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POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS 2026/27

WHY CHOOSE US?

Top 25%

Learn from world-leading experts
We're in the UK top 25% for research
(THE, REF, Overall ranking of institutions, 2022)



The best of both worlds

Two stimulating campuses in
central London's Bloomsbury
district and scenic Surrey*

(* Ranked 1st in 'The 10 most beautiful universities
in the UK', Times Higher Education, 2025)



University of London degree

A world-recognised qualification
leading to greater career options



Worldwide collaborations

Links with research, government
and industry partners providing
work experience and networking
opportunities



Awarded careers support

Careers support from day one up
to two years after you graduate,
including one-to-one coaching,
finding placements and skills
workshops

WELCOME

Are you ready to continue your studies? At Royal Holloway, you'll join a community of forward-thinkers in a culture of exploration, curiosity and purpose. You'll develop your passions and gain skills for choice and opportunity that will get you ahead in the workplace.

We're in the UK's top 25% of universities for research, and our close-knit, collaborative environment ensures education and research are fully integrated. You'll receive outstanding teaching, direct contact with world-leading experts and the chance to get involved in discoveries that create real-world change. Plus, our local and worldwide collaborations with research, government and industry partners will provide you with work experience and networking opportunities to boost your future career.

Brave from our beginnings, Royal Holloway has opened up university education to those who didn't think they belonged and asked the difficult questions for over 170 years. We're here for what matters – to society and the world, and most importantly, to you.

These pages will give you a taste of the amazing experience you'll get from being here. When you're ready, find out more on our website, visit one of our two campuses or chat to a current student online to find out more.

We can't wait to meet you!



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OUR TWO LOCATIONS

Egham

7 miles to
London Heathrow

40 minutes by train
to central London

Central London

4 minute walk from
Russell Square
Underground Station

21 minutes on average
from all main London
train stations



POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Becoming a postgraduate student is an exciting leap into a new world of learning. The people you'll meet at Royal Holloway are here to support and encourage you every step of the way.

Whatever course you choose, from across business, science, arts or humanities, and whether you're based at our Egham or London campus, you'll join a diverse and unique community. Our top academics and practitioners are passionate about making real change in the world, and developing the researchers of the future. Your Masters degree will give you the confidence and experience to make your own mark too.

Courses explained:

Taught Masters – perfect for specialising in your chosen subject, developing your skills or changing career direction. They include teaching modules and a dissertation or project.

Masters by Research – emphasis on independent research and ideal preparation for doctoral level study. You'll need to complete an extended dissertation of up to 40,000 words.

Postgraduate diplomas – shorter taught courses suitable for changing career direction or focusing on a specific subject.

Doctoral degrees – typically taken after completing a Masters degree and usually take three years or more full-time to complete. You'll need to conduct your own research and write a doctoral thesis. If you're interested in furthering your academic career with a doctoral degree, you can find out more on page 100.

88%

of our research is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework (REF), 2021)



“Community is so important here and I feel so loved and welcomed. There's a unique character here which is open-minded and embracing of others, an eagerness to learn and make meaningful connections.”

Winter

MA Poetic Practice

FUNDING AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Funding your studies

You'll need to pay a tuition fee for your course. The cost will depend on the course and you'll also need to consider living expenses, like accommodation, food, travel and social life.

It's worth thinking about how you'll fund your studies.

You might consider:

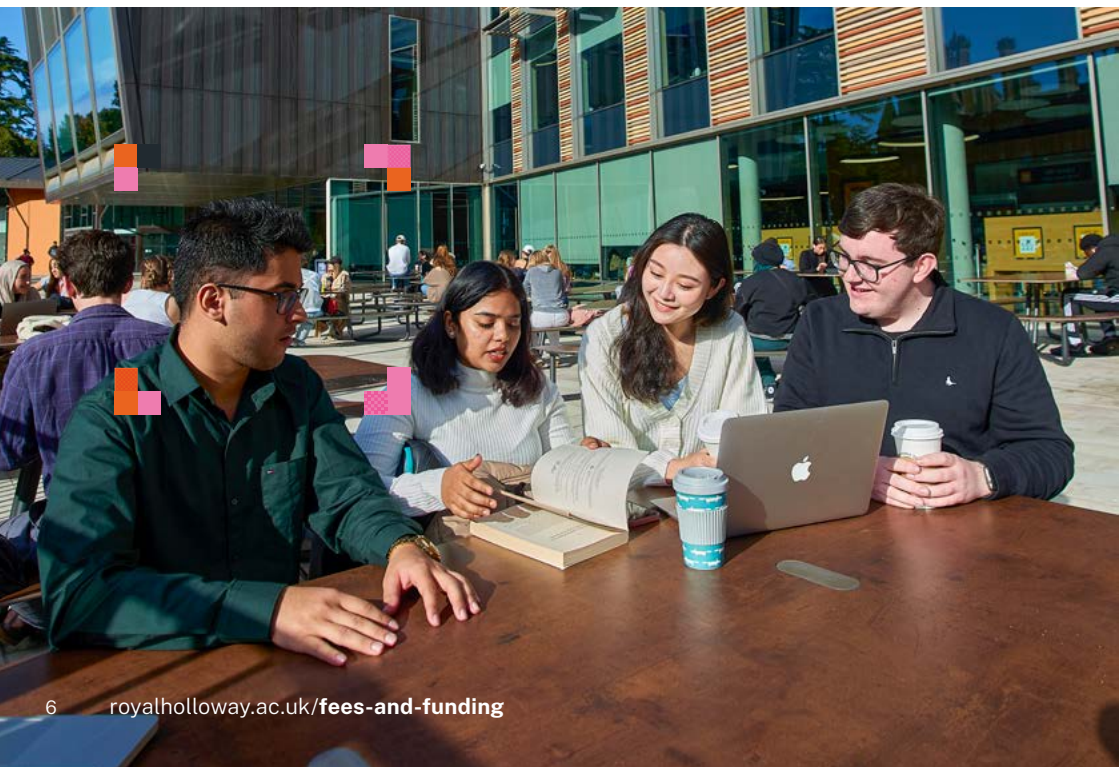
- Royal Holloway scholarships – a range of automatic discounts for eligible students, as well as competitive awards.
- External scholarships – including Chevening, Fulbright and Marshall, competitive awards exclusively for international students.
- Alumni discount – graduates from Royal Holloway and other University of London institutions receive a reduction on their tuition fees (see website for details).

- Part-time jobs – there are plenty available on our Egham campus, or in the local areas around both campuses.

Prepare for your Masters degree

If you'd like extra support to prepare for postgraduate study, or don't meet the entry requirements, we provide a Pre-Masters programme on our Egham campus. It's run by our partner, Study Group, and will boost your English language and academic skills so you're fully confident for your Masters degree.

rhulisc.com/programmes



YOUR FUTURE CAREER

“The entire system of Royal Holloway is structured to help you win! It paved the way for my current career path as an IT Product Manager, including leading the technology division at The Temple Company, one of the top entertainment agencies in Nigeria.”

Ebun

MSc Project Management



We'll make sure you leave university with more than just a postgraduate qualification. Careers and employability support begins from day one and continues for up to two years after you graduate.

Everything you do here, from your academic work to being part of our Volunteering team, can be tailored to enhance your skillset. We'll help you identify and build the skills you need to stand out to employers and fulfil your career goals.

Guidance from your academic department is complemented by our expert and recognised* Careers Service team. Together, they'll give you one-to-one careers coaching, practical support on writing CVs and job applications, preparing for interviews, finding placements, enterprise support to start your own business and much more.

We're industry-aligned and have strong links with lots of high-profile employers, including Gartner, McLaren Automotive, KPMG, Enterprise Mobility, Accenture and the NHS. You'll get invaluable opportunities to network with employers and former students at our careers fairs, employer drop-ins, skills sessions and alumni panels, so you can leave university ready for the workplace.

* Second place for HE Careers and Employability team of the year at the National Graduate Recruitment Awards 2025

STUDENT LIFE

We have around 1,200 postgraduate taught and 600 postgraduate research students and we're known for our close-knit and friendly community. We have an array of bright spaces available for silent or collaborative work, but our campuses are more than just places of study. Whether you're based in Egham or central London, you'll have loads of chances to build up your experience, make friends or just enjoy some well-earned downtime.

The Students' Union host postgraduate-specific events throughout the year and there's a great range of clubs and societies to join - from musical theatre and debating to comics and cats, there's something for everyone.

"You'll get the experience of a lifetime with the best of both worlds. Egham offers tranquillity and peace but if you like partying you'll find that too, or you can immerse yourself in the vibrant city life of London."

Alejandra

MSc Digital Innovation and Analytics

There's also a sports centre on the Egham campus offering gym memberships, general fitness, exercise classes and sports clubs.

Whether you want the vibrancy of pubs and clubs, or prefer a more laid-back atmosphere, there's a variety of on-site and local venues at both campuses, plus easy access to nightlife, galleries, museums and other popular venues.

Maybe you'll get involved with our active volunteering community, or take advantage of one of the many part-time jobs at the Egham campus or in the local areas.



ACCOMMODATION

Staying in halls will keep you connected to wider university life, while helping you make friends with students at a similar stage of study.

Make sure you know which campus your course is taught at so you can make the best choice (your location is shown on our course pages here and online).

If you stay on our Egham campus, you'll live with fellow postgraduates in a shared flat or townhouse.

There's also plenty of private sector accommodation in the nearby areas of Egham and Englefield Green.

Full-time postgraduates based in central London can apply for rooms via the University of London's Intercollegiate halls of residence, and the University of London House Services team is on hand to support students looking for private rented accommodation in the capital.

Commuting

Royal Holloway is ideal for travelling to and from if you live in London or the South East of England. From free parking permits and flexible learning options to access to University of London facilities, choosing to commute can be a great alternative to living in halls.



“I love living in George Eliot Hall. We share a big communal room and often socialise and cook together. The time I've spent with my flatmates and friends is unforgettable.”

Ting
MA International Media Management

Egham campus halls	Room type	Total price 2025/26	Weekly price (approx.)
George Eliot	Single room in a shared townhouse (sharing bathroom with one other student)	£11,599.00	£232
Highfield Court	Single en-suite room with shared kitchen	£10,475.50	£210
Penrose Court	Single room with washbasin and with shared kitchen	£6,020.00	£120

Postgraduate halls are self-catered and are offered on a 50-week let. Prices above are for 2025/26 academic year and will change for 2026/27. Please see our website for the latest information as availability, let lengths and terms and conditions can change.

FIND OUT MORE

Once you've had a look through these pages, keep an eye on our website, where you can find out even more about being a postgraduate student.

Our online prospectus is packed with information and videos about our facilities, support services and more. You'll also find an up-to-date list of all our upcoming events, both online and in person, where you can chat to academics and current students and learn more about your chosen course.

Don't forget to sign up to our mailing list and we'll be in touch with lots more information about studying at Royal Holloway.



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CHAT TO A CURRENT STUDENT

Chat with me



Postgraduate student Liam



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DEPARTMENTS AND COURSES

Biological Sciences

Internationally recognised for world-leading research impact, our department has an active research programme based on four overlapping research themes: Healthy Ageing and Molecular Medicine; Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; Sustainable Engineering and Food Security; and Data and Technology Resources.

Profile

- We're a vibrant scientific community and a major centre for research in the University of London.
- Our academic staff are working at the forefront of knowledge in their subjects. They frequently appear in the media talking about the latest ideas and action to address global challenges.
- We exchange research knowledge and expertise across the whole department, and through research collaborations with other leading universities and organisations in the UK and internationally.
- 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 offer an exceptional research environment at the forefront of scientific discovery, preparing you for a rewarding career in a variety of fields.



"I've had opportunities to suggest ideas to expand the research and techniques used in my lab, and collaborate with a research group at Stanford University. The training, support, and possibilities offered at Royal Holloway are endless."

Cordelia

Former MSc and current PhD student



MSc Biological Sciences Research**E** Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This degree suits graduates who want to undertake original research and those who are looking to gain a research-based Masters before embarking on a PhD. For students with a good first degree in Biochemistry, Biology or related disciplines, it offers the opportunity to develop research skills and acquire advanced research techniques through a one-year supervised research project. The minor taught element covers a wide range of generic research-related topics. Projects are available within any of our research centres; please see our website for details.

Research opportunities

We welcome applications for postgraduate research places leading to a PhD. Please email the academic staff you are interested in working with 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.

Research facilities

Our 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're also a short distance from Sites of Special Scientific Interest, with sites of national scientific importance right on our doorstep such as Windsor Great Park and Chobham Common, and Box Hill nearby.

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.

100%

research impact is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

26th

in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

Courses

MSc Biological Sciences Research
MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £32,700 per year

* Fee includes a £3,000 bench fee.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/biologicalsciences

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

Business and Management

Join an intellectually rigorous, research-led and AACSB-accredited Business School, which is highly ambitious for the success of our students and staff. We support today's graduates to become tomorrow's business leaders, by offering a truly international learning experience to reflect the demands of the evolving global business landscape.



“My Masters programme, taught in central London, was accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT). The diversity of my class gave me valuable insights into how supply chains are understood and managed across different countries.”

Faith

MSc Logistics and Supply Chain
Management

Profile

- Our world-class research and the global industry expertise of our academics shape the structure and delivery of our postgraduate degrees.
- Our degrees combine academic knowledge with practical insights into international business, providing you with knowledge, skills and expertise to progress your career.

Accreditations and Memberships



MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management



MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management



MSc Human Resource Management

82%

research rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework 2021)



INTERNATIONAL COHORT

Courses

MSc Accounting and Financial Management
 MSc AI for Business
 MSc Business Analytics
 MSc Digital Marketing
 MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation
 MSc Human Resource Management
 MSc International Business Management
 MSc International Business Management (Marketing)
 MSc International Business Management (Strategy and Leadership)
 MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management
 MSc Marketing
 MSc Project Management
 MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

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More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/business

Entry requirements and how to apply

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The Moore Building, home of the Business School, offers dedicated facilities to inspire collaborative learning.

MSc Accounting and Financial Management

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Open to all undergraduate backgrounds, this course delivers an in-depth understanding of the theory and application of accounting and financial management, by examining topics from financial accounting and reporting to the concepts of financial management and business economics.

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 AI for Business

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This course integrates cutting-edge AI knowledge with practical skills to prepare you for the demands of today's global business landscape. You'll develop an understanding of AI's transformative potential in digital business and will analyse the capabilities and limitations of AI technologies, design AI-driven solutions for complex challenges, and assess the social and ethical implications of AI.

Example modules

- AI in practice
- AI and future of work
- Business Intelligence
- Digital strategy and business models
- Responsible AI and digital innovation

MSc Business Analytics

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Designed to equip you with strong business analytics skills and the ability to make data-driven decisions, this Masters course enables you to apply cutting-edge analytical knowledge to real-world business challenges while developing in-demand digital skills that give you a competitive edge in your career.

Example modules

- Business intelligence
- Machine learning & predictive analysis
- Business analytics in practice
- Cloud computing
- Digital strategy and business models

MSc Digital Marketing

L Central London, FT, 12 months

Based at our central London campus, you'll gain a broad perspective of digital marketing, from digital branding and advertising to the consumer journey and metrics. The course teaches you how to create and analyse digital strategies, to make informed tactical and strategic decisions. Certified by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).

Example modules

- Digital brand storytelling
- Digital consumer in online culture
- Advertising in a digital era
- Search and metrics

MSc Entrepreneurship and Innovation**L Central London, FT, 12 months**

This Masters provides you with an in-depth understanding of entrepreneurship and innovation research, an appreciation of the impact of entrepreneurship and innovation and the processes and practices at every level.

You will look at contemporary issues such as family business management, entrepreneurship and consultancy, and social entrepreneurship.

