

ROYAL HOLLOWAY MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

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One of the finest research records of any UK university."
The Sunday Times Good University Guide

A Reputation for Research

Royal Holloway, University of London is one of the UK's top research-led university institutions, acknowledged worldwide for high quality research across the arts, humanities and sciences. This is built on an established track-record of research leadership, continued investment in top-class staff and facilities, and innovative partnerships in Higher Education, Government, industry and other organisations in the UK and abroad.

In the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the College is ranked 16th in the UK overall in terms of research of purely 4* standard (the highest grade). This means that 90% of our research is recognised internationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour - with 60% being either world-leading or internationally excellent. We have successful partnerships with, and sponsorship from, governments, charitable foundations, industry and commerce. This global network of collaboration creates original research of national and international importance.

The top performing departments across the Faculties ranked by proportion of 3* and 4* research are:

- ▶ Music - ranked 1st in the UK, the Music Department has been consistently awarded the highest research rating in all previous RAEs and is now the UK's top Department;
- ▶ School of Biological Sciences - ranked joint 3rd in the UK, it has benefited from strategic investment in staff, research and teaching facilities, boosting the internationally competitive quality of its research;
- ▶ Economics - ranked joint 9th in the UK, this is a relatively young department established 10 years ago with highly-regarded academic staff who advise Governments and international organisations.
- ▶ A further six departments are ranked in the Top 10 nationally based on 3* and 4* scores: Drama (joint 9th), Earth Sciences (joint 7th), Geography (joint 9th), German (joint 5th) Media Arts (joint 6th), and Psychology (joint 5th).

The Faculty of Arts

The Arts Faculty comprises departments of Classics, Drama, English, Media, Modern Languages and Music. Scholars within the faculty are world-class researchers, and this expertise is used within their teaching. The departments of Drama, Media and Music are each listed in the top ten departments in the country for their research, with Music placed as first within its field. This makes Royal Holloway one of the strongest centres for creative arts in the country. The College hosts the AHRC's Research Centre for the History and Analysis of Recorded Music, a centre for research into theatre history, and a leading research centre for the Holocaust and 20th Century History. The former Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion, is Director for the Creative Writing MA programme.

The Faculty of History and Social Sciences

Royal Holloway comprises Departments of History, Politics and International Relations, Health and Social Care, Management, Economics, and European Studies. The Faculty has considerable strengths in the study of global markets, politics and social history, and undertakes a wide variety of commissioned research in the national and international health and welfare arena. There are dedicated research groups furthering original research into Public Service Organisations and Sustainability. The Bedford Centre for the History of Women is a focal point for women's history in Britain.

The Faculty of Science

Royal Holloway is one of the major colleges in which the University of London has chosen to concentrate its science teaching and research. Indeed, on the basis of world-leading and internationally excellent research (4* and 3* standard) four of the departments in the Faculty (Biological Sciences, Psychology, Earth Sciences and Geography) achieved top 10 rankings for their discipline across all universities in the UK in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

The Campus

Royal Holloway is one of the constituent colleges of the University of London. The college has approximately 8000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in 18 departments which fall within the three faculties

mentioned above. The college enrolls students from all over the UK and approximately 34% of all students come from outside the United Kingdom. Set within rural surroundings close to Royal Windsor. Central London is a 40 minute train journey away.

The 135-acre campus is the focal point of student life at Royal Holloway. Nearly all teaching and social activities take place here. The 19th century Founder's building dominates the campus and houses part of the library, the administration, the main lecture theatre, a dining hall, student accommodation, a chapel and a picture gallery. Elsewhere on site you will find the academic buildings, the halls of residence, two additional libraries, the students' union, a bookshop, a bank, the sports fields, fitness centre and tennis courts.

Institutional Links with the USA

Royal Holloway has a number of exchange links and other agreements with US institutions. These include:

Yale University (postgraduate exchange)
Boston College
University of Florida
Tulane University
New York University
Mount Holyoke College
George Washington University
UMass, Amherst
Wellesley College
Swarthmore College
Muhlenberg College
Bentley College