasts and Social Media

*Applications should be made to MA History.
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 Greek Diaspora Studies, Centre for Global South Asia, Centre for the Study of the Body and Material Culture, Holocaust Research Institute and London Centre for Public History.

To enquire about MPhil or PhD study, please contact our 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 MA graduates have embarked on a range of rewarding careers, making excellent use of the skills provided by their postgraduate training in History. Destinations include PhD programmes in the UK and abroad, the legal profession, management-level banking and business, the diplomatic service, the fast-track civil service and local government, teaching at school and college level, television production companies, and archives and heritage organisations such as the National Archives, the Houses of Parliament, the National Trust, the Imperial War Museum and a range of medium-sized local museums.
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 NCSC-certified status.
- The ISG’s Smart Card & IoT Security Centre is supported by industrial sponsorship and conducts specialist training and research.
- Part of the School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, delivering world class fundamental research and impact.

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
- Secure business architectures
- Social foundations of security and privacy

PhD Programme

FT/PT 3-7 years (CDT 4 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 and protocols, network security, smart cards, fundamental research and impact.

Courses

- MSc Information Security
- 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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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.

Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security

The CDT was established at Royal Holloway in 2013, with funding from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (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.

“TI chose Royal Holloway because it is one of the respected and recognised information security groups in the world. It was the best fit to give me the most important information within a year, and it’s also accredited. It has been exactly as I wanted. The lecturers are absolutely brilliant, always ready to share information and discuss with you. If we the students don’t have questions, they get kind of disappointed!”

Ayobami
MSc Information Security

**Tuition fees 2022/23**

UK students: £12,200 per year
International students: £26,200 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23*

*See page 31 for more details

**Entry requirements and how to apply**

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

More department information
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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 intellectual activities in the department and in the School of Humanities more broadly. These include our #Glossa reading group, postgraduate research work-in-progress sessions, and a Postgraduate Colloquium, in which research students deliver papers and hear from a renowned keynote speaker.

• We are part of the interdisciplinary School of Humanities, championing active engagement in a diverse world.

Courses

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

MPhil/PhD

Bautzen, Germany by student Hannah Marshall
“The level of independence and flexibility I am afforded while conducting postgraduate research is supplemented by supervision from leading experts. I have the opportunity and privilege to be challenged and to challenge, to cause change and be changed. My journey from MA to PhD study at Royal Holloway has been tremendous, encouraging my individual development and continuing to shape how I contribute to my field of interest. Beyond what I could have imagined for myself, postgraduate study at Royal Holloway has provided so many exciting possibilities and opportunities, including access to brilliant resources and life-changing encounters.”

Renée
MA by Research and PhD, Comparative Literature and Culture

Tuition fees 2022/23
UK students: £4,500 per year (2021 fee)*
International students: £21,500 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**
*2022 fee not yet confirmed. Check website for updates.
**See page 31 for more details

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

More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/languages

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
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.

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 School of Humanities’ postgraduate research training scheme, which gives all students the opportunity to gain teaching experience.

To enquire about MPhil or PhD study, please contact our Director of Postgraduate Education (Research) or your proposed supervisor.
Research interest
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
Students will be able to take part in our postgraduate research training programme which focuses on developing transferable skills applicable to a wide range of careers, and is run by staff from across all four departments in the School of Humanities. In recent years our postgraduates have gone on to successful academic careers in the fields of modern languages, critical theory and film. Alumni have also embarked upon other interesting careers in the UK, continental Europe and the United States – including working in government, journalism, work for NGOs, trade sales, publishing, professional translating, teaching, museum curatorship, creative arts, and librarianship.

Parisian café by student Caroline Goethel
The Department of Law and Criminology's 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.

- Teaching informed by research
- Enabling employment opportunities
- British Psychological Society accredited*

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.

