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As a cosmopolitan community, with students from 130 countries, we focus on the support and development of the individual. Our friendly campus, just 19 miles west of central London, provides a unique environment for university study. Campus life revolves around the Students' Union, which runs over 100 societies and sports clubs, and we are recognised as London's best sporting college.

# History

The Department of History at Royal Holloway, University of London is a strong, vigorous department at the forefront of research and methodological innovation.

Noted for depth and variety, our research covers a vast range of historical fields, from ancient to contemporary times, from Britain and Europe to America, the Middle and Far East and Australia, and from political history to social, cultural, intellectual, medical and gender history. This is reflected in our stimulating programme of taught and research degrees that inspire and challenge, while providing improved career opportunities. You will join a community in which internationally-renowned academics are developing the very latest thinking, and where the whole department benefits from collaborations with other leading institutions in the UK and across the world. The College offers a supportive, intellectual environment conducive to study, and has excellent links with London, allowing easy access to libraries and museums with collections of national importance. The department is recognised for the quality of both its teaching and research.

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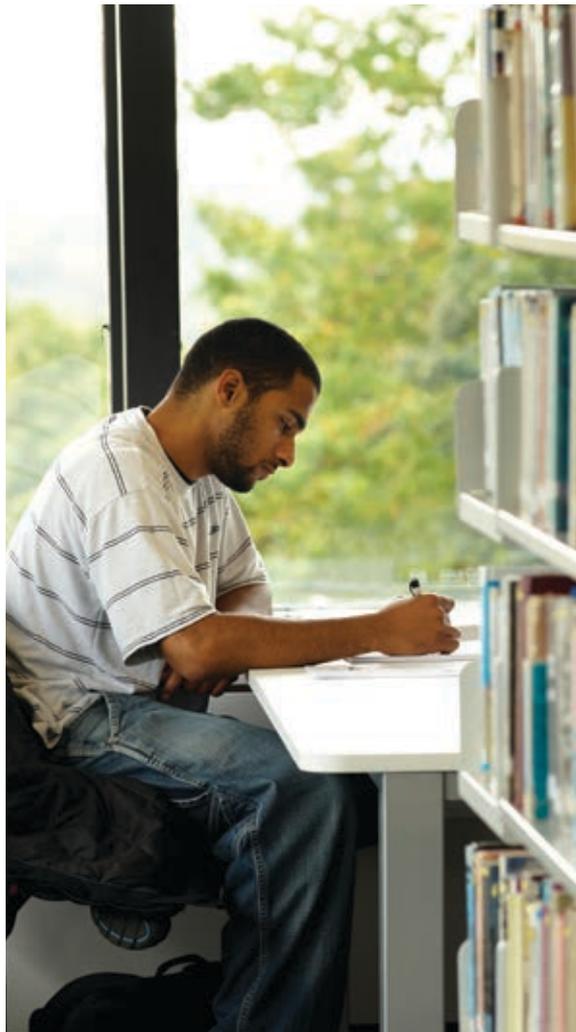


# Postgraduate studies in History

The History department at Royal Holloway has earned an international reputation for both teaching and research. Our range of challenging MA programmes includes History (featuring strands in women's and gender history, modern and medieval history); Medieval Studies; Crusader Studies; Late Antique and Byzantine Studies; Public History and Holocaust Studies. We also offer exciting opportunities for research degrees (MA by Research, MPhil and PhD), an invaluable research training programme and a series of seminars and conferences that provoke ideas and debate.

As one of the institutions that make up the federal University of London, Royal Holloway's students have access to an unrivalled group of libraries and institutes in central London, including the Institute of Historical Research and Senate House Library. You can also use the College Archives, a unique resource which contains some of the earliest records relating to the history of higher education for women. In addition to the campus in Egham, we have a well-equipped building at central London's Bedford Square and, as the capital is so easily accessible, you can take full advantage of our proximity to the National Archives at Kew and the British Library.

We are one of the largest and liveliest History departments in the UK yet our size is not at the cost of anonymity; we are committed to providing individual attention to each postgraduate student and fostering a strong postdoctoral community. Our students come from across the world with almost 100 enrolled for doctoral degrees and around 75 engaged in full or part-time Masters (MA) degree programmes. About a quarter of our MA students are part-time students who complete the programme in two years. Many of our postgraduate research students have gone on to win Fellowships at the Institute of Historical Research or Postdoctoral awards from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. A high proportion of those who completed their doctoral degrees in the department in the last decade now hold academic, or related, posts in universities in Britain and abroad.



