



MSc Social Work



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## Are you interested in social work?

We are based in the interdisciplinary Department of Law and Criminology within the School of Law and Social Sciences. 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.

As an MSc student you will benefit from the extensive professional, academic and research experience of the academic team, the expertise and knowledge of our Insight network of service users and carers. We have strong partnerships across London/Greater London region, offering a great variety of placements in all settings.

Social Work is a challenging but very rewarding profession. Students need to develop skills and knowledge in working with complex and challenging



situations, drawing on a range of theories and methods to work with children and adults. You will be offered diverse learning opportunities through problem-based learning, skills development, critical reflection and the development of a sound knowledge of social work theories, human behaviour, law, policies, ethics and values.

Our supportive learning environment receives excellent feedback from students, many of whom return to continue their advanced training and research. Our graduates have a high level of employability within six months of qualification.

**100%** research impact is  
rated world-leading or  
internationally excellent  
(Research Excellence Framework 2021)

# Admissions guidance

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a selection day with academics, service user and carer representatives and agency partners. This will include an individual interview, a group exercise focused on communication and a written test. Applicants are assessed against the Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF) entry level criteria.

The selection process will focus on:

- Why you are interested in social work
- Your understanding of the role and context of social work
- Your capacity to reflect on your own life and work experiences and the factors that might challenge or support your learning and development
- Your understanding of the factors that impact on people's lives and experience of social work
- Your capacity to communicate clearly in written and verbal English



## What our students say

“The two years studying at Royal Holloway were at times challenging, both intellectually and personally, but choosing to complete the MSc was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I feel very grateful to the department for preparing me so well for my career in social work.”

**Emma**  
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**Award:** MSc Social Work, includes eligibility to register with the social work regulatory body on qualification.

**Location:** London Graduate School

**Commences:** September

**Entry requirements:** Upper second class (2.1) honours degree in any discipline. Grade A - C or grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English (or equivalent e.g. Key Skills Level 2). Lower second class degrees are considered if applicants have substantial relevant professional experience and demonstrate a strong aptitude for social work. Minimum 6 months full-time or 12 months part-time relevant professional experience at the time of application.

**Annual tuition fees:** Fees are subject to annual review and can be found via our coursefinder, [royalholloway.ac.uk/courses](https://royalholloway.ac.uk/courses)

Please note that Royal Holloway alumni benefit from a 15% fee reduction.

**Bursaries:** Subject to availability we can nominate a number of students for NHS bursaries. Allocation is based on performance during the selection process and is subject to Department of Health eligibility criteria. Bursary numbers are subject to change.

All applicants are advised to read the additional advice on funding and admissions available on our website. As social work bursaries are limited some students undertake the programme without a bursary either by self-funding or employer funded. Read more at [nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk/social-work-students)

**Overseas applications:** Overseas applicants with equivalent qualifications and experience are welcomed. Information on fees and English language requirements can be found via our coursefinder, visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/courses](https://royalholloway.ac.uk/courses)

For up-to-date details on our entry requirements and fees, please see our website. Apply through UCAS (code L508) or via Royal Holloway Direct.



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