- Providing a foundation for continuing professional development
- Part of the School of Law and Social Sciences, focusing on social inquiry, democracy, justice, human rights and economic development

* MSc Forensic Psychology

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**Courses**

- MA Consumption, Culture and Marketing
- MSc Forensic Psychology
- MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies
- MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice (Distance learning)
- MSc Psychology Law (Distance learning)
- MPhil/PhD
“I chose this course as it is one of few in the country that is being offered as a Master of Science, I was also drawn by the fact that I had the opportunity to be taught by leading subject experts in the centre of London. I’ve gained extensive knowledge from various fields such as international relations, politics, psychology, criminology, and law and also had the opportunity to explore my own interests through the various optional modules on offer.

Studying the course offered numerous meetings with professionals from the industry, which led me to form my own connections too.”

Laura
MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies

Tuition fees 2022/23
UK students*: £8,300-£12,200 per year
International students*: £18,800-£22,000 per year
EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**
*Fees may vary per course, see website.
**See page 31 for more details

More course information and contacts
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/lawandcriminology

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
MA Consumption, Culture and Marketing
Taught in partnership with the School of Business and Management. See page 38.

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 114) 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 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies
Central London, FT/PT, 12/24 months
This course is aimed at students who seek 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 is the course for you if you wish to develop a research career in terrorism and counter-terrorism studies or are working in, or wish to work in, the security or policy sectors. Alongside the formal lectures and seminars, you will hear guest speakers from the research community, as well as the private and public sectors. The interdisciplinary nature of this course draws on the interlinkages between criminology, law, psychology, international relations, and sociology.

Example modules
• Debates in terrorism studies
• Debates in counter-terrorism studies
• Contemporary forms of terrorism
• Psychology of terrorism
• History of terrorism

Please be aware that some of the optional modules on this course are taught at our Egham campus.

MSc Criminology and Criminal Justice by Distance Learning

MSc Psychology Law by Distance Learning
Distance learning, PT, 24-60 months
Both these courses are designed for individuals who are interested in important debates around criminal behaviour, penal policy, public safety and social justice. Applications must be made through the University of London International Programmes website. Visit london.ac.uk/criminology-psychology-law.
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.
• Crime and Punishment: multidisciplinary staff work on areas across criminal justice, prisons, risk regulation, and notions of harm and violence.
• Families and Children: including 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
Our flexible programmes combine core teaching with specialised modules and the transferable skills that today’s employers are looking for. In partnership with the university’s Careers Service, we help you to market yourself effectively in your chosen career. Our graduates pursue a broad range of professional careers:
• Public policing and private security
• Probation and offender management
• Forensic services
• The court service
• Policy development and analysis
• Government services and departments
• Offender rehabilitation and reintegration
• Higher education and academic research
• Non-profit organisations supporting youth and adult offenders
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 learning community.

Profile
- Mathematics scored exceptionally highly in the UK Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), with 91% of our research rated as world-class or internationally excellent.
- The department has a dynamic community 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 PhD students organise their own weekly seminar and reading groups alongside departmental seminars to expand on key areas.
- The department has strong expertise in information security, and plays an active part in the Information Security Group (see page 82).
- 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.
- Part of the School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, delivering world-class fundamental research and impact.

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.
We have 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 a limited number of funded studentships for qualified candidates.

Research interests
Algebra, in particular group theory; Discrete Mathematics and its Applications

Courses
- MPhil/PhD Information Security
- MPhil/PhD Mathematics

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Mathematics

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

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.

Tuition fees 2022/23
See website for more details

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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/mathematics

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
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.
• Part of the interdisciplinary School of Performing and Digital Arts, which encourages diverse and collaborative creativity.

Courses

MA Digital Documentary
MA Immersive Storytelling
MA International Media Management
MA Producing Film and Television
MA Screenwriting for Television and Film
MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production
MPhil/PhD

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Exploring digital storytelling
“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
MA Digital Documentary  
**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 course is 100% 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**
- Documentary Authorship
- The Innovation Lab
- Major documentary dissertation

MA Immersive Storytelling  
**Main campus, FT, 12 months**  
Augmented and virtual reality have exploded globally in recent years as artists, businesses and the media have all adopted immersive production techniques to tell their stories. This is an industry-focused, hands-on course that will give you the knowledge and tools to create your own immersive work, learning from some of the leading immersive storytellers in the UK. Part of the National Centre for Immersive Storytelling, Royal Holloway is the perfect place for the storytellers of tomorrow to study this innovative MA.