## STUDENT VIEW

### Gillian Gryz, MA Public History

"I was drawn to the MA Public History programme by the promise of learning how to make history more accessible to the public in a wider variety of ways than programmes in the United States did. Here at Royal Holloway, I've explored unique parts of local history, met curators from some of the most popular museums in London, conducted oral history interviews, and learned to make a radio programme - all skills that will help me professionally in the future."

# Research in the department

The History department has a strong research tradition. We have over 30 full-time members of staff who offer an exceptional variety of expertise, with particular strengths in social, cultural, and gender history, and in the history of ideas — and research that covers a notable range of countries, periods, and approaches. Members of staff actively seek out unifying themes which cut across boundaries of time and place, including gender, urban history, historical memory, religion, the history of medicine, nationalism, migration and diaspora.

Our diverse range of research areas include:

- **Byzantine history and culture:** Late Antiquity (284–602); later Byzantine history (1000–1453); Greek palaeography; Byzantine literature
- **Medieval history:** early medieval medicine; the Crusades; medieval London and other urban centres; medieval Surrey; women; nobility and gentry in medieval England; English medieval parishes; monarchy and courts; Richard II; medieval piety; children in the Middle Ages
- **Early Modern history:** Italian Renaissance; material culture; parliamentary history; blasphemy and irreligion in early modern Europe; Hobbes; epidemics and ideas; history of the book; 16th and 17th-century commercial and diplomatic history; Italian social history; the political, literary and intellectual history of early-modern England; early modern Islamic empires
- **18th-century history:** Britain and Europe; women and society; British social and political thought
- **Modern British and European history:** modern British, Italian, German, Russian and Spanish history; modern German social history and German identities; inter-war Europe; fascism; the Holocaust; the First and Second World Wars; Cold War; British foreign policy; British social and cultural history; material culture; gender; modern British politics; electoral behaviour; terrorism



- **Non-European history:** British imperial history and decolonisation; American civil-rights movement; African-American history; Middle-Eastern, Southeast Asian, South Asian and Chinese history; Islamic history; gender and society in the Muslim world; modern Iranian history; modern Shi-ism; Islam and modernity; 20th-century international economic history; Australian history
- **Historical approaches:** theory and philosophy of history; psychoanalysis and history; material culture; language and history; histories of childhood; transnationalism; photography.
- **History of ideas:** history of political ideas; history of radicalism; history of socialism; right-wing ideology.

There is a strong emphasis in the department on Public History and on bridging the divide between academia and the wider world.



# Research centres

Some research takes place within the context of the interdisciplinary research centres attached to the department:

## Bedford Centre for the History of Women

The College, with the active participation of the History department, has developed a Centre for the History of Women which organises lectures, seminars and conferences, and conducts and supports original research. It disseminates information about research being carried out worldwide in the field of women's history and the history of gender.

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## The Hellenic Institute

Established in 1993, the Institute brings together staff from the departments of History and Classics to promote the study of Hellenic history, literature and culture across the centuries, from archaic and classical Greece, through Byzantium to the modern world. It runs an MA programme in Late Antique & Byzantine Studies, organises public lectures, conferences and seminars and hosts a number of research projects. The Institute currently receives funding from the Ministry of Culture of the Hellenic Republic, the Ministry of Culture and Education of the Republic of Cyprus, the A.G. Leventis Foundation and the Hellenic Foundation.

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## Centre for South Asian Studies

The Centre of South Asian Studies brings together colleagues and postgraduate students from History, Politics and International Relations, Geography and Music. Although based in History, we are interested in all aspects of the history, culture and politics of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Nepal. The centre has run a research seminar series, social events, and research workshops and conferences. Amongst recent events was an international conference on oral history in South Asia, a workshop on research and policy formulation, and on development in comparative perspective. The centre is proud to host the annual British Association of South Asian Studies conference, the biggest professional gathering in the field in the United Kingdom.

