

## Welcome to Royal Holloway, University of London

### An international reputation for research

Royal Holloway, University of London is one of the top research-led universities in the UK, acknowledged worldwide for high quality teaching and research across the arts, humanities and sciences. It is top in the UK and ranked fourth in the world for its international outlook in the Times Higher World Rankings 2012, where Royal Holloway was also ranked in the top 120 universities in the world.

Royal Holloway is home to 900 postgraduate students conducting specialist research leading to a University of London PhD. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, the College ranked 16th in the UK for research of a 4\* standard. 90% of our research is recognised internationally in terms of originality, significance and rigour, highlighting our position as one of the UK's leading research-intensive institutions.

The College's reputation for research is built on an established track-record of research leadership, continued investment in excellent staff and facilities, and strategic public and private partnerships. Our global network of collaboration spans educational institutions, government bodies, business and industry, and non-profit organisations in the UK and abroad. This creates original research of national and international importance.

### The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Scholars within the faculty are world-class researchers, with expertise across the departments of History, Politics and International Relations, Classics and Philosophy, Drama, English, Media Arts, Modern Languages and Music.

The **Department of History** is one of the largest in the UK and is home to the notable Holocaust Research Centre, and the Bedford Centre for the History of Women; a focal point for women's history in Britain.

The young and dynamic **Department of Politics and International Relations** is in the top 10 small Politics departments for research in the UK (RAE 2008) and offers a curriculum that truly reflects the most recent innovations in the discipline. Research groups include the Centre for European Politics, the Centre for Global and Transnational Politics and the New Political Communication Unit.

As one of the top three English Departments in the University of London, Royal Holloway's **English Department** offers eight outstanding Masters Programmes and invites postgraduate research students in all fields of English Literature to join our vibrant postgraduate community. The former Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion, is Director for the Creative Writing MA programme.

Royal Holloway has one of the leading departments of **Drama and Theatre** in the UK with an international reputation for excellence. Our diverse community of researchers work at the cutting edge of research in many different aspects of drama, theatre and performance studies. The Department's major research centre, the Centre for International Theatre and Performance Research, draws together a range of research areas within and beyond the department (including Asian Performance, Global Shakespeares and intercultural performance).

The nationally and internationally-renowned **Music Department** is one of the UK's largest and is rated the top department in the UK for research. The College hosts the Arts & Humanities Research Council's Centre for the History and Analysis of Recorded Music. Research covers a broad chronology (from early medieval to contemporary) and geography (spanning the Americas - including the Caribbean, Asia and Europe.)

### The Faculty of Management and Economics

The **School of Management's** teaching and research staff hail from all over the world, as a result giving our programmes a strong international focus, with 60% of students coming from overseas.

Ranked in the top 10 Economics departments in the UK for research and third best in the UK for publications, the **Department of Economics** boasts highly-regarded academic staff who advise governments and international organisations. Research specialisms include labour economics, development economics, experimental economics

and economics history.

### The Faculty of Science

On the basis of world-leading and internationally excellent research, four departments - Biological Sciences, Psychology, Earth Sciences and Geography - achieved top 10 rankings across all universities in the UK in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

The Faculty is home to one of the world's largest academic **Information Security Groups**, offering world-leading programmes and including the Smart Card Centre of Excellence. In May 2013, Royal Holloway received a grant of £3.8 million from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to host a new Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in cyber security.

Ranked joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in the UK based on the quality of research output, the research strengths of the **School of Biological Science** are in biomedical sciences, plant molecular biology, ecology, evolution and behaviour. Ground-breaking research conducted by Scholars from the School of Biological Sciences into the defensive characteristics of bumblebees was published in the Journal of Zoology in May 2010. The Department recently received a £4.5 million EU Research grant, to perform tests on a new drug treatment for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

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### University of London degree

Established in 1886 as one of the UK's first institutions for the higher education of women, Royal Holloway has grown into a fully co-educational, multi-faculty institution and has been part of the University of London for over 100 years. All students graduate with a prestigious University of London degree and have access to UoL facilities across the city.

### Idyllic campus

Set within rural surroundings close to Royal Windsor, the campus is a 40 minute train journey from Central London. Dominated by the stunning 19<sup>th</sup> century Founder's Building, the 135-acre campus boasts excellent student facilities and provides a sociable, safe and vibrant environment in which to live and study.

### International diversity and partnerships

Of the population of 8500 undergraduate and postgraduate students, approximately 30% come from outside the United Kingdom. Internationalisation permeates and influences much of Royal Holloway's academic activity. The College has developed a network of partnerships with many prestigious international institutions and organisations around the world in order to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for both students and staff.

Royal Holloway is proud to have exchange links and partnership agreements with a number of US institutions including:

Yale University  
Tufts University  
Boston College  
University of Florida

Tulane University  
Northwestern University  
Mount Holyoke College  
George Washington University

UMass at Amherst  
Wellesley College  
Swarthmore College  
Bentley University

### Global alumni network

From the first female doctor in the western world to the current and first EU foreign minister, alumni of Royal Holloway have been setting new boundaries for over 160 years. Graduates can join our global network of alumni, including the American Foundation for Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. The Foundation is led by notable alumnus Preston Bryant Jr, who is Chairman of the National Planning Commission in the US and Senior Vice-President for Economic and Infrastructure Development at McGuire Woods Consulting, having graduated from Royal Holloway in 1990.

### Further information

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