Example modules

- Venture finance and growth
- Entrepreneurial opportunities in emerging markets
- Family and small business management
- Market analysis and business modelling

MSc Human Resource Management**E Egham campus, FT, 12 months**

Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), this degree examines the major areas of human resources and employment relations policy, equipping you with a rigorous analytical approach and a comprehensive understanding of Human Resources Management. You will examine how organisations learn, exchange knowledge and compete 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 and global sustainability
- Strategic human resource management
- International human resource management

MSc International Business Management**E Egham campus, FT, 12 months**

Studying International Business Management will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of organisations, their management, and the environment in which they operate. You will examine accounting and finance as well as human resource strategies from a manager's point of view and will develop knowledge of how international management fits into the organisation and running of a company or multi-company corporation.

Example modules

- Operation management
- Economics, finance and accounting

- Strategy and ethics in international business management
- Digital business and marketing

MSc International Business Management (Marketing)**E Egham campus, FT, 12 months**

The Marketing specialism for the International Business Management degree is an intensive and rewarding programme, which will prepare you for the competitive world of work. You'll gain a comprehensive knowledge of general management concepts with a focus on how international marketing fits into the organisation and running of a company or multi-company corporation. Certified by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).

Example modules

- Marketing communications
- Economics, finance and accounting
- Strategy and ethics in international business management
- Digital business and marketing

MSc International Business Management (Strategy and Leadership)**E Egham campus, FT, 12 months**

This International Business Management pathway will allow you to gain a comprehensive and integrated knowledge and understanding of organisations, their management, approach to strategy and leadership, and the environment in which they operate. It will prepare you to be a contemporary leader and strategist, able to enter the globalised workplace on a competitive footing.

Example modules

- Professional business and research skills
- Economics, finance and accounting
- Strategy and ethics in international business management
- Digital business and marketing



MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management

L Central London, FT, 12 months

This MSc degree is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS). Taught in central London, it provides you with the knowledge of logistics and supply chain management needed to make a significant contribution in the international marketplace. Advised by leaders from industry, this 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

- Strategic supply chain management
- Sustainable supply chains
- Warehousing and distribution network design
- Professional project management skills
- Supply chain optimisation

MSc Marketing

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This is a unique interdisciplinary course aimed at developing your professional and practical skills as a marketing manager. You will build a sound knowledge and understanding of marketing's contemporary challenges and be provided with cutting-edge insights into consumer markets.

Certified by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM).

Example modules

- Contemporary issues in marketing
- Strategic brand management
- Digital marketing
- Managing consumer experiences
- Marketing data analytics



“Royal Holloway has become a second home, full of people I gel with and trust. It has fulfilled the promise of giving me a bright future. I would strongly recommend my course.”

Dev

MSc International Business Management



MSc Accounting and Financial Management students visiting the European Headquarters of Bloomberg in London

MSc Project Management

L Central London, FT, 12months

Informed by industry connections, this course is designed to meet the demands of competitive global markets driven by fast-evolving technology. It suits graduates from diverse backgrounds who are interested in a career focused on leadership and delivery of complex projects across a wide variety of industries and government sectors. You will gain practical tools and skills alongside a solid understanding of the academic theories underpinning them.

Example modules:

- Technology innovation and change management
- Applied financial, cost and risk management
- Information technology and agile project management
- International operations management, lean production and sustainability
- International management of mega projects

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 internationally) and in other departments at Royal Holloway.

Our research centres:

- Centre for Critical and Historical Research on Organisation and Society (CHRONOS)
- Digital Organisation and Society Research Centre (DOS)
- Centre for Research Into Sustainability (CRIS)

Your future career

Accredited by AACSB, our postgraduate business and management degrees are internationally recognised and give you a competitive edge in your career. Our graduates now work with leading global organisations including Amazon, Coca-Cola, Vodafone, Fujitsu, Santander, and Lloyds Bank.

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.

E Egham campus **L** Central London

FT (Full-time) 12 (Months duration)

royalholloway.ac.uk/business

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.



“The campus setting, close-knit community of the Classics department and small class size meant I got a more personalised experience, whilst also having access to resources from other University of London colleges.”

Maddie
MA Classics

Profile

- We cover a full range of Classics subjects, 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 modern culture and offering a critical distance from which you can engage with global challenges.
- We run three MA courses taught in partnership with King's College London and University College London, with a wide choice of modules. There are also MRes programmes that draw 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.



The colonnaded street in Apamea, Syria



Take MA modules at
Royal Holloway, UCL or King's

Top 10

in the UK for Classics

(Complete University Guide, 2026)

Courses

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

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ClassicsAtRoyalHolloway

Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £24,500 - £27,000
per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check
website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please
see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/classics

Entry requirements and how to apply

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MA Ancient History

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

You'll be able to specialise in the history of the ancient Greek, Roman and Middle 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 Middle 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

- Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire
- Household and empire: the Roman family from Augustus to Justinian

MA Classical Art and Archaeology

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 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
- Art, Architecture and Identity in the Hellenistic World

MA Classics

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

Study a 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

- Athenian Law and Social History
- The ancient novel
- Latin for Research (Beginners)

MRes Classical Reception

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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 completing a major piece of independent research work under the close supervision of staff who are experts in this area.

Research interests and opportunities

We welcome applications for 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, power, hegemony and Gramsci, gender studies, and the economic, political and social history of Rome.



Study the frescoes of Pompeii on MA Classical Art and Archaeology



Participating in a drawing workshop at the Great North Museum, Newcastle, looking at alternative ways to respond to museum objects

In Classical art and archaeology, we have strengths in Greek architecture, quantitative methods in archaeology, ancient water systems and management, the Roman Middle East, contemporary approaches to Roman archaeology, and environmental archaeology. 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 students dedicated

training events, 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 as activities run by the wider University.

Computer Science

As 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.

“Studying here has been a brilliant turning point in my life. As a mature student I felt warmly welcomed by the University and have really appreciated all the support and encouragement from professors and students.”

Hyosun

MSc Machine Learning



Profile

- Our research is particularly strong in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, closely informing the teaching on our Masters courses, as well as Algorithms and Complexity, Bioinformatics, Programming Languages & Systems, and Type Theory.
- We collaborate with many research groups as well as with companies and organisations worldwide including AstraZeneca, Centrica, Facebook, Google and IBM.
- Our taught Masters are offered with an optional paid industrial internship that can take up to one year (excludes MSc Applied Data Science).
- We host talks by visiting academics and industrial partners, which address research topics in emerging areas and the way companies and businesses exploit cutting-edge technologies.



Computer Science staff have designed and delivered AI training to help the UK government upskill its workforce and create an AI-capable civil service.

17th

in the UK for world-leading research

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

Courses

MSc Applied Data Science

MSc Artificial Intelligence*

MSc Computational Finance*

MSc Data Science and Analytics*

MSc Machine Learning*

MSc Computer Science by Research

PhD Computer Science

* A Year in Industry variant also available.

Follow us



RHULComputerScience

Tuition fees 2026/27

International students**: £29,300 per year

** Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/computerscience

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Artificial Intelligence

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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. A Year in Industry variant is also available, studied over two years full time.

Example modules

- Autonomous intelligent systems
- Deep learning
- Natural language processing
- Reinforcement learning

MSc Computational Finance

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Jointly delivered with the Department of Economics (page 34), this degree allows you to specialise in modern quantitative finance and computational methods for financial modelling. A Year in Industry variant is also available, studied over two years full time.

Example modules

- Data analysis
- Principles of computation and programming
- Investment and portfolio management
- Fixed income securities and derivatives

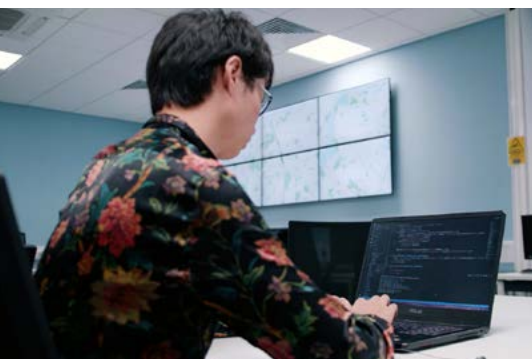
MSc Data Science and Analytics

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This will prepare 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. A Year in Industry variant is also available, studied over two years full time.

Example modules

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



MSc Machine Learning

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Gain 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. A Year in Industry variant is also available, studied over two years full time.

Example modules

- Machine learning
- Online machine learning
- Deep learning
- Natural language processing

Year in Industry

All taught Masters degrees (except MSc Applied Data Science) are offered with the opportunity to pursue a paid industrial internship that can take up to one year. Examples of companies where our students have found placements include Autilla, Axonix, BGL Group, BMW Group, Cartesian, Centrica, Choosic, Civil Service GOV.UK, Data Reply, D4t4 Solutions, Disney, EDF Energy, Foward3D, Gamesys, HACT, IBM, Infinity Energy Organisation Ltd, Jacobs, Jaguar Land Rover, Knorr-Bremse Rail Systems UK Ltd, Lindgreen Labs, Neural Technologies, ONS, Procter & Gamble, QuintilesIMS, Siemens Healthcare Limited, Société Générale, Standard Chartered, Statiq, UBS, VMware, World Remit, and the Z/Yen Group. A large majority of students were offered jobs at the end of their placement.

MSc Applied Data Science

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This conversion course enables students with little prior exposure to computing to develop expertise and valuable skills that will prepare you for a career in the growing data science industry where there is significant demand for skilled personnel, both in the UK and internationally. You'll learn key skills and techniques in data analysis and explore the ethical and social impact of data use. A closely related MSc in Applied Data Science and Cyber Security is jointly delivered with the Information Security Group (page 58).

Example modules

- Computing for data analysis
- Multi-dimensional data processing
- Methods of visualisation and exploratory analysis
- Applications of data science

Research opportunities

MSc Computer Science by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The Masters by Research provides substantial, supervised research experience and intensive teaching of research skills and techniques. It offers a unique chance to take steps into scientific research, and to progress to more advanced studies or into employment in research-intensive companies or organisations.

PhD/MPhil Computer Science

To discuss PhD and MPhil opportunities, please email the academic staff member you are interested in working with. 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 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.

Research interests

Our research is structured into five centres, some of which are interdisciplinary.

Algorithms and Complexity: studying various kinds of algorithms – parameterised, exact, randomised, heuristic and approximate – for problems arising in areas such as graph theory, constraint satisfaction, combinatorial optimisation, and artificial intelligence.

Intelligent Systems: 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.

Reliable Machine Learning: focusing on fundamental research in machine learning and commercial industrial applications, with strengths in methods and performance guarantees that require minimal assumptions about the data; research is conducted in statistical learning

theory, conformal prediction, prediction with expert advice, and game-theoretic foundations of statistics, probability, and 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 decision-making in finance, economics, and other social sciences, to data collection, processing and analysis and big-data technologies.

Programming Languages and Systems: focusing on the expression, meaning, and formal analysis of computational systems for developing robust, secure, and reliable computing systems; the work centres on the formal properties and utility of generalised parsing techniques coupled with formal semantic specification and interpretation.

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 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. We have a dedicated GPU cluster supporting artificial intelligence and machine learning modules. It is based on Kubernetes Cluster with RUN:AI software controlling the GPU workloads. The CPU node has two AMD EPYC 7713 64-Core 2000MHz processors and the GPU node has four NVIDIA A100-SXM4-80GB units with GPU memory totaling 320 Gigabytes.

Your future career

Our graduates have entered into successful careers in academia or in companies or organisations operating in highly competitive areas, such as 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 dedicated staff who coordinate and oversee placements and job opportunities.

Drama, Theatre and Dance

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



“Working with Katie Mitchell provided a strong foundation for directing and an understanding of the theatre industry and community. There were so many opportunities to explore our personal interests and set up professional contacts.”

Chessie

MA Theatre Directing

Profile

- Our research explores the way theatre and performance asks questions on 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.
- This informs our teaching and learning at all levels, and aims to connect you to people across diverse disciplines, publics, cultures and communities.
- We're committed to theoretically informed research throughout our research strands: applied and participatory theatre, contemporary theatre, dance, performance practices, theatre history and transnational performance.
- Many of our academics have professional experience as theatre makers, and their research is influenced by their practice as directors, writers, performers, dramaturgs and choreographers.



Multimedia performance in the Caryl Churchill Theatre

95%

research impact is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(THE, REF rankings by subject, 2022)

Top 10

in the UK for performing arts

(QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025)

2nd

in the UK for research quality

(Complete University Guide, 2026)

Courses

MA Theatre Directing

MA by Research

MA Writing for Theatre, Screen and Radio

MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £27,000 per year

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/drama

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MA Theatre Directing

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This is a leading specialist intensive course led by world-renowned director Katie Mitchell, introducing you to the practical and intellectual challenges of preparing a script and actors for performance. You will be encouraged to approach the rehearsal room in a new light, with multiple opportunities to direct, including directing in our Caryl Churchill Theatre. In the module 'Theatre Directing' you will develop an understanding of how to take a prepared text into the rehearsal room before translating it into performance. In 'Making Performance' you will be immersed in a range of contemporary theatre-making processes including site-based approaches, developing new writing, and environmentally conscious performance. 'Contemporary British Theatre' explores major themes in current British playwriting through key texts and writers, whilst 'Concept and Dramaturgy' examines the role of these two elements in theatre directing through encountering the work of major international directors. The MA dissertation module introduces you to research processes and practice as research (PAR), giving you the skills to keep developing your practice in future.

Example modules

- Theatre Directing
- Making Performance
- Contemporary British Theatre
- Concept & Dramaturgy
- MA Dissertation or Director's log: production and process

MA Writing for Screen, Stage and Radio

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

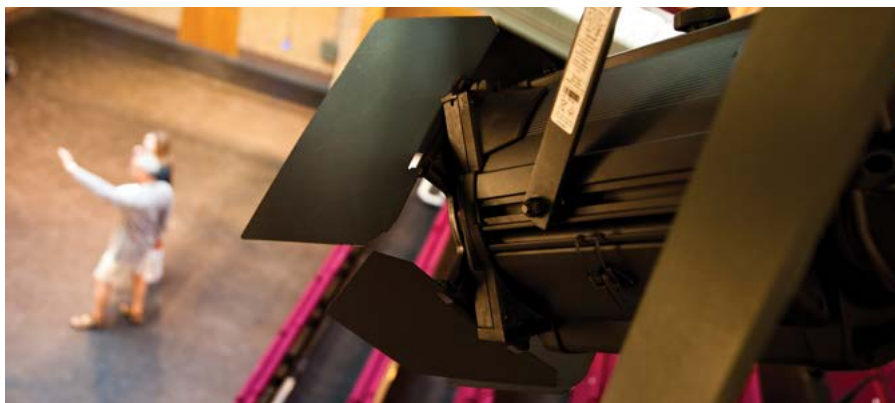
This course offers a broad training in dramatic writing across stage, screen and radio for aspiring industry creatives across the world who are looking to build a portfolio creative writing career, ready for creative industries across the world that are crying out for new stories, experiences and voices.

Example modules

- Principles of Story
- Playwriting
- Screenwriting
- Writing for Radio



Student performance



Caryl Churchill Theatre

MA by Research

Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The MA by Research (Drama and Theatre Studies) is a flexible course that allows you to undertake in-depth study either full or part-time. You'll work closely with the department's experts, whose areas of expertise cover a broad range of subjects across theatre and performance. The core of the MA is a 30,000 word dissertation on a subject of your choice, allowing you to explore your interests in real depth and develop sophisticated research and writing skills.