**Example modules**
- Digital creative industries: Interactive, immersive, innovative
- Immersive storytelling form and practice
- Immersive technologies

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 and creativity

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**
- Production study
- Digital media marketing
- Media industries report

MA Screenwriting for Television and Film  
**Main campus and central London, 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 development
- International media finance
- Production of a short film and web series
- Production management
- Marketing and media law

MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production  
**Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months**  
If you’re an independent researcher who wants to move onto a PhD or just interested in what further study might look like, then 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 our 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 creative industries and the academy. Our postgraduate students have gone on to become award winning directors, writers, editors, animators, producers and commissioners. Some of them have gone on to work at the BBC, ITV Studios, Channel 4, Netflix, Amazon, Tencent and iQIYI.

Recent graduates have been nominated for and won many awards, including The London International Film Festival, BBC Storyville, International Women’s Film Festival, Open City Docs, CineGlobe, The One World Media Award and an EMMY. Our graduates have an excellent professional reputation that has led to an international network for professional opportunities and support.
Music

The Department of Music 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 sound studies 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.

- Part of the interdisciplinary School of Performing and Digital Arts, which encourages diverse and collaborative creativity.

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

5th IN THE UK FOR MUSIC
(Times Good University Guide, 2022)

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Royal Holloway Music Department
“My experience as a Music student at Royal Holloway has been eye-opening and gratifying. Although, for me, a portion of lectures has been conducted online because of the pandemic, they are thoughtfully designed to be engaging and stimulating for students. Moreover, being the Soprano choral scholar of the Chapel Choir, I have been moved and inspired by the professional and heart-warming rehearsals and performances we had. I’m thankful for the precious opportunity to further my passion for music here! It is undoubtedly an ideal place for music-lovers to pursue further studies.”

Mandy
MMus
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
• 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 our Director of Postgraduate Research.

Research interests
Staff specialisms range widely from the 17th century to the present, and encompass popular and commercial music, film music, video games, sound studies, world musics, and music of the Western tradition. Research groupings also centre on Britain, Eastern Europe, the Americas, South/East Asia and the ‘Long 19th century’. Our research methodologies include:

• The social, political, and institutional history of music
• Music and the environment
• Music and social justice
• Music and gender
• Ethnomusicology – especially Latin America, the Caribbean, Northern Europe, South/East Asia and India and its diaspora
• Historiography, reception history, aesthetics, music analysis, and critical theory
• Acoustic and studio composition
• Performance and performance studies
• Film and media studies, including game music
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. Our modern on-campus library holds our extensive music collection, whilst composers also benefit from our industry-standard 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, arts administration, the media, and teaching.
Many of our former students go on to begin jobs in the sector with a raised sense of community engagement and social enterprise. Additional interesting careers and fields our graduates have found a calling in include ensemble directorship, media and copyright law, and arts advocacy.

Royal Holloway Chamber Orchestra performing alongside the London Mozart Players at St John’s Smith Square, London, 2018.
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.

• We are part of the interdisciplinary School of Law and Social Sciences that brings together research focusing on social inquiry, democracy, justice, human rights and economic development.

Courses

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

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15th in the UK for Research Intensity
(Complete University Guide, 2022)
“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
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 trajectory: From Kant to the present

**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. Studying this course you will take ‘Advanced topics in philosophy’, core modules from among the European philosophical trajectory: From Kant to the present, 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. Studying this course you will take ‘Advanced topics in philosophy’, core modules on the European philosophical trajectory: From Kant to the present and legacies of Wittgenstein, and complete a 10–12,000 word dissertation.

**Example modules**
- Contemporary political thinkers
- Identity, power and radical political theory
- Cultivation of the self
- Political concepts

**MA Philosophy by Research**

**Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months**

The MA by Research allows you to conduct independent research culminating with a 40,000 word dissertation. Research is supported by one-to-one supervision with a member of the Philosophy team.

There are no mandatory modules, but students on the course are welcome to attend modules from the taught MA degrees.

