



Welcome to study abroad at
Royal Holloway, University of London



ROYAL
HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON

TOP 25
UNIVERSITY
IN THE UK

(Complete University Guide, 2019)

20th
IN THE UK
FOR INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK

*(Times Higher Education
World University Rankings, 2019)*

90,000+ ALUMNI IN
165 COUNTRIES



88% OVERALL
STUDENT
SATISFACTION

(National Student Survey, 2019)

42
SPORTS
CLUBS

150 STUDENT-RUN
CLUBS AND
SOCIETIES

Welcome to Royal Holloway, University of London

Royal Holloway is ranked highly in the UK for the quality of our research and teaching. It has a rich history, a stunning and inspiring campus and, most importantly, a strong, close-knit community which supports our students to succeed academically, personally and culturally.

You are embarking on what may be one of the most important journeys of your life. When you invest in your future by deciding to study abroad here, you make choices that could help influence who you are, the friends you have and what you become in life - exploring your purpose to help achieve your future goals.

As one of the UK's most international universities, ours is also a global community. Our academics and students come from all over the world, bringing diverse perspectives to your studies.

I hope that you'll want to join in our story too, and I look forward to welcoming you here.

Professor Paul Layzell

Principal

Royal Holloway, University of London



LOCAL AREA

WINDSOR AND WINDSOR GREAT PARK

The sweeping parkland and woods of Windsor Great Park and Windsor is home to the famous Windsor Castle and numerous restaurants and shops.



HEATHROW AIRPORT



Heathrow is the main UK airport, just 30 mins from the campus. We arrange a Meet & Greet service at certain points throughout the year

Staines-upon-Thames is the nearest big town. Here you will find a range of high street shops, a cinema and numerous restaurants.



EGHAM AND ENGLEFIELD GREEN



Egham and Englefield Green are your nearest town and village with shopping amenities and a direct train line to London from Egham.



STAINES-UPON-THAMES



THORPE PARK



Thorpe Park is one of the UK's premier theme parks with thrill rides and rollercoasters, just down the road.

RICHMOND AND TWICKENHAM



Richmond and Twickenham are a short train ride away and offers walks, parks and gardens as well as theatre and shopping.



With London just 40 minutes away by train there's a wealth of entertainment and cultural offerings at your fingertips.

LONDON



VIRGINIA WATER LAKE

Virginia Water Lake, with its lakes, Roman ruins and totem pole, is within walking distance of campus.



Local area

Royal Holloway is within close proximity to both London Heathrow and other London airports, which provide easy access from most countries and once you're here, it's easy to get around.

There's lots to explore in the local area with the 4,800 acre landscape of Windsor Great Park available for runs, cycle rides or walks. Englefield Green and Egham, which are both walking distance from campus offer independent restaurants and Windsor, famed for its connection to the Royal family and its castle, is only 15 minutes away.

London with all its sights, attractions and nightlife is only a 40-minutes train ride away.

All the attractions of one of the world's great capital cities are less than an hour's journey away – the galleries, the museums, the shops, the bars and nightclubs. Go clubbing with your friends or take a trip to the Royal Academy to see the latest exhibition – the choice is yours. Discover more at royalholloway.ac.uk/localarea

The Long Walk, Windsor



Student life

Community spirit is an important part of the Royal Holloway story and you'll find plenty of ways to get involved on campus. Campus life away from your studies offers you the chance to be part of something bigger, where you can find your voice and your feet amongst like-minded individuals and fellow enthusiasts.

Our Students' Union has a well-deserved reputation for being one of the best in the UK.

It puts on a dazzling array of entertainment from top bands and comedy acts to cabaret, film nights, socials and even a visit from real reindeer at Christmas.

During term time, The Students' Union also runs a weekly market where you can buy delicious artisan bread and other food plus books, clothes and plants.

Our on-campus sports centre and extensive range of clubs and recreational sports opportunities also makes it easy to keep active.

Find out more at royalholloway.ac.uk/sports



Our international community

“Everyone at Royal Holloway makes you feel supported, from your academic department to the Students’ Union. As an international student I was concerned I wouldn’t fit in but it’s been so easy to get involved. There are societies to accommodate everyone! I am away from my family in Jordan for three-four months at a time so I love the environment here which makes me feel comfortable and safe and has everything I need close by.”