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## Centre for the Study of the Body and Material Culture

The Centre for the Study of the Body and Material Culture is a unique group of researchers who explore the relationship between the body and the surrounding material world from Antiquity to the present day. The centre brings together scholars of health and intimacy, politics and identity, consumption and urban planning and visual and material culture with the intention of promoting intellectual exchange and collaboration in this new field.

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### **Centre for Minority Studies**

The Centre for Minority Studies is a focal point for academic research on race, ethnicity, migration and religion and belief. The centre engages in interdisciplinary research on those topics and produces scholarly research as well as engaging in consultation roles for industry, NGOs and government. In recent years, the centre has undertaken research within the thematic framework of ethnicity, identity, migration, multiculturalism and racial equality of opportunity, community building among minorities, and in particular, construction of Muslim identities in Western contexts, Islamic political thought and Islamophobia.

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### **Holocaust Research Centre**

The Holocaust Research Centre is the leading academic centre of its kind in Europe and is internationally recognised for its teaching, research, public advocacy and creative work. Its mission is to promote research into the Holocaust, its origins and aftermath, and to examine the extent to which genocide, war and dictatorship can be understood as defining elements in the history of the 20th century. It is an international forum bringing together researchers working on different aspects of the Holocaust in a range of disciplines, including history, literature, languages, film and media studies, philosophy and music. The MA in Holocaust Studies is an interdisciplinary programme taught by members of staff from history, literature, film studies and philosophy.

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### **Centre for Public History**

The Centre for Public History, Heritage and Engagement with the Past promotes a range of public history activities, including original research projects with local and international partners, knowledge transfer and collaboration, partnerships and consultancies between museums, archives, historic monuments and houses, heritage sites and the media. Drawing on a range of scholars, researchers and practitioners it provides a forum for national debate and discussion and a source of comment and critique on key issues relating to public history, heritage, commemoration, and oral history and memory. The Centre runs the MA in Public History.

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The department has special connections with universities and researchers in other countries, particularly Pakistan, India, Iran, the United States, Italy, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Cyprus, and Japan.

For more information on all our research centres, visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/history/research](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/history/research)

# Taught Masters degrees

The department offers a range of inspiring and demanding taught Masters degrees, available on a part-time (two-year) or full-time (one-year) basis.

These programmes have been designed to:

- enable appropriately qualified students to pursue their study of history beyond first degree level
- equip students with the skills necessary to undertake research degrees (MPhil and PhD)
- provide a forum in which recent graduates and mature students can study together.

For more information on all our MA programmes, contact the History department's Postgraduate Administrator, Marie-Christine Ockenden  
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## MA History

This flexible course brings together a team of distinguished tutors and a rich field of optional course units. The MA has been specially devised to enable the study of the theories, concepts and practical skills that underpin the powerful discipline of history when studied at an advanced level.

You will select your own optional units to make a bespoke course – whether with a broader/thematic or more concentrated focus, depending on your individual interests. You will also take a methodology unit and a skills unit which includes visiting speakers from the fields of archives, museums, publishing and the media. Finally, the dissertation gives you the opportunity to undertake original research on a topic of your choice, under individual supervision.

This is an attractive advanced qualification, especially if you are looking to move into a career involving the professional creation, evaluation and dissemination of knowledge. It is also ideal if you are intending to proceed to the MPhil leading to a PhD in History.

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## MA History: Hellenic Studies

This programme aims to give you an overall view and appreciation of Greek history and culture, from the Homeric and Classical age, through the Hellenistic and Roman times, the Byzantine and post-Byzantine period to the modern world. Its diachronic and interdisciplinary nature enables you to examine the elements which characterise Hellenic culture through the centuries, at the same time helping you to acquire a deeper knowledge of a certain period and discipline, including: philosophy, history, law, religion, theatre, language, literature, papyrology and palaeography.

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### STAFF VIEW

#### Professor Dan Stone, Professor of Modern History

“Our MA programmes mesh theory with frontline research to produce marvellous results. We recruit an international mix of students who all come to share their own approaches to the study of the past (which extends, of course, right up to the present moment) and to learn by debate and discussion with others.”