**Bradley de Glehn Scholarship**

The scholarship was established by Mrs Ernest de Glehn in memory of her brother, AC Bradley.

Two scholarships are available for full or part-time postgraduate students studying for a taught Masters course in the Department of Philosophy.

The scholarship is offered as a tuition fee reduction and more information can be found at [royalholloway.ac.uk/postgraduatescholarships](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/postgraduatescholarships)
Research opportunities
We offer advanced research training through our MPhil/PhD programme. Philosophy is part of the AHRC-recognised TECHNE doctoral training consortium and our students are able to apply for fully-funded studentships and bursaries, as well as studentships offered by Royal Holloway. We ask applicants to discuss their research projects with us in advance of a formal application by contacting your proposed supervisor. See contact details on our website.

Research interests
The department has a wide-ranging research profile. In ancient philosophy its focus is Hellenistic thought and particularly Stoicism, and its reception in later periods. Other historical interests include the origins and development of German idealism, and particularly its impact on 19th and 20th-century French philosophy.

In contemporary philosophy, our research incorporates both Anglo-American and European political theory, and includes focus on democratic theory, theories of power and identity, and issues in applied political thought, especially toleration, free speech, citizenship and cultural diversity. We also have an established strength in pragmatist philosophy, both its late 19th-century origins and contemporary debates concerned with religious belief, scientific knowledge and democratic pluralism. Finally, the department has strengths in 20th-century phenomenology and poststructuralist thought, and particularly the work of French poststructuralist thinkers Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari.

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 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 Royal Institute of Philosophy and the Institute of Philosophy in the School of Advanced Study in central London, which offer a very wide range of seminars and lectures throughout the academic year.

Your future career
Philosophy degrees are well regarded by employers as they give you the capacity to think through issues and problems in a logical and consistent way and to develop critical and transferable skills, which can be applied in almost any area of employment.

Our graduates have gone on to careers such as teaching/lecturing, research, communications, consultancy and policy. Recent destinations include McKinsey and Company, Amazon, Citizens Advice and the Department for Transport.
Physics

Our department is a vibrant and dynamic centre for Physics research with research activity traceable back to the establishment of the institution in the late 1800s. Today we deliver our own individual research leadership and lead national and international research partnerships at the cutting-edge of the most exciting fields in physics.

Profile

• Our research portfolio is broad based and world-leading, ranging from theoretical and experimental work in fundamental curiosity driven research to developing practical solutions for today’s most important scientific and social problems.

• Much of our research is carried out in collaboration with other leading universities and laboratories in Europe and worldwide, including CERN, the European Spallation Source, the National Physical Laboratory and high tech industry partners.

• Strong funding support is provided by the leading national and international science funding agencies, including the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), Innovate UK, the European Commission and the Royal Society.

• We’re part of the School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences, delivering world class fundamental research and impact.

Research at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) CERN

Courses

MSc Physics by Research
MPhil/PhD Physics

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

10th IN THE UK
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT
(Guardian University Guide, 2022)

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“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

Tuition fees 2022/23
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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/physics

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
MSc Physics by Research

Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months

Available in any research area, our Masters by Research provides in-depth research experience and training leading to a qualification that can be used to gain advancement in a chosen career or to underpin subsequent Doctoral level studies. Suitable for applicants with a Physics background, usually holding a BSc qualification or looking to build on relevant career experience.

PhD Physics

Main campus, FT/PT, 36 - 48 months

Available in any research area, Doctoral level study provides the career defining qualification in research and development for academia or industry. A PhD in Physics develops lifelong transferable skills that underpin any career, whether scientific, technological, managerial or unique. A prior MSc qualification at 2(i) or 1st class in Physics, or MSc at Distinction level in Physics, is required for entry.