Research opportunities/ departmental research interests

We welcome applications 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 are proud to have a large and dynamic group of doctoral researchers, so you'll always feel supported as part of our future-facing 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, Toby Jones, Phyllida Lloyd, Vicky Featherstone, David Greig, Winsome Pinnock, Simon Stephens, Tim Crouch, Oliver Frlić, Lola Arias, Martin Crimp and Mark Ravenhill.

Your future career

Our graduates have an excellent record of employment, with the skills they picked up during their course having 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 Sciences research and teaching, our reputation and collaborations span the globe. We investigate the past, present and future of Planet Earth—from its building blocks to its natural resources to its inhabitants.

Profile

- Our research is based in two centres: Centre for Planetary Resilience and Resources, and the Centre of Climate, Ocean and Atmosphere (COCO). This multidisciplinary framework supports a dynamic community of researchers.
- 88% of our research is rated world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021).
- Our students benefit from a strong culture of support, with individual supervision of projects by leading experts in geoscience research.
- Our world-class facilities include laboratories for geochemical and greenhouse gas analysis, sedimentology and palaeontology, and analogue modelling laboratories for recreating earth structures.
- We offer high quality fieldwork, in some of the best geological locations in the UK and overseas.
- Through our teaching and research we maintain collaborative links with industrial and commercial partners, providing research support and employment for our graduates.



“I’ve enjoyed the freedom and flexibility of this course to fully immerse myself in my research, as well as learning key skills demonstrating on field trips and presenting my work at an international conference in Vienna.”

Isaac

MSc Earth Sciences by Research

E MSc Earth Sciences by Research Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The Masters by Research offers an opportunity to join our thriving research community to refine your research skills and develop advanced scientific and technical knowledge. You’ll complete an original research project supervised by academic research staff who will inspire and challenge you, bringing you closer to some of the foremost thinking in geoscience research.

We welcome applications from prospective students to work on research projects of interest to our academics, or to propose their own projects in conjunction with industry and our research interests.

Research opportunities

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

Research facilities

As a postgraduate researcher you'll have access to excellent facilities on campus. The department has specialist laboratories and equipment supporting teaching and research into atmospheric sciences, geochemistry, geophysics, mineralisation, magmatism, sedimentology, stratigraphy, structural geology, palaeobiology, and volcanology. Research partners include UK and international universities and organisations, and strong links with multinational energy companies, the Natural History Museum, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the National Physical Laboratory and Greenpeace.

Research interests

The Centre for Planetary Resilience and Resources studies the critical processes that shape our planet and guide our sustainable use of planetary resources. Key themes include: sustainable resources, with a focus on subsurface hydrogen and compressed air technologies for clean energy, water resources and health; and the evolution of planets, including mantle dynamics, natural hazards, geological processes on extraterrestrial bodies and the evolution of the geological processes on the early Earth.

The Centre of Climate Ocean and Atmosphere seeks to understand how environmental processes interact to control the Earth's climate system, from cutting-edge efforts to trace and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions to the spread of atmospheric pollutants; the long-term controls on our planet's carbon cycle, and the emergence and demise of life on Earth.

Your future career

Whether you complete a Masters or a PhD, you'll develop vocational skills and acquire valuable insight that will prepare you for a rewarding career in a wide range of research and industry sectors. Our graduates have roles in sustainable energy, addressing global challenges like climate change, or exploration for raw materials.

100%

research environment is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Top 10

UK Earth Science department

(The Guardian University Guide, 2026)

Courses

MSc Earth Sciences by Research
MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £29,700 per year

* May be subject to bench fees in addition to the above fees. Please check website for updates.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/earthsciences

Entry requirements and how to apply

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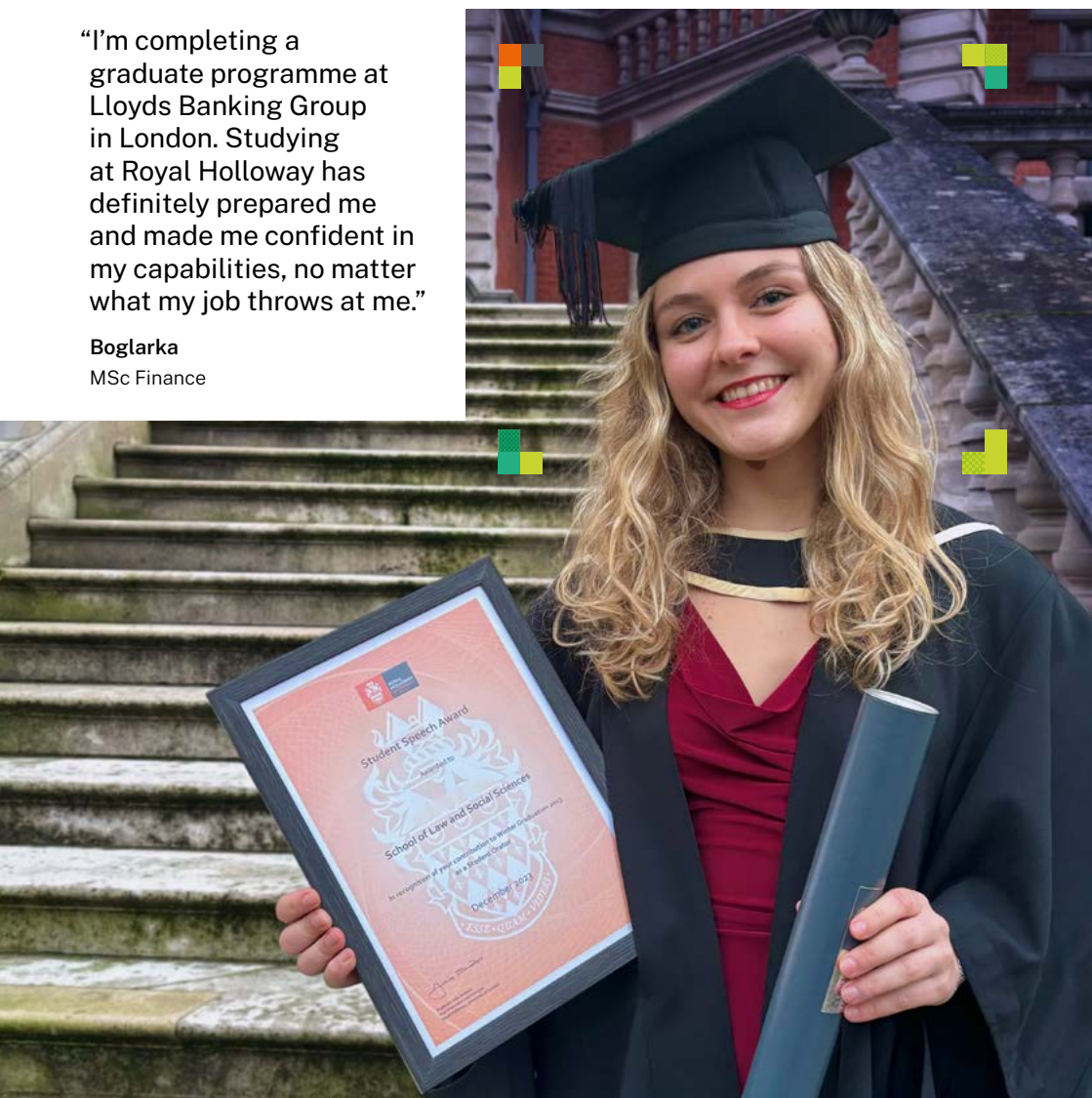
Economics

In the Department of Economics at Royal Holloway, world-class research and innovation bring a global perspective to our postgraduate programmes. Students are taught by internationally leading experts in a stimulating, nurturing and inclusive environment. Informing our teaching, our research is focused on many of the global challenges facing the world today, and we work closely with industry, government, business, and charities to ensure its relevance and impact.

“I’m completing a graduate programme at Lloyds Banking Group in London. Studying at Royal Holloway has definitely prepared me and made me confident in my capabilities, no matter what my job throws at me.”

Boglarka

MSc Finance



Profile

- Featured in the top 10 UK universities for research output (THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2022).
- Strong links to government, business and the banking and financial sectors.
- Transferable employment skills are embedded in all our courses.
- You'll benefit from individual support and regular meetings to guide your studies.



98%

research output is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Courses

MSc Computational Finance

MSc Computational Finance (Year in Industry)

MSc Economics

MSc Finance

MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £24,500-£29,300 per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/economics

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Computational Finance

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This innovative course is offered jointly by the Department of Computer Science (see page 24) and the Department of Economics. The course introduces you to modern finance theory and methods for data analysis applied to financial modelling and predictions. You'll acquire skills demanded by jobs in asset pricing, risk management and quantitative trading.

Example modules

- Data analysis
- Foundations of finance
- Business intelligence
- Machine learning

MSc Computational Finance (Year in Industry)

E Egham campus, FT, 24 months

Refine your skills and knowledge by electing to spend a year in industry where you will be able to integrate theory and practice and gain real business experience. In the past, our students have secured placements and benefited from strong industry connections.

Example modules

See above and royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

MSc Economics

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

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. You will study a variety of topics including

macroeconomics, public policy evaluation methods 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

- Microeconomics theory
- Macroeconomics
- Econometrics
- Applied econometrics for public policy
- Inequality, development and health

MSc Finance

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Get equipped 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
- Private equity

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





Research opportunities

Our department produces world-class research across the main fields of the discipline and has a particular strength in applied work.

We welcome applications for our MPhil and PhD research programmes, which provide you with rigorous training and experience in economic analysis. Colleagues in the department are happy to discuss research projects ahead of a formal application, please write directly to your proposed supervisor.

Our research areas include

- Centre for Robust Inference in a Digital Economy (RIDE)
- Centre for the Economics of the Household (EcHo)
- Centre for Macroeconomic and Labour Economics (MaLEc)
- Centre for Mathematical and Theoretical Economics (MATE)
- Centre for Research in Economics Education (CREEd)

Being part of our research community you join a small selected community, where you will experience high levels of interaction and support between research students and staff.

Your future career

A postgraduate degree in economics 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.

Graduates from our postgraduate degrees are equipped for a wide variety of roles that require an analytical mind such as actuary, analysts, auditors, software consultants and statisticians, and have transferable skills that serve well in other roles. Graduates have gone on to roles in companies such as Barclays, Goldman Sachs, PwC, Think Tanks, Google and Fintech startups.

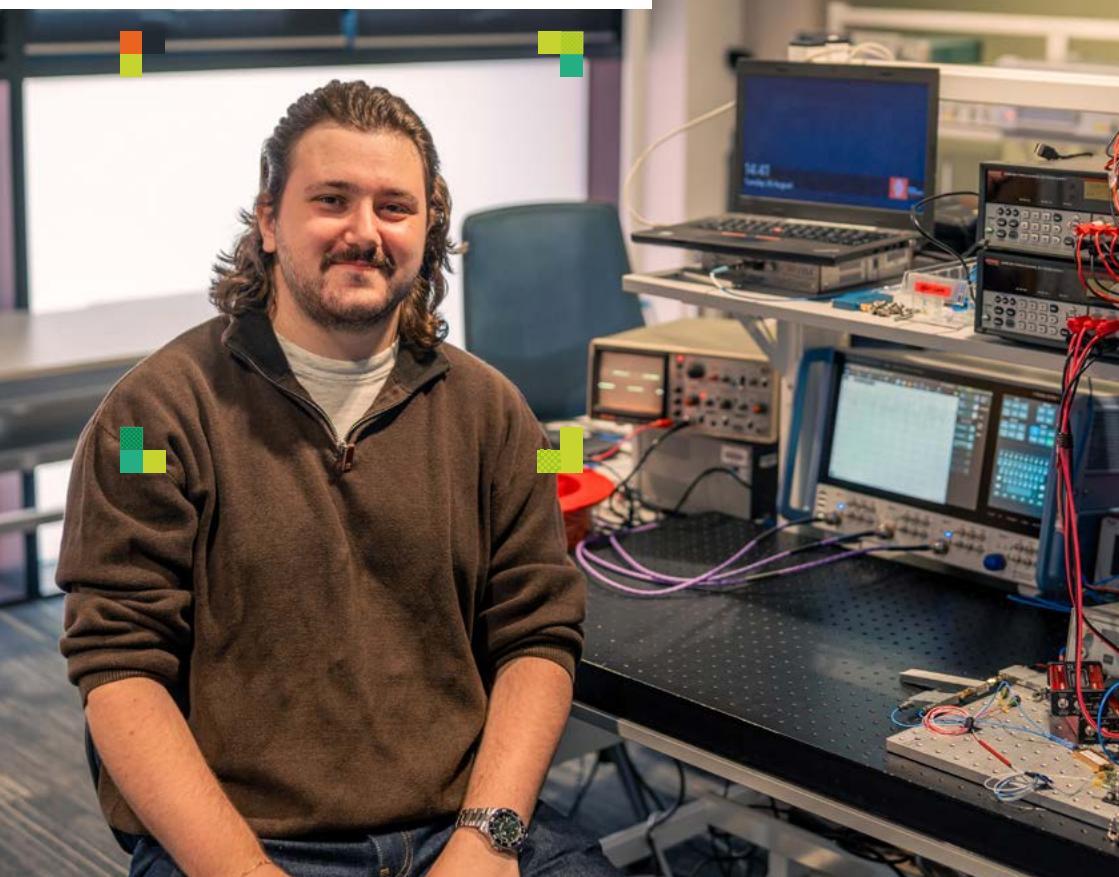
Electronic Engineering

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.

“What’s really stood out is how incredibly helpful and supportive the department lecturers, technicians and other students are. The environment created with postgraduates really feels like a community.”

Dean

Masters in Electronic Engineering
(Microwave and Optical Fibre Communications)



Profile

- We research current and emerging electronic engineering trends in four main groupings: Biosignals and Intelligent Systems; Microwave Photonics and Sensors; Nano-Electronics; Power Systems.
- Our purpose-designed building has advanced electronic engineering 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 places us near many leading UK-based electronics companies.
- You'll be taught by experienced practitioners and academics drawing on academic theory, latest thinking and industry experience.
- Whichever Masters you choose, a strong focus on employability will help you to develop your skills to succeed in your chosen career.



The Beatrice Shilling Building

93%

research output is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)



Creating technical solutions for an evolving world

Courses

MSc Engineering Management

MSc Engineering Management with Cyber Security

MSc Advanced Electronic and Electrical Engineering

MSc by Research in Electronic Engineering

MPhil/PhD in Electronic Engineering

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £27,000 per year

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More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/electronicengineering

Entry requirements and how to apply

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MSc in Engineering Management

L Central London, FT, 12 months

Demand for engineers with management skills is rising fast. Whether you're a recent graduate or an engineer ready to upskill, this MSc equips you to lead projects, manage change, and handle the commercial side of engineering with confidence. You'll cover current and emerging engineering project management issues and the principles that underpin effective business strategies and outcomes. Balancing academic theory with practical opportunities on a project-based syllabus shaped by collaboration with major employers, you'll explore engineering advances from our central London setting designed for innovation.

MSc Engineering Management with Cyber Security

L Central London, FT, 12 months

This Masters is taught by experienced practitioners and academics from the digital engineering and cyber security sectors. It's designed to meet global demand in business for graduates with specialist cyber security awareness and a skillset to tackle the emerging threats in digital engineering and information security activities. You'll learn how to assess and manage a broad range of risks in relation to industry processes, ready to advance your career in digital, AI and cyber security pathways within engineering and innovation-based environments.



Senate House is one of three teaching locations at our central London campus in Bloomsbury.