### **MA Late Antique & Byzantine Studies**

The MA in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (LABS) at Royal Holloway is a University of London intercollegiate programme, taught jointly with King's College London (KCL) and University College London (UCL). It is designed for those who are interested in progressing to independent or doctoral research in the history, literature, thought and culture of the Greco-Roman world of Late Antiquity and Byzantium. Emphasis is placed on the study of primary sources, in both the original language and in translation, and on reading, editing and studying published and unpublished texts from manuscripts.

The programme requires you to study Classical or Byzantine Greek at an appropriate level; attend regular classes in Greek Palaeography and a series of seminars, which offer a framework to the subject and an introduction to different disciplines and methodologies; study one subject area in depth in a course option relating Byzantium to the wider world; and write a dissertation on a chosen topic under the supervision of a member of academic staff. Teaching and research areas include Byzantium and the West, Byzantium and its Neighbours, Byzantium and Islam, Byzantium and the Crusades, The Late Antique City, Byzantine Cyprus, Byzantine material culture and environment, Neoplatonism, The Orthodox Church, Byzantine Education and Scholarship, Byzantine Literature and Hagiography, Byzantine Hands and Autographs of the Palaeologan period, and Byzantine Medicine.

Teaching takes place both at the Egham campus and Bedford Square in London, and at KCL and UCL. You'll visit the British Library and Lambeth Palace Library to study original Greek manuscripts and are encouraged to attend lectures and specialised seminars offered at KCL, UCL, the Institute of Classical Studies (ICS), the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) and the Warburg Institute, and make use of the excellent printed collections housed in their libraries.

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### **MA Crusader Studies**

Taught by internationally-recognised experts in the field, this programme draws on London's status as an outstanding centre of crusader research. You will gain an unparalleled insight into the ideas, events and people (both men and women) of crusading history while engaging with a full array of source materials in this compelling field. The programme will also consider the impact of the crusades on the Muslim world, as well as exploring western Europe's first contacts with the terrifying Mongols. This is an ideal MA if you are pursuing an advanced interest in crusading history, whether or not you are planning to take a PhD in the discipline. You will have access to the world's premier library collections and can participate in the renowned research seminar, The Crusades and the Eastern Mediterranean, at the Institute of Historical Research.

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### **MA Medieval Studies**

Although distant from us in time, the medieval is all around us, not only in physical remnants of the past (such as cathedrals and castles) and as the point of origin of many of our institutions (such as the monarchy, the church and the university), but as the inspiration for poetry, novels, films, paintings, documentaries and countless other expressions of our engagement with this period.

The aim of this multi-disciplinary programme is to introduce you to many different aspects of medieval society and culture while allowing you to concentrate on particular areas of interest. The programme emphasises the skills that are required for postgraduate research, whether your focus is literary or historical, and provides you with an introduction to a wide range of source material such as artefacts, archives, manuscripts and printed sources.

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### **MA Public History**

This MA is a specialised qualification for those wishing to pursue a career in history working in broadcasting or in film, in museums, heritage or in journalism. You will be equipped with professional skills of historical interpretation and communication and provided with an opportunity to work alongside practitioners in the field, including museum curators, public archivists, publishers and TV and radio producers. We welcome a variety of guest lecturers and collaborate with a number of external partner institutions such as the National Trust, London Metropolitan Archives and ancestry.co.uk. This is a unique gateway to the heritage sector and to the popular media, a new MA for historians keen to engage in the modern world.

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### **MA in Holocaust Studies**

This programme provides a solid grounding in the vast multi-disciplinary engagement with the Holocaust. Taught by internationally-recognised experts in the field at the Wiener Library in central London and at Royal Holloway's Egham campus, the programme is unique for its interdisciplinary nature. You will take two core units on the history and interpretations of the Holocaust and then three optional units, including: Holocaust literature, Holocaust film, post-Holocaust philosophy, Jewish history, and the history of fascism in Europe. The programme is taught by scholars in history, media studies, literature, and philosophy

and there are also opportunities for working with members of staff in other disciplines, including music. This is an ideal programme for those wishing to further develop their knowledge of the Holocaust and/or who wish to pursue a career in the world of museums and the media, or for those requiring a grounding in the field before embarking on further research.