Research interests

Activities in Particle Physics have three broad areas of focus:

• At CERN, the ATLAS experiment collects 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 properties of the new particle. Our scientists 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 centered on the physics of cutting-edge particle accelerators, both for particle physics experiments including the LHC, and for light sources and neutron spectroscopy experiments and applications in medicine. 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 liquid noble detectors, including Helium (QUEST-DMC), Argon (DUNE, DarkSide, DEAP) and Xenon (LZ) experiments, located at laboratories in the UK, Canada, Italy and USA. A major goal of this activity is developing beyond-state-of-the-art instrumentation for the next generation of dark matter and neutrino physics projects in our laboratories on campus.

Our interests in Condensed Matter Physics include:

• The Nanotechnology group, studying quantum technologies including quantum computation, spintronics, TeraHertz, quantum limited sensors, the electrical and thermal properties of quantum wires and the properties of the superconducting Josephson junctions.

• The London Low Temperature Laboratory, exploring the emergent properties of Helium at milliKelvin temperatures, including two-dimensional quantum fluids and solids, solid 3He and helium clusters, and the use of superconducting quantum interference devices to enable nuclear magnetic resonance and current sensing noise thermometry.

• The Advanced Materials group addresses fundamental and applied problems in condensed matter physics, including magnetic monopoles, quantum criticality and superconductivity, as well as new materials for energy applications such as thermoelectric and battery materials. Experimental projects often use neutron and synchrotron X-ray scattering at the nearby ISIS and Diamond Light Source facilities.

Our work in 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 (HTC) offers projects in the theory of correlated electron systems, high-temperature superconductivity, cold atoms and quantum many-body non-equilibrium physics. Methods include dynamical mean field theory, many-body Green function techniques, and correlated wave function techniques. The HTC runs ‘Condensed Matter Physics in the City’, a summer workshop that attracts international leaders in strong correlation physics for advanced study, pedagogy and exchange of ideas.
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. Funding opportunities for UK and EU postgraduate students include research council awards, industrial support and Royal Holloway studentships. Formal applications should be submitted via the Admissions portal.

Research facilities
Our major facilities include SuperFab, a UK electronic nanofabrication facility focused on superconducting quantum electronics; the Materials Discovery Laboratory for crystal growth and characterisation; the High Performance Computing Cluster; the Accelerator Physics Laboratory, the Dark Matter Laboratory, the High Power Laser Facility and the University of London Low Temperature Laboratory.

Your future career
Our SEPnet Employer Engagement Advisor will support you through your studies alongside an employer engagement programme which includes career mentoring as well as short placements for PhD students, and GRADnet skills training. Many of our 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 and patent law.

SuperFab
SuperFab is a world-class electronic nanofabrication centre and an open-user UK national facility with an emphasis on the development of superconducting quantum technology and exploring fundamental condensed matter physics. SuperFab enables national and international academic and industrial scientists, technologists and engineers to research and develop applications in next generation quantum technology, including quantum enabled sensing, quantum computing, spintronics and the electrical and thermal properties of quantum wires.

Research students may work with academics or industrialists on research projects that could uncover fundamentally new phenomena, realise a superconducting quantum computer or lead to the commercialisation of Quantum Technology.

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SuperFab, our world-class superconducting nanofabrication centre
Politics and International Relations

We are a research active 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. Our teaching is supported by an intensive research skills training programme, active research centres, and 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; and the Arts and Humanities Research Council Techne doctoral training partnership, which funds PhD research in a range of arts and humanities disciplines.

• Our Masters degrees 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.

• We are part of the School of Law and Social Sciences, focusing on social inquiry, democracy, justice, human rights and economic development.

Courses

MA Politics of Development
MSc Elections, Campaigns and Democracy
MSc Global Futures
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

UK POLITICS DEPARTMENT FOR RESEARCH INTENSITY

(THE, REF subject ranking on intensity, 2014)

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“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.”

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MSc International Relations

Tuition fees 2022/23
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International students: £17,600–£18,800 per year
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*See page 31 for more details.

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Entry requirements and how to apply
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MA Politics of Development
Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months
Explore political contexts of development, international and domestic, in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Example modules
- Political economy of development
- International relations of the Middle East
- Development politics in Africa
- International public policy

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
- European Union politics and policy
- Public policy practice

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
- Strategic political communication
- Political psychology

MSc Global Futures
(Geopolitics and Security pathway)
Main campus, FT/PT, 12/24 months
Taught jointly with the Department of Geography, see page 72.