MSc Advanced Electronic and Electrical Engineering

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

With a varied and flexible curriculum informed by innovative research and current industrial needs, you can tailor the course to suit your career aspirations. You'll have the opportunity to integrate software, hardware, electronic and electrical engineering systems; VHDL to program FPGAs; and sustainable power generation to meet future carbon neutral targets. Students on this taught Masters can select optional modules from one of three pathways corresponding with research expertise in our department:

Biomedical Electronic Engineering (Optional pathway)

You'll focus on the electronic aspects of biomedical engineering, ranging from embedded electronic systems to machine learning. Using open-source tools for biosensing and neuroscience, you'll work in a creative space with the aim of making brain-computer interfacing and other biosensors more accessible for rapid prototyping and delivery of products in the consumer landscape.

Optional modules:

- Fundamentals of biomedical engineering
- Pattern recognition

Microwave and Optical Fibre Communications (Optional pathway)

You'll focus on the usage of fibre optics and RoF communications in 5G/6G and beyond, as well as in areas such as space and defence. As one of the few UK institutions with the skills and resources to provide hands-on experience in this area, you'll be linked with our unique microwave photonics and sensors research group.

Optional modules:

- Advanced communication systems
- Mobile and optical fibre communications

Smart Power Systems (Optional pathway)

You'll focus on the crucial changes in modern power systems today, as well as developments for a sustainable energy future. You'll be prepared for the large variety of jobs in the Power System sector, from smart meters and demand side management, to load forecasting, distribution and transmission, to energy generation, renewables and energy storage.

Optional modules:

- Sustainable power
- Pattern recognition



The sustainable energy rooftop lab at Shilling Building

MSc by Research in Electronic Engineering

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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 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. Please 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.

Research Groups

Our research is structured into groups:

- Biosignals and Intelligent Systems
- Microwave Photonics and Sensors
- Nano-Electronics
- Power Systems
- Digital Engineering Management (London)

Our research groups provide a lively and interactive environment for our postgraduates, and researchers across other departments and industry.

Research facilities

The rooftop of our Egham campus 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 the latest 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.

Roles in engineering sectors 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. Graduate destinations include Hardware Engineer at Volvo Cars, Transmission Engineer at the National Grid, and roles in consumer electronics, digital engineering, and biomedical engineering research.

English

Join us and you'll join one of the most dynamic departments of English in the country, offering expert teaching across a wide range of literary study.



"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."

Jen

MA Victorian Literature, Art and Culture

Profile

- All our staff are highly regarded scholars, writers and critics, with the quality of our research recognised in the most recent Research Excellence Framework, where 98% of it was found to be of world-leading or internationally excellent quality.
- You'll enjoy a varied and lively research culture in our department, whatever you study. The Centre for Victorian Studies and the London Old and Middle English Research Seminar (LOMERS) host research presentations from international scholars. Our 19th Century reading group, the Old and Middle English reading groups, along with talks from publishing professionals on the Creative Writing MA all allow you to engage with your new community and share experiences with others as passionate as you.



The library in the Emily Wilding Davison Building

1st

in the UK for world-leading or internationally excellent research

(THE REF rankings by subject, 2022)

3rd

in the UK for Creative Writing

(Complete University Guide, 2026)

Courses

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

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More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/english

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MA Creative Writing

L Central London, FT, 12 months

Develop your ability as a writer to a professional standard, strengthening your personal voice and writing prose or poetry that will stand out and demand attention from readers, as you increase your ability to engage with literary culture and communicate your individual vision, experiencing the insight of award-winning and highly acclaimed authors. 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, New Prose Narratives, 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 (novel, portfolio of stories, poems or work of non-fiction/ autofiction/memoir, depending on pathway) and critical dissertation.

Example modules

- Fiction pathway
- Poetry pathway
- Poetic Practice pathway
- New Prose Narratives pathway
- Supplementary discourses
- Reading as a writer

MA English Literature

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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 English Literature: Medieval Studies

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This specialised pathway within the MA English Literature is taught by medievalists from English, History, and Languages, Literatures and Cultures. It offers an opportunity to explore the events, texts, objects, and culture of the Middle Ages from diverse angles and critical perspectives. You will develop your interests and expertise in the study of the Middle Ages, working with source material including artefacts, manuscripts, archives and printed sources. The course emphasises skills that are required for postgraduate research in this vibrant scholarly field, regardless of your chosen area of specialism.

On this pathway you'll take a selection of medieval modules carefully curated by the department, and write your dissertation on a medieval topic. Medieval Studies is a pathway within English and offers a combination of English Literature and History modules.

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 English Literature: Victorian Literature, Art and Culture

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This specialised pathway within the MA English Literature 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 taught modules to produce a comprehensive overview of the period from high Victorianism to the fin

Boilerhouse Theatre



de siècle while the dissertation allows you to explore specialist research interests.

On this pathway you'll take a selection of Victorian modules carefully curated by the department, and write your dissertation on a Victorian topic.

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
- Victorian Climates: writing empire and environments
- The 19th-century novel: contexts, theories, readers

MA by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Our MA by Research can serve as an alternative to the traditional taught MA, whether as a pathway to PhD study or as an independent research qualification. In the course of this one-year (or two-year part-time) degree, you will work towards a dissertation of up to 40,000 words. This is an extended independent research project pursued with the support of a dedicated supervisor who has expertise in the area that you choose to research. You will receive training in research skills, and have access to the wide range of other training opportunities available at Royal Holloway. 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 campus in Egham.

Research opportunities

You can apply 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 and Middle

English to 21st-century world literature, critical theory and creative writing. The department's major strengths are in Old and Medieval English, the Early Modern, the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and creative writing with particular specialisms in Shakespeare, Swift, Sterne, Dickens, Browning, Hardy, George Eliot, Joyce, Beckett, in world and contemporary literature, critical theory, and the environmental and digital humanities. There are also thriving research interests in American and African-American literature, modernism, postmodernism and contemporary poetic theory and practice. Practice-based PhDs in various genres of creative writing and poetic practice are also available.

Research facilities

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

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

Your future career

The department has an impressive record for placing 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.

E Egham campus **L** Central London

FT (Full-time) 12 (Months duration)

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Geography

As a leading centre for world-class research, knowledge exchange and public engagement, we address the challenges facing contemporary culture, the economy and the environment.



“There’s a close community here actively researching the areas of Cultural Geography I’m interested in. 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

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 2021).
- We have 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 taught and research students drawn from across the world.



Environmental and social sustainability research

100%

research impact is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

5th

in the UK for research

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

Courses

MSc Global Futures:

- MSc Global Futures: Culture and Creativity
- MSc Global Futures: Justice, Development and Sustainability

MRes Cultural Geography

MRes Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice

MSc Geography by Research †

MSc Gender Studies and Global Futures †

MPhil and PhD in all aspects of Geography † (see website for details)

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £23,100-£24,500 per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/geography

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Global Futures

E Egham campus/central London, FT,
12 months

Explore the geographies of the changing world around us. You'll 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 two degree pathways, both of which offer 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 Global Futures: Culture and Creativity:

Focusing 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. You'll 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 Global Futures: Justice, Development and Sustainability: Understanding 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'll build a sound knowledge of how the concept of justice can help us shape a fairer and more sustainable future.

MRes Cultural Geography

E Egham campus/central London, FT,
12 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 Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice

E Egham campus/central London, FT,
12 months

Interest in issues of sustainable development, environmental justice, and geopolitics and security has never been so intense; these are the cornerstones of 'global challenges' research.

The course combines core concepts with intensive research methods training in the form of a long-form dissertation. You'll learn to tackle issues that are high on the national and international agenda, graduating with excellent



employability and research skills to take into your chosen career or further postgraduate study. It also includes the potential for innovative placements and research engagements with external partners. Eligible for ESRC 1+3 funding.

MSc Geography by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Our Masters in Geography by Research offers an opportunity to experience our inspiring research culture and undertake a supervised project linked with an academic and their research interests. You'll refine your research and analytical skills and develop advanced knowledge in your chosen area in a written dissertation.

Research opportunities

For masters by research or for postgraduate research places leading to a PhD degree, please email the academic staff you are interested in working with 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. It showcases and fosters work on issues that have a strong geographical resonance, such as space, place, landscape and environment.

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). The Omnidrome Research and Innovation Centre is a hub for Royal Holloway's research expertise in air, land and water-based drones, robotics and autonomous vehicles. There are specialist 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.

“Taught in world-class facilities at both Royal Holloway and Kew, this degree has given me skills in understanding the intricacies of global health and world challenges, and the confidence to become a steward of positive change.”

Milo

MSc Global Health: Food Security,
Sustainability and Biodiversity



Profile

- Our 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 Botanic Gardens, Kew and the Planetary Health Alliance.
- 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.



Top 20%

in the UK for world-leading research impact

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Royal
Botanic
Gardens **Kew**

MSc Global Health: Food Security, Sustainability and Biodiversity is run in partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Courses

MSc Global Health: Food Security, Sustainability and Biodiversity

MSc Health and Wellbeing Management **

MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-registration)

MPhil/PhD

** New degree under development

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Tuition fees 2026-27

International students*: £21,500-£24,500 per year

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More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/healthstudies

Entry requirements and how to apply

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MSc Global Health: Food Security, Sustainability and Biodiversity [in partnership with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew]

E Egham campus (and Kew), FT, 12 months

Students on this exciting partnership degree will study at Royal Holloway and at Kew, learning from world leading experts at both institutions and spending approximately equal time at our main campus in Egham, Surrey and Kew's main site in Richmond, south west London.

You'll cover a range of topics at the intersections of environmental health and human health, addressing the crucial link between biodiversity, sustainable livelihoods and food security. You'll examine some of the most pressing issues affecting our planet, from deforestation and climate change to pollution and the threats from extinctions, intensive agriculture and a growing human population. You'll see new, innovative solutions in food security, and learn about innovative farming approaches, such as silvopasture, vertical farming and hydroponics. Graduates have an exciting future as the next generation of scientists, policymakers and leaders, ready to solve global sustainability challenges.

Example modules

- The role of biodiversity in human and environmental health
- Sustainability and human livelihoods
- Innovations in food security

MSc Health and Wellbeing Management **

E Egham campus FT, 12 months

This course provides registered practitioners and those keen to work with communities, with a dynamic toolkit to specialise in lifestyle management in supported settings. You'll examine the science and practice of public health care provision on a syllabus which covers project management within public health, social prescribing, sustainability and the role of the environment in wellbeing. You'll develop your understanding of work-based ethics and communication skills to positively influence behaviour change and enable self-care. Training opportunities through our wide network of health care providers will help you prepare for roles in diverse settings, from wellbeing roles to health coaching and other similar areas which have become essential in integrated care systems to improve individual and community health.

MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-reg)

E Egham campus FT, 24 months

Our pre-registration Masters leads to a professional qualification registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) to practice Occupational Therapy.

Addressing contemporary issues like disaster management, sustainability, and global health, this two-year course will equip you with a range of skills to develop a rewarding career as an occupational therapist in roles focused on local solutions for healthy communities in the UK and globally.

You'll benefit from a combination of on-campus learning and placements to develop your practice-based experience and establish strong employment networks. You'll have the flexibility to explore your own interests, be inspired by stimulating teaching from experts, and develop the skills needed to work with individual clients as well as community groups in the public and environmental health sector. Students on this course are required to complete a minimum of 1000 hours over four practice placements in two years, in line with the requirements of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT, 2016)*.

* Our MSc is validated by the Health and Care Professions Council and accredited by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, meaning this degree is also recognised by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. Royal Holloway is a member of ENOTHE, the European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education, connecting our students with a professional occupational therapy community, resources, and other opportunities.



Learning environment

Our Masters degrees connect knowledge to global health-related challenges, and solutions based around creative and flexible thinking. Each course includes experiential learning, fieldwork and opportunities to connect with a variety of networks to develop community engagement skills. You'll learn to work independently and in teams, including interdisciplinary settings, developing relevant skills for a rewarding career promoting the value of health for communities and our environment. Teaching and learning are informed by the active research of staff, particularly in the areas of: global health, planetary health, health risk (in particular from infectious disease), health in developing regions, infodemiology, critical health geopolitics and international health policy, health evaluation and metrics, food security, biodiversity and sustainable living.

Research opportunities

We welcome applications for postgraduate research places leading to a PhD. Please email the member of academic staff you are interested in working with to discuss potential projects. You'll 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 a short distance from Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

Your future career

You'll graduate with the knowledge, transferable research and employability skills that will make you a highly desirable candidate for work in a variety of sectors. From public and environmental health, charity sector, community and environmental development projects, biodiversity and agri-technology, and occupational therapy, your degree can lead you to a rewarding career in a diverse world. Graduate destinations include roles in healthcare, charities, think-tanks and in policy-making, as well as new start-ups in the sustainability and agriculture space.

History

The Department of History at Royal Holloway is an enthusiastic community of students and internationally recognised academics at the forefront of research and methodological innovation. Our innovative programme of taught and research degrees is designed to inspire and challenge.



“My time at Royal Holloway in MA History has been an incredibly enriching experience. The modules I’ve taken, taught by encouraging academics, have challenged my thoughts and allowed me to develop my own arguments and perceptions.”

Julie
MA History

Profile

- We're one of the largest and liveliest History departments in the UK, yet our size doesn't mean that you'll get lost in a crowd. We're committed to giving individual attention to everyone in our postgraduate community.
- There are currently over 30 full-time academic staff in the department, a number of research fellows, and a vibrant postgraduate community.
- We've got a strong research tradition; the international quality of our research has been recognised in all of the UK's research excellence exercises, and as a student with us you'll benefit from that expertise.
- Across the vast range of our research areas, we've got particular strengths in social, cultural, and gender history, the history of ideas, as well as a notable range of countries, periods, and approaches.



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

100%

of research impact is world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Top 25

in the UK for research quality

(Complete University Guide, 2025)

Courses

MA History: Crusader Studies
 MSc Gender Studies and History
 MSc Gender Studies and History and Socio-Legal Studies
 MA History
 MA History: Gender Histories
 MA Holocaust Studies
 MA Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
 MA Public History
 MA by Research
 MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £27,000 per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/history

Entry requirements and how to apply

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MA History

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This course provides a thorough training in the study of History across a wide range of periods and themes. Modules cover British, European and World history, as well as Hellenic studies, from an array of perspectives. Several of our optional modules focus on histories of conflict and violence across a range of centuries and cultures. Students also take a wide-ranging methodology and skills module that provides instruction in historical research and helps to develop vital transferable skills, and complete a supervised dissertation.

Example modules

- (Micro)Histories of race in North America
- New Imperial Histories: Britain's Empire reassessed
- Looking at the Victorians: visual and material culture in Britain, 1837-1901
- A transnational Holocaust

MA History: Gender Histories*

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Taking advantage of Royal Holloway's longstanding research specialism 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 a wide-ranging methodology and skills module 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: Crusader Studies*

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This pathway is designed for students who want to pursue an advanced interest in crusading history. It offers an understanding of the context and ideology that underpinned the Crusades as well as its modern-day resonances. In addition to optional modules, students complete a Research Development Course, which develops the skills required to study medieval history at this level, as well as a supervised dissertation. Students enrolled on the MA History: Crusader Studies pathway can also take options from the MA English: Medieval Studies pathway.

Example modules:

- Byzantium and the First Crusade
- The memory and legacy of the Crusades
- Women, the Crusaders and the frontier societies of medieval Christendom

MA Public History

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

This masters 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 engage with museum curators, public archivists, publishers, and television and radio producers, while gaining practical skills of historical interpretation and communication. You will also take a wide-ranging methodology and skills module 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

MA Holocaust Studies

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

This is a globally unique interdisciplinary MA, taught out of our Holocaust Research Institute, which will appeal to students from a wide range of disciplines including History, English, Modern Languages, Media Arts and others. Experts from the Department of History work with colleagues across the university to deliver a research-supported degree. Your work will culminate in a supervised dissertation.