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## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES**

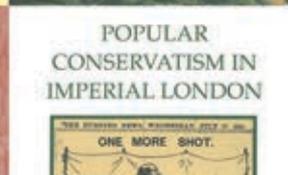
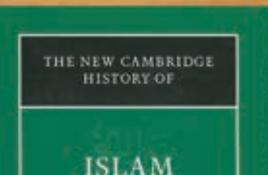
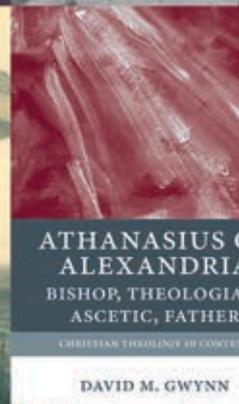
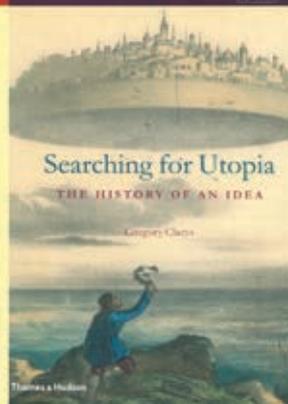
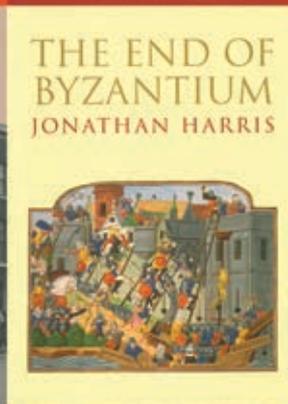
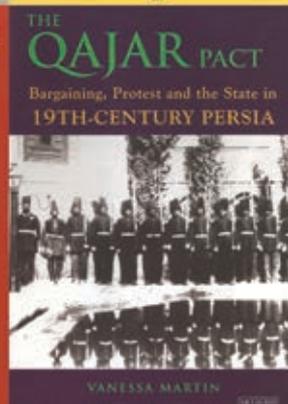
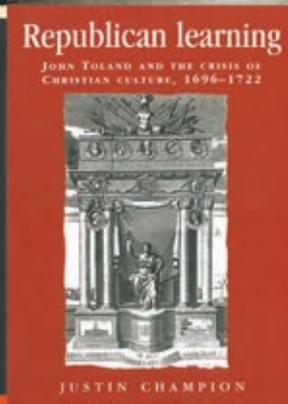
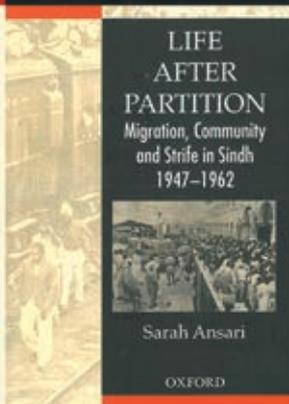
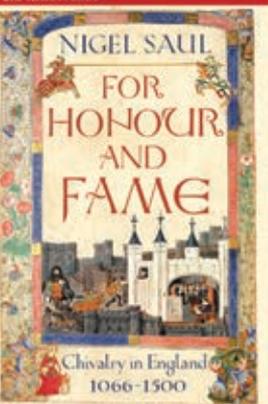
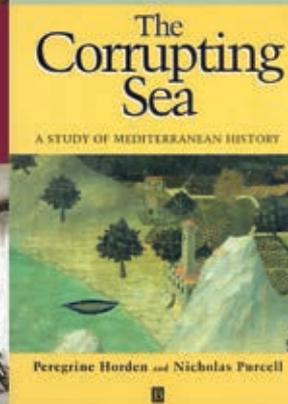
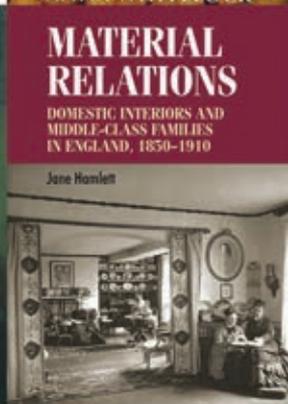
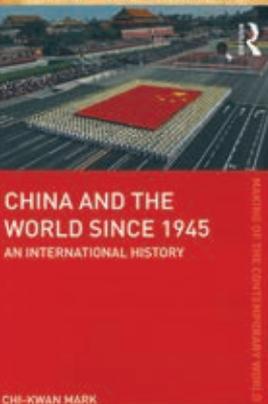
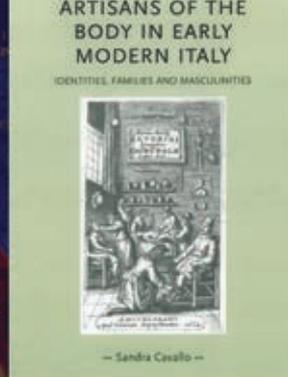
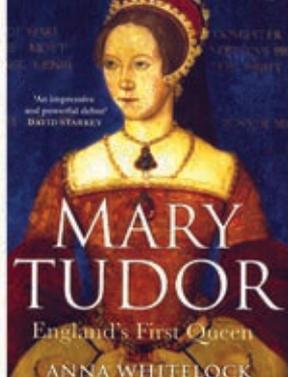
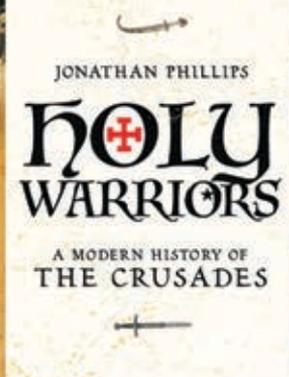
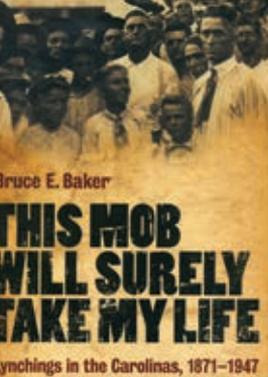
The normal entrance requirement for taught Masters degrees is a good (Second Class or above) honours degree, but 'non-standard' applications (e.g. from those with teacher training or other professional qualifications) are also considered sympathetically. Similarly, your first field of study need not necessarily be History: we look for good applicants whatever your first degree.