Eleni
Jordan





“I’ve met some of my best friends here at Royal Holloway, and had a life changing experience. I would say research all of your options, talk to current students, peruse the website, and look at course offerings. Picture yourself on campus, taking classes, getting involved, and making memories. Royal Holloway is a great fit with many different options!”

Madeline
U.S.A.

“My main priority was to be able to concentrate on my chosen studies in an environment, which would be a contrast to my busy life in Taiwan. I chose to study at Royal Holloway after watching a film of the campus, which showcased the contrasts between the new and old buildings as well as the green surroundings. Whilst here I have immersed myself in my studies but also challenged myself to explore different opportunities such as working on campus and being a panellist at panel discussions.”

Chen-Ju
Taiwan





Support services

It is very important for us that you feel at home when you come to Royal Holloway to study. We offer support and advice to you both before and after arrival. We have listed a few of the support services below and you are always welcome to contact us for further information.

internationaladvice@royalholloway.ac.uk

royalholloway.ac.uk/international

Meet & greet

When you first arrive in the United Kingdom, we're ready to meet and greet you. We offer an airport pick-up service from Heathrow airport at certain times of the year for new study abroad students. This is a free service but you will need to book in advance.

VISA and entry requirements

If you want to study at Royal Holloway and need to apply for a visa, the type of visa you need will depend on what kind of course you intend to study.

- Full-time courses of longer than six months – you must apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa
- Short courses or study of less than six months - if you are planning to do a course of less than six months you will normally need to enter as a short-term student or apply for a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa.
- If you are bringing members of your family with you, you may need a visa for your family.

The International Student Support Office are happy to help with any visa application you make.

Welcome and orientation to the UK

During the first week of term there are a number of special activities planned to help new students settle into life at Royal Holloway, University of London. This will give you the chance to get to know our campus community and meet other visiting students from around the world. There are also special orientation events specifically for international students to let you know about the services and support available to you. If you have any questions or concerns the International Student Support Office is very happy to help.

Academic support

During term time, the Centre for the Development of Academic Skills (CeDAS) is there to help you reach your full academic potential through academic skills workshops, one-to-one advice from experts to help you master a statistics technique or sharpen your academic writing skills and drop-in sessions for advice from student mentors. Academic English Language support for international students is also available

royalholloway.ac.uk/skills-gateway

Personal support

We are renowned for our friendly and caring community and have dedicated advisory and wellbeing services to help you get the most out of your time here.

Health and wellbeing

We encourage all of our students to seek help and advice as soon as possible if you need to speak to someone.

All of our students have free access to professionally- trained counsellors and further support is provided through the Chaplaincy.

royalholloway.ac.uk/students/help-support

Religion

We are a diverse community and we support and encourage all the mainstream faith traditions. Our Multifaith Chaplaincy works with everyone, regardless of faith or belief to offer pastoral care and support as well as events to celebrate religious life on campus. In term time there are regular services in the Chapel and the Muslim Prayer Room. The Students Union faith societies represent a wide range of faiths and cultures and are also supported by our Multifaith Chaplaincy.

royalholloway.ac.uk/student-life/support-and-welfare/your-faith



Study facilities

Our state-of-the-art facilities and friendly staff will help you get the most out of your studies. Our new library is located within the flagship Emily Wilding Davison Building, which is at the heart of our campus and was opened in September 2017 by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal. The building is named after one of Britain's most famous suffragettes, and Royal Holloway alumna, Emily Wilding Davison. Around 1,000 students, staff and alumni helped to choose the name.

Available 24/7 nearly all year round, there is plenty of space to learn with more than 1,250 study seats and different zones to accommodate every type of study: silent, social, creative and collaborative. You can easily and quickly access all the current reading list materials and browse and borrow from our extensive book and journal collection. You can't fail to feel inspired with study spaces offering views of the impressive Founder's Building and the beautiful Surrey countryside.

To help make things easier and to assist you with your essays, dissertation and project work, we offer library skills and IT training to develop your on- and off-line skills in basic searching right through to advanced research techniques.

The original and historic Victorian Reading Room in the Founder's Building also plays an integral part of our library service providing further study spaces.

Experience our facilities on campus by visiting royalholloway.ac.uk/virtual-experience



Accommodation

Royal Holloway's beautiful campus and surrounding area are a great place to live. You can choose from a great variety of accommodation. Each hall of residence has its own identity, from the unique character of the Victorian Founder's Building to our new townhouses, George Eliot Halls. All make comfortable homes providing good value for money so you can make the most of your time at university.