Example modules

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

MA Late Antique and Byzantine Studies

E Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

This intercollegiate University of London MA is ideal for those interested in progressing to doctoral research in Late Antique and Byzantine studies, relating the history of Late Antiquity and Byzantium to the wider world. As well as

completing a supervised dissertation, you will have the opportunity to study modules at a number of University of London colleges.

Example modules

- Elementary Greek palaeography
- Living in Byzantium: material culture and built environment
- Byzantium and the First Crusade
- Byzantium and the Fourth Crusade

MA by Research

FT, 12 months

This course is intended to give you scope to explore your area of interest in depth, test out a possible research topic, and learn the skills of extended scholarly writing. You will write a research dissertation of up to 40,000 words supervised on a one-to-one basis. Interested applicants should begin by emailing the member of History academic staff they would like to supervise their research.

Research opportunities

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 Holocaust Research Institute, the Hellenic Institute (and its Centre for Greek Diaspora Studies), the Centre for the Study of the Body and Material Culture, the Bedford Centre for the History of Women and Gender, the London Centre for Public History and Heritage, the Centre for Global South Asia and the Conflict, Violence and Terrorism Research Centre.

To find out 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

Our MA graduates have embarked on a range of rewarding careers, making excellent use of the skills provided by their postgraduate studies. Destinations include PhD programmes, 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 academics and practitioners.
- Our research covers the breadth of information security, with core areas addressing cryptography, systems, and people and society.
- Royal Holloway has been recognised as a UK Government Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACE-CSR) and has a gold award from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) as a UK Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Education (ACEs-CSE). Our original Information Security MSc holds NCSC-certified status.
- Our Trustworthy, Embedded and Autonomous Systems Centre (TASC) conducts specialist training and research.
- An advisory board of highly respected industry professionals works with us to ensure our curriculum is future proof and prepares graduates for industry needs in cyber security.



“I chose Royal Holloway because it’s one of the respected and recognised information security groups in the world. The lecturers are absolutely brilliant, always ready to share information and discuss with students.”

Ayobami

MSc Information Security

MSc Information and Cyber Security

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The MSc is an interdisciplinary course taught by the ISG, and cyber security experts from industry. It introduces the technical, human, organisational 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.

MSc Applied Data Science and Cyber Security

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Explore the dynamic field of cyber security through data science. This conversion course enables students with little prior exposure to programming, machine learning or cyber security to prepare for a career in the growing data science and information security industry. You’ll be introduced to a variety of languages essential to data science, and how to use different software packages. You’ll also build a sound knowledge of cyber security and data privacy, including the particular privacy challenges faced by many data science applications.

PhD in Information Security**FT 3 years**

We have a thriving PhD programme in areas such as the design of cryptographic algorithms and protocols, network security, smart cards, access control, security management, and the integration of security techniques into specific applications. Please email academic staff you are interested in working with to discuss three-year, research based PhD opportunities.

Your future career

The ISG has over 5,000 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, in governance, behavioural change settings, banking, telecommunications, consultancies, public utilities and in retail.

35 years

of pioneering research and education
excellence in Information and
Cyber Security

5000+

Global network of alumni in all
areas of society

Courses

MSc Information and Cyber Security

MSc Information and Cyber Security with
a Year in Industry

MSc Applied Data Science and Cyber Security

MSc Cyber Security (Distance Learning)*

MPhil/PhD Information Security

* For details on Distance Learning see
[london.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/
msc-cyber-security](https://london.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/msc-cyber-security)

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £29,300 per year

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More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/isg

Entry requirements and how to apply

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Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Our 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.



“I love the level of independence and flexibility in my research I’m given, supported by supervision from leading experts. I’ve got the opportunity and privilege to be challenged and to challenge, to cause change and be changed.”

Renée

MA by Research and PhD, Comparative Literature and Culture

Profile

- 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.
- We encourage you to participate in intellectual activities in the department and more broadly across fellow Humanities subjects. These include reading groups, postgraduate research work-in-progress sessions, and a Postgraduate Colloquium, in which research students deliver papers and hear from a renowned keynote speaker.



Bautzen, Germany by student Hannah Marshall

5th

in the UK for overall research

(THE, REF 2022 by Grade Point Average)



5 distinct fields combine into
1 interdisciplinary department

Courses

MA by Research

Comparative Literature and Culture
French
German
Hispanic Studies
Italian

MPhil/PhD

MA in Languages and Cultures Across
Borders*

*Taught in partnership with the University of London. For details and applications please visit sas.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/our-courses/postgraduate/ma-languages-cultures-across-borders

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £26,400 per year

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/languages

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MA by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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, contemporary cinema and literature, and the digital humanities.

Research opportunities

MPhil and PhD

Offering you 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. You're encouraged to participate fully in the research culture of the department, to attend relevant skills development events and to participate in the postgraduate research training scheme, which gives all students the opportunity to gain teaching experience.



Cuba during the funeral of Fidel Castro by Dr James Kent

To find out about MPhil or PhD study, please contact our Director of Postgraduate Education (Research) or your proposed supervisor.

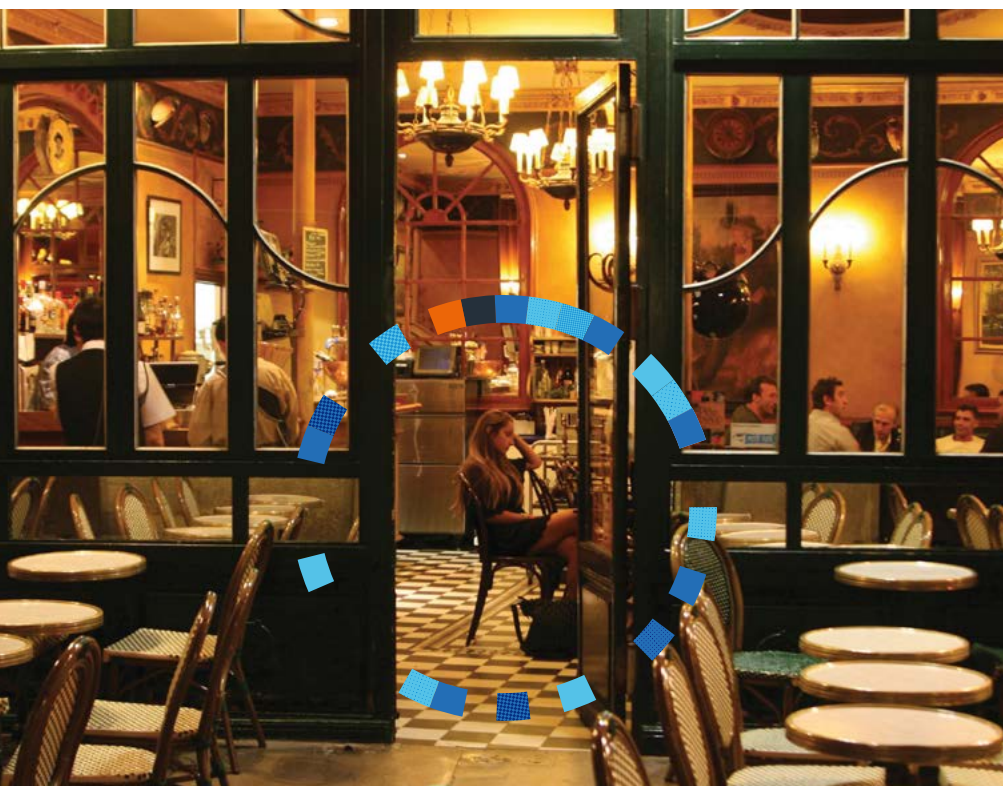
Research interests

The Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures is a vibrant community of world class researchers. Our research environment is founded 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 can 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 Humanities departments.

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

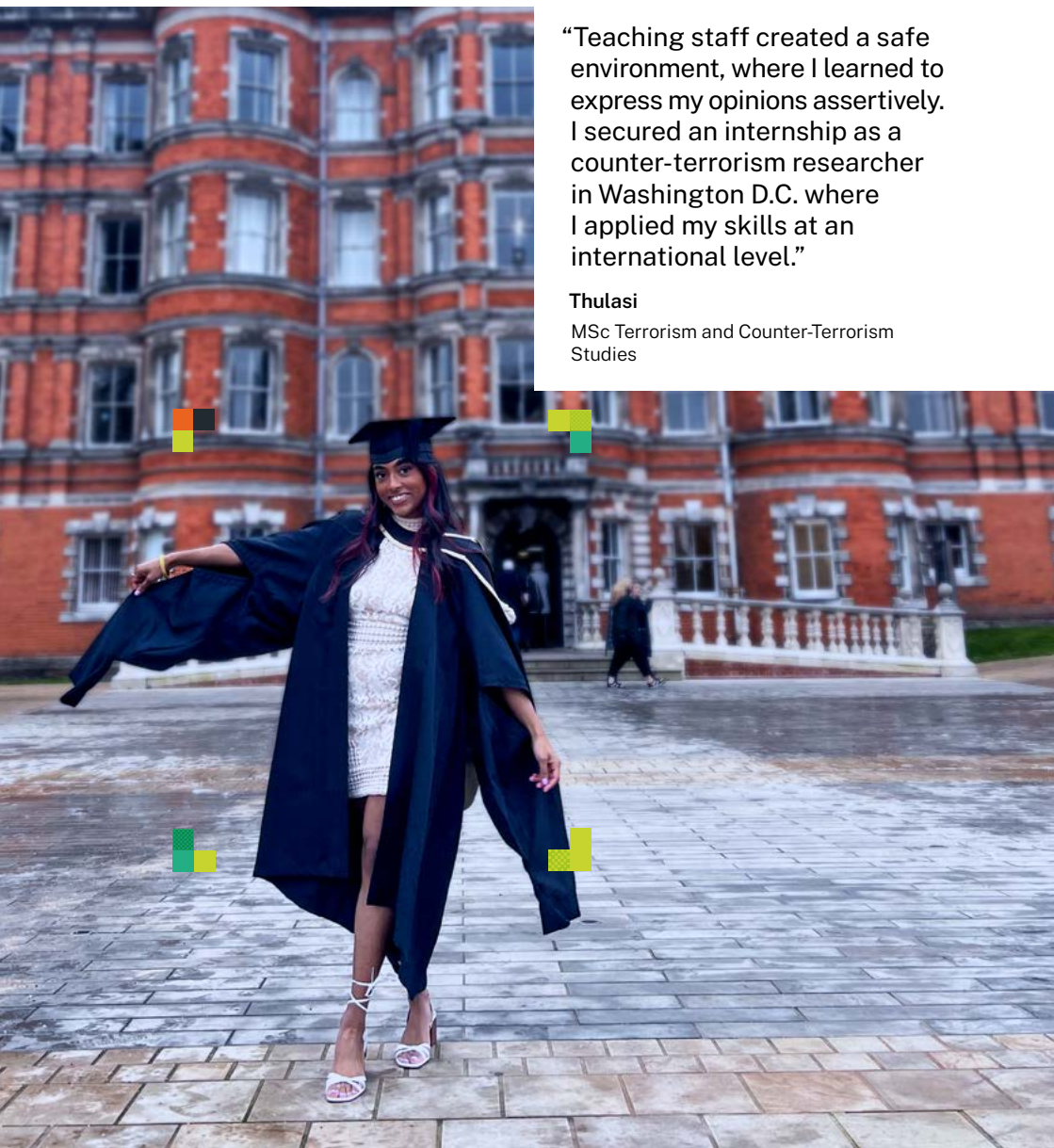
Law and Criminology

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.

“Teaching staff created a safe environment, where I learned to express my opinions assertively. I secured an internship as a counter-terrorism researcher in Washington D.C. where I applied my skills at an international level.”

Thulasi

MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
Studies



Profile

Our students come from diverse backgrounds and benefit from 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.

- Our teaching is informed by research
- We support your career goals
- British Psychological Society accredited MSc Forensic Psychology

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, and a range of expert think tanks and we provide a foundation for continuing professional development.



Learn from leading experts from within Law, Criminology, Psychology and Sociology

Courses

MSc Criminology: Research Methods and Applications

MSc Forensic Psychology

MSc Gender Studies and History and Socio-Legal Studies

MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies

MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £21,500-£27,000 per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/lawandcriminology

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.



Senate House, London

MSc Criminology: Research Methods and Applications

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

You'll be equipped with an interdisciplinary understanding of topics related to crime, social order, and deviance from various backgrounds, including criminology, social and legal psychology, and sociology. You'll gain a critical understanding of how society, the criminal justice system, and individuals respond to crime in the UK and internationally. The degree has a criminology core and includes training in research methods. Specialist modules will provide you with the employability skills needed to pursue a career in the criminal justice system or other relevant areas. The MSc is offered by the Institute for the Study of Power, Crime, and Society, a hub of excellence for studying illegal, informal, and criminal dynamics of power in the broader social context.

Example modules

- Theoretical foundations: Crime and society
- Perspectives on justice and punishment
- Advanced data analysis
- Organised crime, power and politics

MSc Forensic Psychology

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This is an interdisciplinary degree that draws together content and teaching from psychology (see page 88) and law. You'll gain 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.

Example modules

- Forensic psychology and the legal and criminal justice context

- Forensic psychology practice with adults
- Forensic investigations
- Forensic psychology practice with young people and families
- Statistics for research
- Advanced and applied research techniques

MSc Gender Studies and History and Socio-Legal Studies

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Taught in partnership with the Gender Institute.

On this new degree you will explore how gender shapes social and legal as well as historical processes. Closely aligned with our Gender Institute and our Department of History (see page 54) you will learn from internationally renowned experts specialised in gender studies, history, law, criminology and sociology.

Example modules

- Gender theory
- Gender, justice and emotion in Georgian Britain
- Gender and protest
- Gender, sexuality and crime

MSc Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Studies

L Central London, FT, 12 months

This course aims to prepare students for a career in the security, tech, think-tank or policy sectors, or in terrorism and counter-terrorism studies research, amongst others. You will gain an interdisciplinary understanding of individual and organisational involvement in terrorism, as well as national and international approaches to counter-terrorism. Complementing your academic staff, practitioners from across government, the police, social media companies, intelligence and security deliver content and offer advice on careers. The interdisciplinary nature of this course draws on the interlinkages between criminology, law, psychology, international relations, and sociology, and you'll hone your analytical skills, ready for the job market.

Example modules

- Debates in terrorism studies
- Debates in counter-terrorism studies
- Contemporary forms of terrorism
- Psychology of terrorism
- Terror through time

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 are organised in four multidisciplinary clusters:

- **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.

We host two world-leading research centres:

- **Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law:** a multidisciplinary research hub looking into the connections and relationships between emotion and law.
- **Institute for the Study of Power, Crime, and Society:** the Institute is dedicated to studying illegal and criminal dynamics of power in the broader social context. Researchers at the Institute conduct cutting-edge research using quantitative methodologies and draw insights from many different fields to address phenomena of high social relevance.

Your future career

Our flexible courses combine core teaching with specialised modules and the transferable skills that today's employers are looking for. Our graduates have gone on to prestigious positions in government and the private sector:

- 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 department offers the opportunity to be part of our thriving doctoral community, doing world-leading research under the supervision of experts, ranging from blue sky research in pure and applied mathematics and statistics to working closely with users of mathematics in commerce and industry.

Profile

- In the UK Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021), 96% of our Mathematics research output is rated as world-leading 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 covers a broad portfolio including Algebra, Combinatorics, Number Theory, Quantum Dynamics, Statistics and Probability.
- Our vibrant research community of PhD students develop their breadth of expertise in reading groups and seminars.
- The department has strong expertise in information security, and plays an active part in the Information Security Group (see page 58).
- Our links with industry mean we understand the needs of employers and can equip our graduates with the knowledge and skills to contribute to mathematics at the highest levels, in research, science or industry.