Applications from mature and overseas students are welcome. For non-native speakers of English, Royal Holloway requires evidence of English language proficiency: either IELTS with a score of at least 6.5 or higher overall, with a minimum score of 7.0 in writing and no other sub-score below 5.5 or another approved English Language examination, a full list of these can be found on our website. Students who achieve 5.5 in IELTS with at least 6.0 in writing and no other sub-score lower than 4.0 may have the option to attend pre-session courses in the English Language Centre prior to their first year of study.

If the department feels that a non-native speaker's English Language is not up to College standards on arrival they may be requested to take an in-session English Language course in order to help improve their language skills.

Overseas students are not normally able to register part-time unless they are already working in the UK.

Applications for the MA programmes can be made throughout the academic year. Teaching begins in late September.



# Research degrees

## MA by Research

This programme has been devised for students who wish to develop advanced historical research skills but who prefer, for practical or other reasons, not to attend a taught Masters programme. It is assessed entirely on the research dissertation (maximum 30,000 words) which is supervised one-to-one. It 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. This is an advanced qualification which may also be suitable if you are planning a career in academic research, however students intending to pursue an academic career (via PhD) should seek prior advice from the History department, as some specialisms may require skills, such as languages, that can more easily be provided via a taught Masters programme.

The dissertation should be submitted within one year of full-time study or two if part-time registration is chosen. Overseas students are not normally able to register part-time unless they are already working in the UK.

Applications for the MA by Research can be made throughout the academic year and students can enrol at any point although enrolling in September or January is preferable as College induction events are held then.

## MPhil / PhD

Our MPhil degree is assessed entirely on a thesis of 60,000 words (maximum). The PhD is assessed entirely on a thesis of 100,000 words (maximum) which must 'form a distinct contribution to the knowledge of the subject and afford evidence of originality by the discovery of new facts and/or by the exercise of independent critical power'.

All students register for MPhil in the first instance: upgrade to PhD takes place after about 18 months following the satisfactory completion of two pieces of written work, and after you have attended an oral examination.

Research students are expected to submit their theses within four years of full-time study or eight of part-time. Overseas students are not normally able to register part-time unless they are already working in the UK.

Applications for MPhil/PhD can be made throughout the academic year and students can enrol at any point although enrolling in September or January is preferable as College induction events are held then.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR MA BY RESEARCH AND MPhil/PHD

The normal entrance requirement for the MA by Research is a good (Second Class or above) honours degree, preferably in History or a closely-related subject from a UK university, or an equivalent qualification from a European Union or overseas university.