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

Look at how globalisation influences development in nations such as Kenya on MA Politics of Development.
Example modules
• Media, power and public affairs
• Strategic political communication
• Media, war and conflict
• Parties, media and the defense of democracy

Research opportunities
Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research degrees. Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application. Please contact your proposed supervisor directly. A list of academic staff can be found on our website.

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 (see page 14).

Research interests
Politics and International Relations (PIR) 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 Democracy and Elections Centre
• The Centre for International Security
• The Global Politics and Development Centre
• The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group

The New Political Communications Unit
• The Gender Institute
The department is very well placed to supervise a wide range of dissertation topics and to deliver research-led teaching.

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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. Graduate jobs include broadcast journalist, senior marketing officer, public affairs consultant and assistant campaigns manager.

Our graduate employers include the BBC, Greater London Authority, the Home Office and HMRC.
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 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.
• We’re part of the School of Life Sciences and the Environment, advancing knowledge and changing lives.

Courses
MSc Applied Neuroscience*
MSc Applied Social Psychology
MSc Forensic Psychology
MSc Clinical Psychology
MSc Clinical Associate Psychologist (Children and Young People)*
MSc/Certificate/Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
MPhil/PhD

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* Degree under development
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EU students: fee reduction scholarship for 2022/23**
*Fees vary per course, see website for details.
**See page 31 for more details

“...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

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More department information
royalholloway.ac.uk/psychology

Entry requirements and how to apply
See page 122.
MSc Applied Neuroscience *
Main campus, FT/PT, 12/60 months
This course gives a unique insight into neuroscience in real world settings. You’ll study alongside our leading neuroscientists with contributions from external academics and professionals, and have access to the department’s excellent neuroscience facilities. You’ll learn to conduct applied neuroscience research projects and acquire practical, hands-on experience for your future career.
*Degree under development

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 and Social Sciences, 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.
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

MSc Clinical Associate Psychologist (Children and Young People)*
Main campus/NHS, FT, 18 Months, January entry
This NHS Clinical Psychology training scheme at apprentice (MSc) level combines research-led teaching from our department with the supervision of clinical psychologists in London NHS Trusts to conduct practical, clinical work focusing on working with children and young people. Students on Clinical Associate Psychologist (CAPS) programmes are selected and funded through the apprenticeship scheme by the Trust who employs them. On successful completion of the course, graduates can apply for Clinical Associate Psychologist posts in the NHS.
*Degree under development

PG Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (IAPT)
PG Certificate in Behavioural Couples Therapy
Based at 7a Woodfield Road, London W9 2NW.
CBT, 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

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
Main campus, FT, 36 months
A course to qualify Clinical Psychologists for practice in the NHS. Places are mainly funded through the NHS in London, but there is also provision for self-funded students.
Contact: The International Clearing House for Clinical Psychology [leeds.ac.uk/chpccp](leeds.ac.uk/chpccp)

**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 and through the London Interdisciplinary Doctoral programme (LIDo).

**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 articulator 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.

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**Your future career**

Our 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, programme management, HR positions, marketing research, 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. 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/Greater London region 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 and research into practice
- Part of the School of Law and Social Sciences, focusing on social inquiry, democracy, justice, human rights and economic development.

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

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“As a mature student undertaking this course it was my hope and ambition that it would lead me to a fulfilling career in social work, which it has done; but what I didn’t realise was the life-changing effect it would have on me in general! It’s no over-exaggeration to say the learning that’s undertaken takes you on a journey of self-discovery and reflection as well as gaining new information and experiences. All of which is made possible by the teaching staff who guide, challenge and motivate you to be the best social worker you can be and equip you with skills you’ll find to be applicable to all areas of life.

I highly recommend this course, just be warned to strap yourself in for that journey.”