Research opportunities

A strong research culture informs our teaching at all levels. Across the department, academic staff are active in pioneering research covering a wide variety of topics, and making an impressive impact on the world stage.

We invite you to email staff directly if you are interested in discussing potential MPhil or PhD projects. A full list of staff and their research interests is available on our website.



"I studied MSci Mathematics at Royal Holloway which inspired me to do a PhD to take it even further. The staff are friendly and approachable and the skills I've acquired have prepared me for my future career."

Samuel

PhD in Mathematics



Applicants should have, or expect to be awarded, the equivalent of an Upper Second Class Honours degree related to the field in which they wish to undertake research.

Research interests

Algebra, in particular group theory; Discrete Mathematics and its Applications (including combinatorial theory, graph theory, cryptography); Information Security; Number Theory (including analytic and algebraic number theory); Quantum Dynamics (including atomic theory, quantum information theory, quantum computing and quantum foundations); Statistics and Probability (including time series and forecasting, and statistical estimation theory, financial mathematics and data science).

Research facilities

Postgraduate students are well provided for in terms of computing facilities with a large dedicated machine available for intensive computations together with personal computers for more routine work. The library has an extensive collection of mathematical books and journals and provides electronic access to major mathematics journals.

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.

96%

research output is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Courses

MPhil/PhD Mathematics

MPhil/PhD Information Security (see p59)

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More department information

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Entry requirements and how to apply

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Media Arts

One of the UK's leading departments in research and practice, our courses are led by world-class experts and practicing professionals dedicated to achieving the highest standards in both the study and practice of screen media. All Masters are taught by award-winning practitioners.



“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

Profile

- Our full-time and part-time academic staff, along with a truly international community of postgraduate students, all contribute to the department's vibrant culture.
- Our size, 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. Plus our distinctive research culture brings together the practical and professional with the more conventionally academic and conceptual.
- Our global network of successful alumni, links to industry and teaching at both our Egham campus and in London, combine to create a professional environment for outstanding research and practice.



9th

in the UK for world-leading research
(THE, REF 2022 rankings by subject)

7th

in the UK for research quality
(Complete University Guide, 2026)

Courses

MA International Media Management
MA Producing Film and Television
MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production
MA Writing for Screen, Stage and Radio*
MPhil/PhD

* See Drama, Theatre and Dance page 28 for full details.

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £24,500 per year
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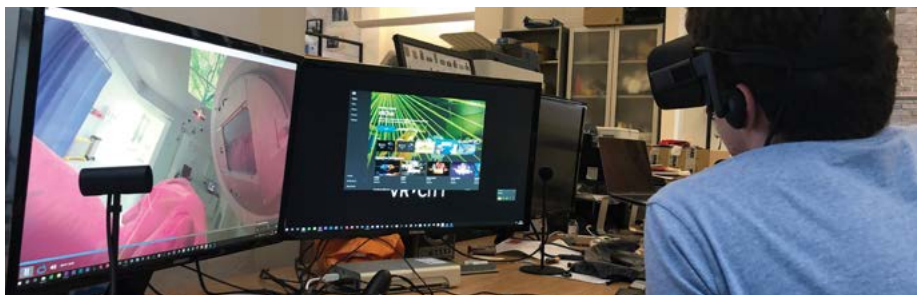
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More department information

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Entry requirements and how to apply

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Exploring virtual reality storytelling

Explore the CoStar National Lab

The CoStar National Lab is part of a £75m investment by the UK government, bringing together cutting-edge infrastructure with world-leading multi-disciplinary research teams to speed up the use of new and innovative technologies in the UK's film, TV, and performance industries. It is led by the StoryFutures team at Royal Holloway.

Postgraduate students in Media Arts at Royal Holloway can benefit from opportunities to access and use the Futures Studio virtual production volume, located on our campus in Egham. There may be opportunities to take part in collaborative productions and other projects with our undergraduate film, television, and video games students. There may also be opportunities for students to get involved in technologies training sessions and showcases on campus and at CoStar's partner institutions, which include the National Film and Television School (NFTS), Abertay University, University of Surrey, BT and Disguise.

MA International Media Management

E L Egham campus/central London, FT, 12 months

This internationally oriented course develops creative entrepreneurs prepared to navigate new technologies, changing consumer behaviour, and evolving business models in the global media industry. It teaches the project management, business and research skills essential for overseeing the life cycle of complex media projects from conception to completion. There will be a number of high-calibre tutors leading this course, many of whom are actively working

for media content and creative technology industries. You will also benefit from visits by industry speakers and guest lecturers throughout the year.

Example modules

- New media institutions
- Managing and financing TV and Film projects
- International audio-visual business
- Digital creative entrepreneurship
- Masters dissertation or project

MA Producing Film and Television

L Central London, FT, 12 months

This 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 also develop a personal portfolio of film and television projects. This MA will suit you if you are creative, highly motivated and seeking a challenging, 100% practical degree.

Example modules

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

MA by Research in Film, Television and Digital Production

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

If you're an independent researcher who wants to move onto a PhD or you're 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.

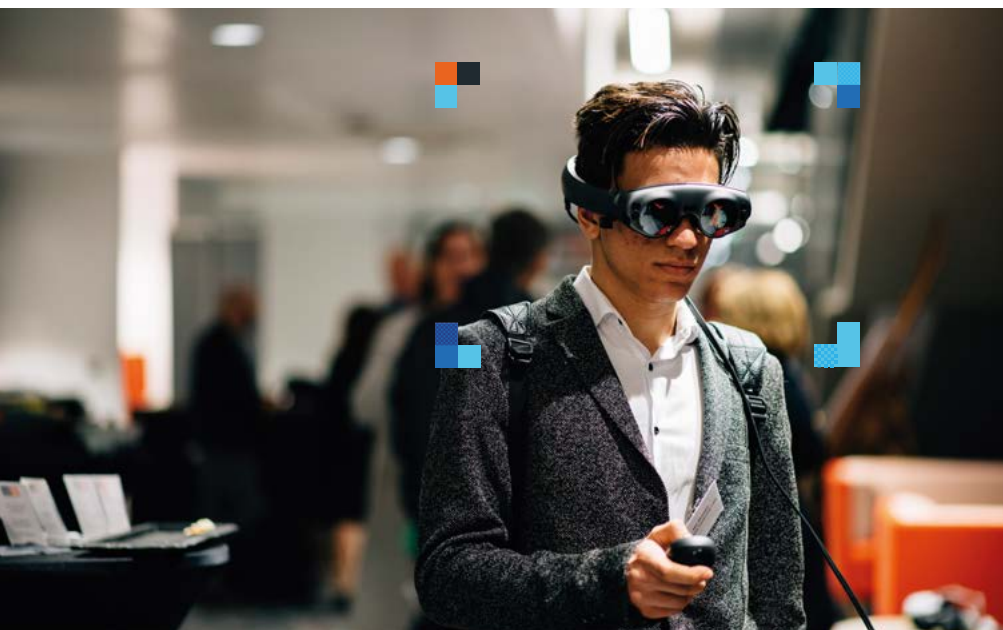
We have expertise in creative industries, cross platform digital arts, immersive storytelling and interactivity, screenwriting, the use of media in the fine arts and work on both fictional and factual representations, and production. We are interested in supervising projects on many topics covering the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

Facilities

Make use of our exclusive 24/7 media labs and postproduction rooms, our impressive range of location filming equipment, TV and sound studio facilities, and our extensive links to local industry. Throughout your course, you'll be supported by our dedicated, professional and approachable 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, Apple TV, Banijay, Meta 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 and The Los Angeles Film Awards and an EMMY. Our graduates have an excellent professional reputation that has led to an international network for professional opportunities and support. For other graduates, completing an MA is the precursor to embarking on research, and may ultimately lead to a PhD.



Exploring virtual reality storytelling

Music

Join our Department of Music at Royal Holloway and you'll be joining a community that has a national and international reputation, attracting first-class students from all over the world.



“My experience as a Music student has been both eye-opening and satisfying. I’m thankful for the precious opportunity to develop my passion for music here. It is, undoubtedly, the ideal place for music-lovers to study Music further.”

Mandy

MMus

Profile

- We're home to a friendly postgraduate community (around 50 research students and over 20 Masters students each year), and our work covers broad chronologies and geographies. From Baroque to contemporary music, spanning Asia, Europe and the Americas, we cross disciplinary boundaries and integrate perspectives from musicology, ethnomusicology, theory, film/tv/game music, composition, sound studies and performance.
- You'll 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 you'll give papers and chair discussions, composer workshops, and masterclasses all enhance your study experience.
- We currently offer a number of exciting scholarship opportunities. Please see the website for full details.



The Royal Holloway Orchestra and the London Mozart Players in the Windsor Building Auditorium

2nd

in the UK for overall research

(THE, REF 2022 by Grade Point Average)

10th

in the UK for performing arts

(QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025)



The UK's only Regius Chair in Music

Courses

MMus Music

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £24,500 per year

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/music

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.



MMus Music

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This course offers focused pathways in Composition, Musicology/Ethnomusicology, Performance (including Collaborative Piano), Film/TV/Game Music and Music Management. Individual electives include areas such as music and screen media, video game music, performance studies, historical musicology, digital entrepreneurship, 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
- Historical musicology
- Topics in music and screen media
- Ludomusicology and video game music
- Techniques in ethnomusicology
- Digital creative entrepreneurship
- Music Industries Report



Research opportunities

We offer an MA by Research option.

Applications are also 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, global music studies, and music of the Western tradition.

- Composition and contemporary performance
- Digital creativity, screen media and music
- Global perspectives on music
- Inclusion, participation and decolonisation in music
- Modernity and music
- Music history, archiving and heritage



Our research methodologies are diverse, and include social, political and institutional historiography, practice-based (performance and composition) and ethnographic approaches, and engage many contemporary concerns (including music and social justice, and music and the environment).

Research facilities

The department has a new IT suite with round-the-clock access for postgraduate students, a global music studio, a large number of practice rooms and a small recital room. Performances are regularly scheduled in the university's Grade I-Listed Victorian Picture Gallery. Our modern on-campus library holds our extensive music collection, while 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. 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.

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

- We offer an exciting, diverse and unique way to study this subject. Our distinctive department 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.
- Our students benefit from a strong culture of support, with individual supervision of projects by experts in philosophy research.
- 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 are supported if we want to develop skills outside research, through training and paid placements and having benefited from two placements myself, I couldn’t recommend it enough.”

Anca

PhD student, writing a thesis on 20th-century French philosophy of life -Canguilhem, Ruyer, Simondon, with the support of a Techne AHRC scholarship

MA Philosophy by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The MA Philosophy by Research is a flexible programme that allows you to undertake in-depth study under the supervision of international experts, on a broad range of subjects within Philosophy.

The MA by Research involves you working one-on-one with an academic supervisor to produce a maximum 40,000-word dissertation on a subject of your choice. You’ll have the scope to explore your area of interest in real depth and to develop sophisticated critical and analytical research and writing skills.

Before applying you’ll need to contact the academic researcher you want to work with and prepare a 1,000-2,000 word research proposal.

Research opportunities and interests

Our 3-4 year PhD programme involves you writing a maximum 100,000-word thesis that makes an original contribution to a field of philosophical research and demonstrates scholarly expertise in that field. Students will begin their PhD on an MPhil, which is a 2-3 year programme to produce a maximum 50,000-word thesis with reduced requirements for scholarly contribution and expertise, upgrading to PhD in their second year.

Our wide-ranging research profile includes internationally recognised strengths in: Hellenistic thought, and particularly Stoicism and its influence on later periods; the origins



Work beyond the narrow confines of Anglo-American or European philosophy

and development of German idealism; contemporary European philosophy, including existentialism, phenomenology, and post-structuralism, and particularly the work of French thinkers Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari; and pragmatist philosophy, with particular focus on debates concerning religious belief, scientific, knowledge, and democratic pluralism. Research in political philosophy includes both Anglo-American and European traditions, and focuses on democratic theory, theories of power and identity, the politics of race and ethnicity, and applied political thought. 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, and philosophy and literature.

We ask interested applicants first to discuss their research projects with a potential supervisor before making a formal application. Contact details for faculty are on our website. University funding is often available to support PhD research. Please enquire early if you plan to seek funding for your degree.

Research facilities

In addition to the substantial library collections on campus in Egham, postgraduates also have access to other libraries of the University of London, including Senate House. Philosophy students also benefit from our collaboration with the Royal Institute of Philosophy and the Institute of Philosophy in the School of Advanced Study in London.

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 on research programmes have gone on to various careers, such as academic positions at universities.

Courses

MA Philosophy by Research
MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £22,300 per year
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More department information

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Entry requirements and how to apply

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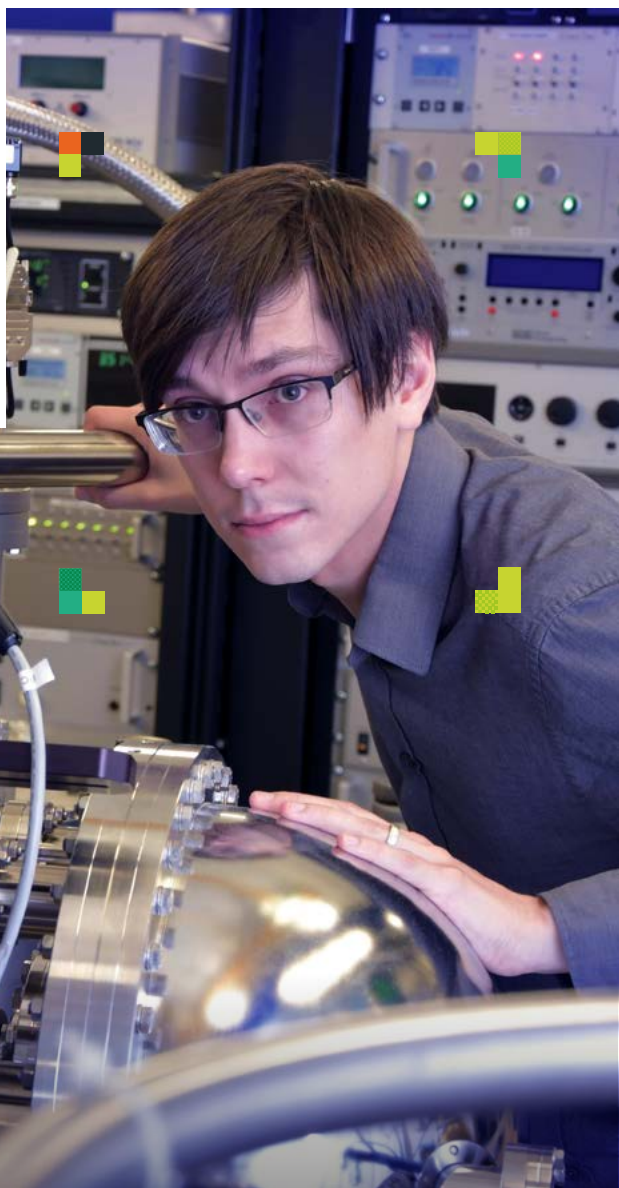
Physics

Our department is a vibrant and dynamic centre for physics 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 forefront of the most exciting fields in physics.

“My work combines aspects of 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.”

Luke

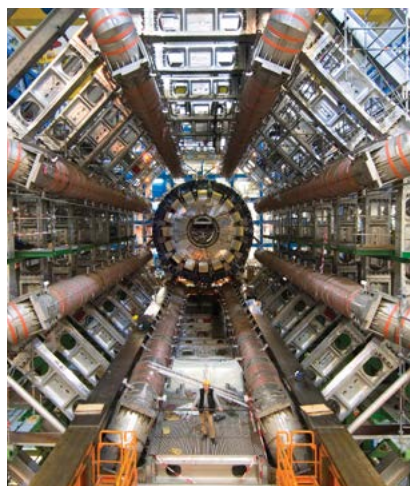
PhD in Condensed Matter Physics



Courtesy of Diamond Light Source

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 some of 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 European Organisation for Nuclear Research, 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 hold Juno Champion status from the Institute of Physics, and a Silver Athena Swan award recognising our commitment to an inclusive environment where equality of opportunity is valued in our Physics community.



