

ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHEME 2018

This scheme is aimed at some of our most academically gifted applicants and is open to individuals who have taken GCSEs or iGCSEs or who are taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma

In order to be considered for this scheme, applicants are required to demonstrate a record of outstanding academic achievement.

Applicants who meet these requirements will be made a conditional offer on receipt of their UCAS application and will be given the opportunity to have this offer changed to unconditional should Royal Holloway be made their firm choice. For those applicants applying for a degree in the Mathematics Department, instead of an unconditional offer, they will receive a revised offer requiring grade A in A level Maths.

Frequently asked Questions

What exactly is an unconditional offer and what might it mean for me?

An unconditional offer means that there are no conditions attached to you being admitted onto the course you applied to study at Royal Holloway. In addition, this means that we are confident that, on the evidence that you have provided, you meet our academic entry requirements and that you have every chance of being successful on your chosen degree course at Royal Holloway.

How do I apply for this scheme?

You do not apply directly to this scheme. You apply to study at Royal Holloway via UCAS in the normal way. We will review your UCAS application to see whether you meet the relevant criteria.

How do I know whether I might be eligible?

If you are applying for a degree course at Royal Holloway, University of London and have taken GCSEs or iGCSEs and achieved outstanding results, or you are taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma, you will be considered for this scheme.

Am I eligible for this scheme if I am taking a combination of A-level and BTEC qualifications?

Yes, provided you have taken GCSEs and achieved outstanding results.

How does the scheme work?

All departments, with the exception of Mathematics, are operating the same scheme:

Applicants are given a conditional offer and are then required to make Royal Holloway their firm choice before their offer becomes unconditional.

Scheme for Mathematics courses

Applicants are given a conditional offer and are then required to make Royal Holloway their firm choice before their offer gets changed from 3 required A level grades to a grade A in A level Maths.

Are all UG courses included in the scheme?

Yes

Are all applicants considered for the scheme?

If you have taken GCSEs or iGCSEs or you are taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma, you will be considered for this scheme. You will need to have outstanding grades for your GCSEs or predicted a high grade for the IB Diploma.

How will I know if I have been selected for the scheme?

If you have been selected for this scheme you will be told in your offer letter that you have the option of receiving an unconditional or revised offer, subject to making Royal Holloway your firm choice.

Is there a deadline for responding to the offer?

The only deadline you must respond to is the one set by UCAS. For the majority of applicants this will be 3 May 2018 but the deadline depends on when you receive all your decisions from the universities you applied to.

What if I have an unconditional offer but don't get my predicted grades?

Once you have an unconditional offer from us, your place at Royal Holloway is guaranteed whatever grades you achieve. However, we strongly advise you to continue to work hard and to obtain the best grades possible, as your school leaving results, as well as your degree, will determine the future job opportunities open to you.

What happens if I hold an unconditional offer and fail to complete my schooling?

Once you have an unconditional offer from us your place at Royal Holloway is guaranteed whatever happens. However, if you fail to complete your schooling you are likely to seriously damage your future prospects in terms of both employment and future study. International students will not be eligible to get a visa to study in the UK without providing evidence of their completed qualifications.

What if I don't have GCSEs?

Unless you are taking the International Baccalaureate Diploma, you are not eligible for the scheme.

Are applicants able to defer their unconditional offer to 2019 entry?

No. The unconditional offer will only be valid for 2018 entry.

I am an overseas student. Is this scheme open to me?

Yes, provided you have taken GCSEs or iGCSEs or you are taking the International Baccalaureate and provided that you have met the required level of English language.