Each hall has a team of residential, operational, security and maintenance support staff dedicated to settling you in. So there's always someone there who will be happy to help you feel at home.

See website for the most up-to-date information:
royalholloway.ac.uk/accommodation



Study abroad at Royal Holloway

Choose to study abroad with us and you can look forward to expanding your horizons at one of the UK's top research-led universities in a friendly, supportive environment.

We have a well-established Study Abroad programme for international students who would like to spend a term, a full academic year or a summer at Royal Holloway across a wide range of subjects across the humanities and sciences. Find the latest available courses by visiting

royalholloway.ac.uk/studyabroadcourses

English language requirements

All teaching at Royal Holloway (apart from some language courses) is in English. You therefore need to have good written and spoken English skills to cope with your studies right from the start.

We accept the following internationally-recognised English language qualifications:

- IELTS
- TOEFL iBT
- Pearson Test of English
- Cambridge ESOL

Need to improve your English?

Our Pre-sessional English language programmes can bring your English up to the level you need to join us at Royal Holloway.

Find out more about entry requirements for study abroad by visiting **royalholloway.ac.uk/studyabroadapply**



How to apply

- Step 1** Check you meet academic and English language entry requirements
- Step 2** Choose your courses at royalholloway.ac.uk/studyabroadcourses
- Step 3** Apply online, accept your offer and study plan
- Step 4** Apply for accommodation

Programme	Application deadline
Study abroad for September start Term 1 (September to December) and Full year (September to June)	May
Study abroad for January start Term 2 (January to June)	October
International Summer School	May

Please see our website for the exact application deadline dates as these differ slightly from year to year.



Picture: Hufson and Crow

International Summer School

Royal Holloway's International Summer School is a great way of experiencing study abroad through a shorter stay if you cannot commit to a whole year or semester.

You can explore British history and culture through the subjects and specialisms that most fascinate you, whilst studying for credit.

Unique experience

Our specially developed Summer School modules draw on the history of both this institution and its significant geographic location offering you a unique experience.

Topics span History, Law, Politics and Drama and are brought to life through weekly visits to cultural and heritage sites in the local area and nearby London.

Dates

You can choose to take one or two of the three-week programmes on offer.

Programme 1	28 June – 17 July 2020
Programme 2	19 July – 7 Aug 2020

Social programme

In addition to your weekly module field trip, you're invited to a host of social activities to ensure that you make the most of your time in the UK.



Further information

For information on the modules, learning outcomes, contact hours, entry requirements and how to apply, visit royalholloway.ac.uk/summerschool

Tuition fees and finance

Tuition fees

Tuition fees for visiting students in 2019/20 ranged from £3,000 for the International Summer School, £7,605 for one term of study abroad and £16,900 for the full year. Please visit our website for the latest fees.

Living costs

We estimate that a student will spend between £7,000 to £10,000 over the academic year. You will also need to take into account travel costs back home as well as visas and travel and health insurance. See our breakdown below.* All figures are estimates and travel costs will vary.

16%

SOCIAL LIFE

You'll probably spend £50 a week on average, depending on what you like doing.

16%

FOOD

Expect to spend around £40-£60 a week on basics.

Anything from £300-£450 a year, depending on your field and type of study. Try buying second-hand and using the libraries to save cash.

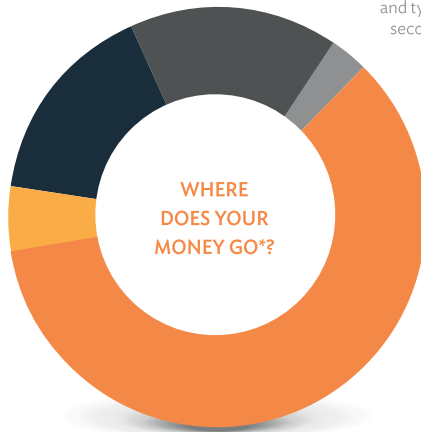
3%

BOOKS

5%

TRANSPORT

If you live locally to campus, with the occasional trip to London, this could cost you around £20 a week/£600 a year, more if you live further afield.



60%

ACCOMMODATION

38 weeks in a hall of residence costs on average £3,500-£6,600 a year.



*All figures shown on this page are estimates, please refer to our website



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