Research at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) CERN

84%

research is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

14th

in the UK for 4* world-leading research environment

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

Courses

MSc Physics by Research

MPhil/PhD Physics

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £26,400 per year

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/physics

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Physics by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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.

MPhil/PhD Physics

E Egham campus, FT, 36 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 MSci qualification at 2:1 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.

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

- 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.
- 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.

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.

Research opportunities

You are able to apply for a postgraduate research place leading to a PhD degree in any of the department's research areas. Please email academic staff you are interested in working with. 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 in information technology and communications, or scientific publishing and patent law.

Politics and International Relations

We are a research-active department with academic staff, visiting scholars and research students who all play an active role in the department's dynamic research culture.

“My course has smaller classes that provide meaningful opportunities to engage with the professor and my favourite part is the freedom to explore different topics of interest through assignments and my dissertation.”

Sanjit

MSc International Relations



Profile

- We are rated second in the country for research overall and first for world-leading research outputs (THE, REF institutions ranked by subject, 2022).
- Our department's postgraduate teaching is research-led, with academics teaching modules in the fields they publish in, making for an intensive and in-depth learning experience. This is supported by an intensive research skills training programme and active research centres with regular seminars and events open to students to attend and take an active role in.
- We are part of two doctoral training centres: the Economic and Social Research Council South East Doctoral Training Arc (SEDarc) 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.
- Each Masters course consists of core modules, a wide variety of specialist options, and a 10,000-12,000 word supervised dissertation. Three of our degrees are also offered at a Postgraduate Diploma level (without the dissertation element). Our degrees can be taken full-time over 12 months or part-time over 24 months (9 and 20 months respectively for the Diploma degrees).



The Department of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy is home to eight research centres, including the Democracy and Elections Centre.

64%

research output rated 4* world leading (highest score in sector)

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

2nd

in the UK for research overall

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

Courses

MSc Gender Studies and International Relations

MSc Gender Studies and Politics

MSc International Public Policy and Development

MSc International Relations

MSc International Security

MSc Media, Power and Public Affairs

MSc Politics and International Relations by Research

MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £21,500-£27,000 per year

* Fees may vary per course, please check website for full details.

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

royalholloway.ac.uk/courses

More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/politicsandir

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Gender Studies and International Relations

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Studying this interdisciplinary degree closely aligned with our Gender Institute you'll be able to tailor your degree to your interests. You will be able to choose from a range of optional modules covering a range of topics.

Example modules

- Gender and technologies
- Analysing international politics
- Gender and nationalism in the Middle East and South Asia
- International security

MSc Gender Studies and Politics

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The MSc Gender Studies and Politics will put questions of power, inequality, and identity at the heart of your studies. The degree is closely aligned with the Gender Institute and your tutor will be from the Gender Studies teaching team. Optional modules will cover a range of topics such as political psychology, public opinion and strategic political communication.

Example modules

- Gender, power and protest
- Identity, power and radical political theory
- Gender and global politics
- Political concepts

MSc International Public Policy and Development

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Brings together the academic studies of international relations and development studies with a practice-based analysis of public policy formulation and governance beyond the nation-state.

Example modules

- Political economy of development
- International public policy
- Global health policy
- The global politics of food security
- International public practice

MSc International Relations

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Key issues in international relations and transnational politics, theory and concepts of International Relations.

Example modules

- Analysing international politics
- United States foreign policy
- International relations of the Middle East
- The Israel-Palestinian conflict

MSc International Security

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

An in-depth exploration of the field of Security Studies, developing understanding of national and transnational security dynamics.

Example modules

- International security
- Media, war and conflict
- Understanding defence

MSc Media, Power and Public Affairs

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Comprehensive analysis of the changing media environment and its impact on political institutions, citizens' attitudes and behaviours and public policy.

Example modules

- Media, power and public affairs
- Strategic political communication
- Media, war and conflict
- Parties, media and the defence of democracy

MSc Politics and International Relations by Research

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

The MA by Research (Politics and International Relations) is a flexible programme that allows you to undertake in-depth study under the supervision of international experts, on a broad range of subjects within Politics or International Relations.

The core of the MA by Research is a maximum 40,000-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.

Before applying you will need to identify one of our academic researchers to work and prepare a 1,000-2,000 word research proposal that outlines the main aims and objectives of your planned research.

Research opportunities

Applications are invited for places on our MPhil and PhD research degrees. Our research students are mentored by established academics to develop their doctoral dissertations and publishing profiles and are supported to present their research at seminars and conferences outside Royal Holloway. Please contact your proposed supervisor directly to discuss potential supervision before applying. A list of academic staff can be found on our website.

Research interests

We are one of the UK's top departments for research in the field, with a large group of world-class researchers using a wide spectrum of theoretical and methodological approaches to address 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:

- Jean Monnet Chair
- The Democracy and Elections Centre
- The Centre for International Security
- The Centre for Islamic and West Asian Studies
- The Global Politics and Development Centre
- The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group
- The New Political Communications Unit
- The Gender Institute

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

Research facilities

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

Your future career

Our postgraduate degrees help to hone the knowledge and transferable skills that 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 European Parliament, TikTok, International Committee of the Red Cross, Focaldata, the BBC, Greater London Authority the Home Office and HMRC.



“I’ve built friendships here that are for life and lecturers have been extremely helpful throughout the whole process of completing this Masters degree, and are very easy to approach for any concerns or questions.”

Viivi

MSc International Relations

Psychology

We are a vibrant research community with an international reputation for leading research. Our dynamic and varied research covers the social, emotional, cognitive and neural basis of social interaction decision-making, learning, perception, memory, and language, through to more applied research topics in forensic, clinical, health, and developmental psychology.

“My experience at Royal Holloway has been incredibly fulfilling, offering me personal enjoyment and the skills to succeed. Looking ahead, having enjoyed my research project this year, I’m keen to pursue a PhD.”

Kate

MSc Psychology



Profile

- The latest UK research assessment (REF 2021) confirmed the high international significance of our research, rating 100% of research impact as 4* outstanding in terms of reach and significance (the top rating).
- We offer a stimulating intellectual environment, organised into four 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.
- Our degrees develop transferable skills and prepare our graduates for employment in their desired careers.
- Research is generously supported by UK research and innovation councils, charities like the Leverhulme Trust, industrial investors and companies, academic trusts, healthcare companies, hospitals, and government.



Highly advanced facilities to augment your learning

3rd

in the UK for research

(THE, REF Institutions ranked by subject, 2022)

100%

research impact is rated world-leading quality

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)

Courses

MSc Applied Neuroscience

MSc Clinical Psychology

MSc Forensic Psychology

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students*: £29,300 per year

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For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/psychology

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

MSc Applied Neuroscience

E Egham campus, FT, 12 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 such as TMS, VR, eye tracking, fMRI, and across the board EEG in our campus-based laboratories. You'll learn to conduct applied neuroscience research projects using some of this equipment and acquire practical experience for your future career in research or practice, such as using eye tracking, virtual reality, experimental design and neuroscientific data analysis.

Example Modules

- Neuroscience in the real world
- Neuroscience of emotion and decision making
- Applied neuroscience methods

MSc Clinical Psychology

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

Designed to equip you with knowledge and skills to pursue a career in a mental health setting or in mental health research. You'll 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
- Clinical placement

MSc Forensic Psychology

E Egham campus, FT, 12 months

This interdisciplinary Masters is jointly run with Law and Criminology (page 64) and provides in-depth insights into topical issues and new research in forensic psychology. You'll enhance your critical understanding of psychological theories and evidence relevant to the legal and criminal justice context. The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society and taught by research and practice-led internal and external professionals. You'll gain transferable skills for careers in a wide range of fields.

Example modules

- Forensic psychology and the legal and criminal justice context
- Forensic investigations: Cognitive and social approaches
- Forensic psychology practice with young people and families

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. You can apply for PhD studentships from the department and from external sources, such as the ESRC-funded South East Doctoral Training Arc (SEDarC) doctoral training partnership and through the London Interdisciplinary Doctoral programme (LIDo).

Research facilities

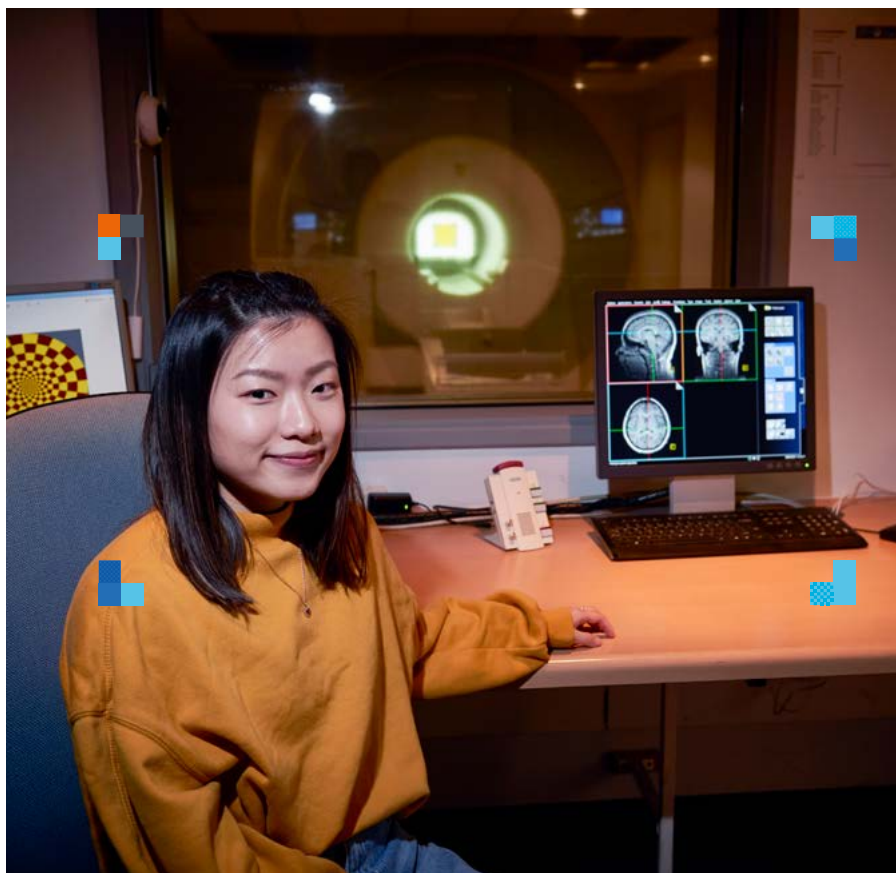
We have a research-dedicated 3T fMRI scanner and an fNIRS system for brain imaging, electroencephalography (EEG) for recording brain activity, and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS); virtual reality laboratory, systems for recording eye movements, and equipment for measurement of reaching and grasping movements. We also have a test library of psychometric instruments, soundproof testing booths and observation and infant-testing laboratories.

The department has frequent seminars in which staff and external speakers present their recent research and discuss major issues affecting psychological science.

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, and Research Clinical Psychologist at the Wellcome Trust, to research and academic positions.

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

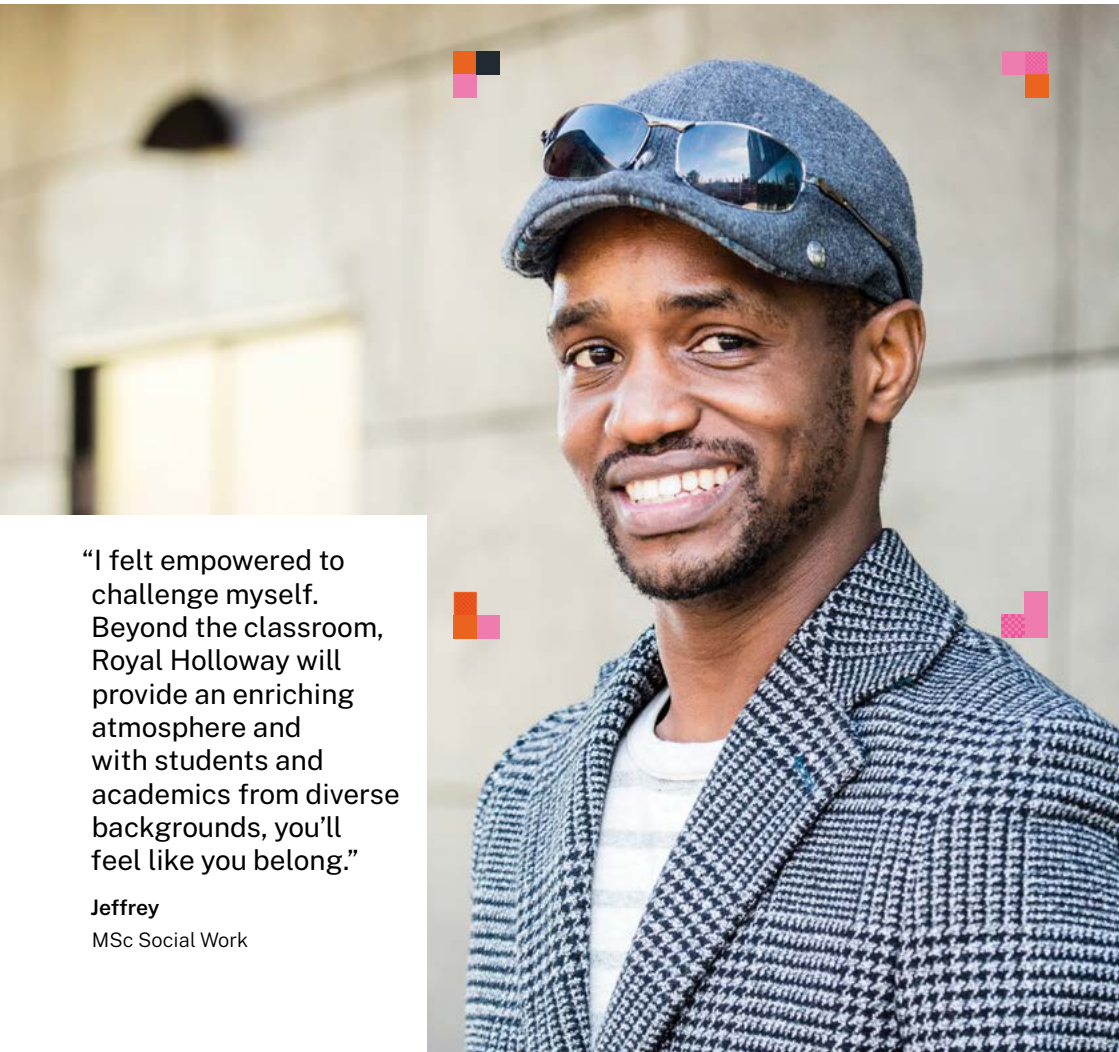


Our department MRI scanner

Social Work

Based in the interdisciplinary Department of Law and Criminology. Our research and teaching are influenced by contemporary social work, health and social policy, and informed by a sound knowledge and value base.

We support you to become 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 informs our taught courses.



“I felt empowered to challenge myself. Beyond the classroom, Royal Holloway will provide an enriching atmosphere and with students and academics from diverse backgrounds, you’ll feel like you belong.”

Jeffrey

MSc Social Work

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 location.
- High level of employability within six months of qualification.
- A solid grounding in integrating social work theory and research into practice.