Jade
MSc Social Work
MSc Social Work
Central London, FT, 24 months
MSc Social Work is a course for applicants with a first degree in any subject, who 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
- Research methods

MSc Advanced Practice
Central London, PT, 36-60 months
This MSc course builds upon the longstanding 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 reflect on your practice, drawing on current research and theoretical frameworks. The range of modules available within the programme support qualified social workers in their development from the point of completion of the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) through to advanced practice and leadership roles.
You can choose to specialise in one of the following areas:
1. Children and families
2. Adults
3. Leadership & management
4. Professional education.
Example modules
- Consolidation of professional practice
- Risk and decision-making
- Advanced practice in safeguarding adults at risk
- Working with children with harmful sexual behaviour
- Systemic practice with families and organisations (accredited at foundation level by Association of Family Therapists)
- PEPS 1 & 2
- Supervision of professional practice
- Project development: Advanced practice for leadership & innovation
“During my studies I’ve been taught to be a critically-thinking social worker and to consider the role of power in every situation. I have been empowered to challenge myself; 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

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work
(Step up to Social Work)
Central London, FT, 14 months
Offered as part of the Surrey and South 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

The admissions process for 2022 intake is now closed but you can visit the Department for Education’s website for further information.

Research opportunities
Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research programmes. We offer a variety of specialisms focusing on professionalism in contemporary practice and policy in social work. Our research interests are interdisciplinary, we contribute to four research clusters in the School of Law and Social Sciences: Families and Children, Health and Social Care, Rights and Freedom, and Crime and Punishment.
Academic staff are happy to discuss research projects in advance of a formal application. Staff research and contact details can be found on our website. Please write directly to your proposed supervisor.

Our research areas include:
• Inequalities, justice and power
• Contemporary professionalism
• Race and intersectionality
• Poverty and marginalisation
• Emotions, professional practice, critical reflection
• Risk, assessment, decision-making & discretion
• Pedagogy and social work education

Your future career

Our Social Work graduates have high employability rates, enjoying careers in statutory and voluntary/third sector organisations. Graduates of the MSc Social Work and the PG Diploma in Social Work can apply for registration with Social Work England, the body responsible for social work regulation. Qualified social workers can also continue their professional and academic development through taught post-qualifying degrees or research opportunities with us, for instance on the the MSc Advanced Practice. Our Masters courses are a solid basis for career progression and further academic research and training such as a PhD or Professional Doctorate.
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 but we do accept applications from applicants with non-standard qualifications, or in an area different to the one you are applying for. Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/courses for more information.

Application process

Before you apply
Find out everything you can about the course you’d like to join by viewing the information on the website. You are encouraged to speak to the Disability & Neurodiversity team if you have any medical or disability needs that require reasonable adjustments. You may also wish to contact the department you are looking to study with or our Admissions team.

When to apply
The postgraduate application deadline is 1 June 2022.

We will aim to consider all applications received by 31 July 2022 but cannot guarantee that they will be processed in time for the start of the autumn term.

You may wish to apply for financial support and/or a student visa so please ensure you are also aware of these deadlines if relevant.

Terms and conditions
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
If you are interested in applying for a postgraduate research course, please note different requirements and deadlines may apply.
You can contact our Admissions team by visiting royalholloway.ac.uk/applicationquery or phone +44(0)1784 414944.

3 Apply online
You will need to set up a profile on our online application system, Royal Holloway Direct, and upload all your relevant documents.
Once you have submitted your application, you can track its progress on Royal Holloway Direct. You should expect a decision from us within four to six weeks.

4 Decision and offer
You may be invited to an interview before we make a decision, otherwise we will consider the information supplied in your application, plus your references and any relevant supporting materials.
If we’re able to make you an offer, we will let you know by email, making clear any conditions that may apply.
To guarantee your place, before you can join us, you must have met Royal Holloway’s entry requirements and paid the required deposit.

dealt with, details of who to contact are provided in our Admissions Policy which can be found at royalholloway.ac.uk/admissionspolicy
This prospectus was edited and produced by Royal Holloway’s Marketing and Communications team. It was published in October 2021 and the information given was correct at that time. It is intended primarily for those considering admission to Royal Holloway as postgraduate students in September 2022. 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 visit royalholloway.ac.uk/prospectus-updates prior to making any application for entry in 2022.
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