



Myerscough Award

Start Date: 21 September 2026

Application Deadline: Friday 10 April 2026 at 17.00 BST

Overview

Valerie Myerscough, 1942-1980, gained a first in Mathematics in 1962 from Royal Holloway, University of London, and a PhD in Quantum Mechanics in 1965. Following her death a fund was established by her friends and colleagues in her memory and passed to the University. With an additional bequest from her father, the Valerie Myerscough Studentship was established, to be awarded to a student of outstanding ability and potential for original work in Astronomy, Mathematics or Physics.

Applications are invited for a PhD studentship in the areas of Maths, Physics and Computer Science, and is available for full-time or part-time study. The studentship starts on **21 September 2026**.

This 3-year studentship is open to UK Home fee-status students only. The award covers UK Home-rate tuition fees and provides a tax-free stipend at the UKRI rate, which increases annually in line with UKRI guidance. For the 2026/27 academic year, the stipend will be £23,805, including £2,000 London Weighting.

The successful candidate will undertake doctoral research in either [Maths](#), [Physics](#) or [Computer Science](#), contributing to innovative research in one of these fields within a supportive academic environment.

Eligibility

Applicants must qualify for Home fee status in the UK. Candidates should have, or expect to obtain, a strong undergraduate or master's degree in the relevant discipline.

Before Applying

1. Applicants should visit the Royal Holloway [webpage](#) here to find out more about applying for a PhD programme within their field of interest. You may also wish to explore department specific webpages to find out more.
2. Applicants must identify a supervisor and get in touch with them directly before preparing an application for submission. You must have an agreement from your proposed supervision team that they will support your application.

How to apply

Interested applicants should submit an application consisting of CV and a cover letter in which the identified supervisor in agreement is named through [Royal Holloway's Applicant Portal](#). Informal enquiries about the studentship can be directed to the departments' PGR leads.

To ensure your application is linked to the studentship competition, please identify the funding scheme you are applying for, ie. 'Myerscough Award', in the 'Supervisor and Research Topic Information' section, under: 'What is the title of your research?', then select 'Yes' to the question 'Is this an advertised research project?'. You will be able to upload your research proposal and other documents in the 'Supplemental items and documents' tab after you have submitted your application.

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