100%

research impact is rated world-leading or internationally excellent

(Research Excellence Framework, 2021)



Advance your career in two years

Courses

MSc Social Work

PGDip Social Work (*Step up to Social Work*)*

MPhil/PhD

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Tuition fees 2026/27

International students: £21,500 per year

For research degree tuition fees please see website.

More course information and contacts

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More department information

royalholloway.ac.uk/socialwork

Entry requirements and how to apply

See page 102.

* Applications for 2026 are now closed but please check the website for information for 2027.



“The teaching staff guide you to be the best Social Worker you can be and equip you with skills to apply in every part of life. I highly recommend this course, and recommend that you strap yourself in for the journey.”

Jade

MSc Social Work

MSc Social Work

L Central London, FT, 24 months

Suitable if you want to embark on a career in social work, no matter the subject of your first degree, this two-year course will fully prepare you for a professional career in the statutory or voluntary social work field. On successful completion you'll be able to register with Social Work England.

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.

Example modules

- Readiness for practice
- Life course and observational learning
- Law and policy for social work
- Knowledge and skills for practice
- Social work research and dissertation

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: 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:

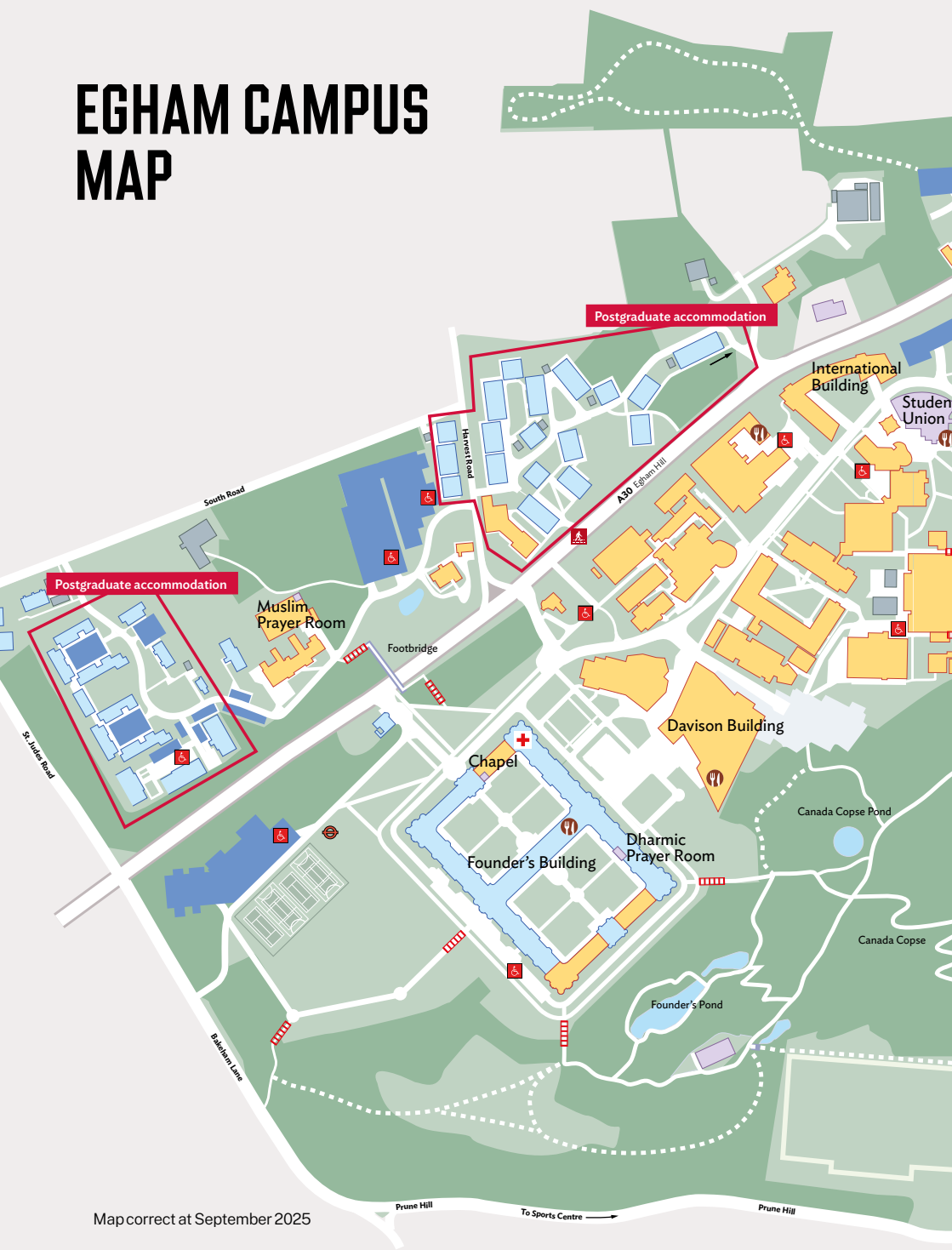
- Inequalities, justice and power
- Contemporary professionalism
- Race, anti-racism and intersectionality
- Poverty and marginalisation
- Emotions, professional practice, critical reflection
- Risk, assessment, decision-making and discretion
- Adoption and children in care, old age, death and dying, homelessness and multiple exclusion

Your future career

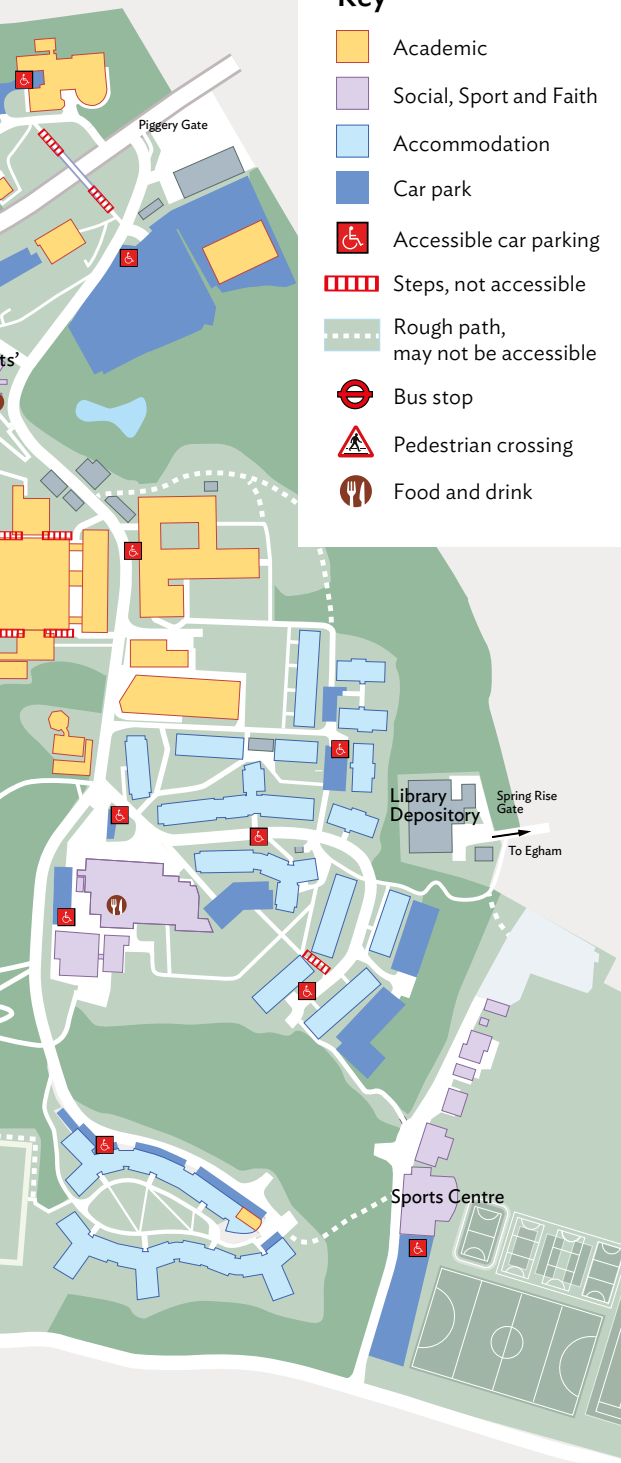
Our Social Work graduates have high employability rates, enjoying careers in statutory and voluntary/ third sector organisations. Graduates of the MSc Social Work can apply for registration with Social Work England, the body responsible for social work regulation. Qualified social workers can also continue their professional and academic development through taught post-qualifying degrees or research opportunities with us, for instance on the 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.



EGHAM CAMPUS MAP



Map correct at September 2025



Key

- Academic
- Social, Sport and Faith
- Accommodation
- Car park
- ♿ Accessible car parking
- Steps, not accessible
- Rough path, may not be accessible
- Bus stop
- Pedestrian crossing
- Food and drink

The campus is a 20-minute walk from Egham train station or you can use the regular university bus service. Surrounding towns such as Egham, Staines and Windsor offer entertainment, nightlife, restaurants and shopping. There are many historic spots on our doorstep, such as Windsor Great Park, and the nearby river Thames and surrounding countryside are wonderful places to restore calm and balance.

Campus highlights

The spectacular Grade I-listed Founder's Building is at the heart of campus. It's where our first students lived and studied and is built around two quads. It contains a café, dining hall, and GP surgery, as well as a beautiful chapel and Picture Gallery, with a famous collection of Victorian art. Opposite Founder's is the Emily Wilding Davison Building, which houses an impressive library, with plenty of space for individual and group study, a Careers and Enterprise Hub, Events space, café and shop.



LONDON MAP AND LOCATION

You'll find us in the heart of London's Bloomsbury, an area packed with museums, libraries, and industry connections as well as shops, pubs and cafés.

You'll be able to soak up everything the capital has to offer, from work experience and networking to enjoying the culture, food and nightlife of a vibrant city.



SUPPORTING YOU

Studying at postgraduate level can be a big step up, with new challenges. Our friendly and supportive community of students, academics and professional teams work together to help you achieve your goals.

Wellbeing is a key focus at Royal Holloway and our teams of advisors support a huge range of issues and can signpost you in the right direction. We're also committed to protecting students from harassment and sexual misconduct. Find out more on our website.

Disability and neurodiversity support starts before you join us. Just let us know if you have any conditions or specific needs so we can help with adjustments.

Mental health support for all students comes from our mental health practitioners and professionally accredited counselling service. For students based in and around Egham, our on-campus NHS doctors surgery provides health support and other NHS services.

Funding advisors will support you with any financial concerns. Hall life teams on our Egham campus and at the intercollegiate halls in London will make sure your experience in student accommodation goes smoothly.

The Multifaith Chaplaincy is available to everyone regardless of faith or belief.

The academic skills team provides workshops, courses and other resources to improve your academic writing, research and maths skills.

International students have their own dedicated team to support their move to the UK and if English isn't your first language, our Pre-sessional English Language programme could help.

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“I would have struggled without the Wellbeing team and the financial support and grants they were able to provide. It meant I could focus on studying and develop my artistic voice as a theatre director.”

Eduardo

MA Theatre Directing



RESEARCH DEGREES

If you're ready to take the next step in your academic journey, why not consider one of our research degrees?

- Masters by Research places emphasis on independent research and is ideal preparation for doctoral level study. You'll need to complete an extended dissertation of up to 40,000 words.

If you've already completed a Masters degree, we offer PhD programmes supported by our Doctoral School.

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) will see you take on a research project with a thesis that makes an original contribution to knowledge. They normally take a minimum of three years.





“My mentors inspired me to be an academic who puts their work to the test. Reading and writing about the intersections of women and technology sparked something, and I started my book series. I dedicated the first book to my amazing advisors, who pushed me to become who I am today.”

Courtney

PhD student in the Business School and author of a children's book aimed at encouraging girls into STEM subjects.

How to apply

You'll need to have an idea of a research proposal and what direction you want to take with your degree. To apply, first select a supervisor from one of our academic departments. Take a look at our website to explore our departments and current research projects. Then contact the relevant Departmental Recruitment Lead (see royalholloway.ac.uk/pgdirectors) for an informal discussion about your proposal.

To identify potential supervisors for your studies, visit the Royal Holloway Research Portal pure.royalholloway.ac.uk.

Your study

You'll have one or more supervisors but you'll lead your own research. You'll have formal annual reviews, where you'll need to prepare a written submission. You'll also have an Upgrade review in the second year of full time studies to formally progress to a PhD. In your final year you'll focus on writing and finishing your thesis before presenting your research at an oral examination.

Funding

A Royal Holloway studentship could provide funding for fees, stipend or both. They are awarded for three and a half years (full-time). You'll need to speak to your supervisor or Departmental Recruitment Lead to be considered.

You could also get a studentship from an external provider, depending on your subject.

PhD students also have the opportunity to take on some teaching responsibility, supported by a training programme.

Contact doctoralschool@royalholloway.ac.uk for more information on funding a research degree.

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 with non-standard qualifications or in an area different from the one you're applying for. Visit royalholloway.ac.uk/courses for more information.

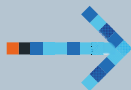
Application process

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Before you apply

Find out everything you can about the course you'd like to join, from the website.

Please speak to the Disability and Neurodiversity team if you have any medical or disability needs that require reasonable adjustments. You can also contact the department you are looking to study with, or our Admissions team.

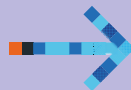


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When to apply

If you're applying for a course for September 2026, the deadline to apply will be in the summer of 2026. If your course has a January 2027 start date (availability not confirmed at time of going to print), the application deadline will be in autumn 2026. See our website for full details.

If you're planning to apply for financial support and/or a student visa, make sure you also check the relevant deadlines.



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

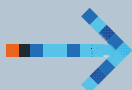
If you're thinking of applying for a postgraduate research course, please note different requirements and deadlines may apply.

You can contact our Admissions team by emailing admissions@studygroup.com.

3

Apply through a local agent

Your agent must submit an application on your behalf via Study Group's Agent Portal and you should receive an update on your application within two working days.



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Decision and offer

You may be invited to an interview before we make a decision. If not, we'll look at the information in your application, plus your references and any relevant supporting materials.

If we're able to make you an offer, we'll let you know by email, making clear any conditions that may apply.

To guarantee your place, and before you 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 December 2025 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 2026. 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.

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E Advanced Electronic and Electrical Engineering (MSc)	FT	12	38
E AI for Business (MSc)	FT	12	14
E Ancient History (MA)	FT	12	20
E Applied Data Science (MSc)	FT	12	24
E Applied Data Science and Cyber Security (MSc)	FT	12	58
E Applied Neuroscience (MSc)	FT	12	88
E Artificial Intelligence (MSc)*	FT	12	24
E Biological Sciences Research (MSc)	FT	12	12
E Business Analytics (MSc)	FT	12	14
E Classical Art and Archaeology (MA)	FT	12	20
E Classical Reception (MRes)	FT	12	20
E Classics (MA)	FT	12	20
E Clinical Psychology (MSc)	FT	12	88
E Comparative Literature and Culture by Research (MA)	FT	12	60
E Computational Finance (MSc)*	FT	12	24/34
E Computer Science by Research (MSc)	FT	12	24
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E Criminology: Research Methods and Applications (MSc)	FT	12	64
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E Data Science and Analytics (MSc)*	FT	12	24
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* Available with a Year in Industry option

** Degree under development

Course	Full-time/part-time/ distance learning	Duration (months)	Page
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E Electronic Engineering by Research (MSc)	FT	12	38
L Engineering Management (MSc)	FT	12	38
L Engineering Management with Cyber Security	FT	12	38
E English by Research (MA)	FT	12	42
E English Literature (MA)	FT	12	42
E English Literature: Medieval Studies (MA)	FT	12	42
E English Literature: Victorian Literature, Art and Culture (MA)	FT	12	42
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