The normal entrance requirement for MPhil/PhD is a good MA degree from a UK university, or an equivalent qualification from a European Union or overseas university.

For non-native speakers of English the College requires evidence of English language proficiency: either the IELTS with a score of at least 6.5 or 7 overall, or TOEFL with a score of at least 570 or 600 (230–250 in the computer based test). Students who achieve between 6.0 and 6.4 IELTS (with a 6.0 in Writing) can still be accepted but, as a condition of admission, they will be required to attend a pre-sessional course at Royal Holloway International during their first year of study. See [royalholloway.ac.uk/international](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/international)

If you are interested in pursuing research with us you should identify a particular member of staff whose research interests correspond with your own and feel free to contact them directly. Current members of department staff and their research interests are listed on p.17–18 and at [royalholloway.ac.uk/history/staffdirectory](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/history/staffdirectory)

## Supervision

All research students are given one, or sometimes two, named supervisors who are members of the department's academic staff and will direct the research work. In addition you will be allocated an academic Advisor whom you can consult and who will also participate in your upgrade viva.

Our postgraduates are closely supervised: there are annual reports and progress is monitored by the departmental postgraduate committee. You are encouraged and, sometimes, required to attend the Generic Skills Programme (see p14) and to acquire new skills appropriate to your subject area such as languages, interviewing techniques or palaeography. Courses in some of these subjects are available on campus and some financial help is available to help with courses offered elsewhere.

The department has compiled a handbook of advice and information for our MPhil/PhD students which describes the methods of supervision and the monitoring process in greater detail. This is available online at: [royalholloway.ac.uk/history/informationforcurrentstudents](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/history/informationforcurrentstudents)

For examples of recent research these see [royalholloway.ac.uk/history/documents/pdf/pgstudenthandbook2013-14.pdf](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/history/documents/pdf/pgstudenthandbook2013-14.pdf)

Runnymede Memorial



#### GRADUATE VIEW

Melinda Haunton, PhD History, National Archives

“I knew that my research would involve very extensive work among government records, and that moving nearer my key sources would be helpful, so I was considering various options within the University of London. In the end, I liked the atmosphere of Royal Holloway most. I also found a PhD supervisor who understood what I wanted to do and why – that’s critical for doctoral study to succeed.”

# Resources and facilities

The History department is housed in the award-winning McCrea building, a bright, modern building designed in the 1980s by Powell and Moya. It is at the heart of the campus, next to the Bedford Library. Cafes, bars, a bank and shop are only a short distance away. The College's postgraduate accommodation on campus is a five minutes' walk from the department.

## The libraries

The department spends more than the UK average on books and has a very good library in History, with strong periodical holdings. Most history books are housed in the Bedford Library. Built in 1993, it provides all the facilities expected of a modern university library as well as a growing stock of e-books and other electronic resources which can be accessed remotely.

All students registered for higher degrees at Royal Holloway have free access to Senate House Library, which has a particularly strong collection in History, and an excellent collection of periodicals spanning a number of academic disciplines. You can access Senate House's electronic resources remotely, and it is also possible to borrow books.

Royal Holloway students are also entitled to a ticket to use the copyright library for the UK, the British Library, and study the outstanding manuscript collections there. You can also use the many other libraries in central London. These include the School of Oriental and African Studies, the Courtauld Institute, the School of Slavonic and East

European Studies, the Institute of Classical Studies, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the Wiener Library and the Warburg Institute, to name but a few.

## IT services

The on-campus Computer Centre has a number of 24-hour open access PC labs. In addition to this, there are numerous other computer rooms across the campus and at 11 Bedford Square (see 11). Dedicated computers and a microfilm reader are available exclusively for postgraduate use in the Research Room located in the History department itself.

## The Generic Skills programme

Royal Holloway is committed to enhancing its research development provision for MPhil/PhD students. The *Generic Skills* programme provides a comprehensive programme of events and seminars which tackle relevant issues such as effective communication; academic networking; communicating with the media and other non-academic organisations; and career-related advice. This enhancement process has been strongly recommended by the Research Councils (including the AHRC), the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) and other interested parties such as the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). We have sought not only to respond to the national agenda regarding postgraduate skills provision but also to design a programme that will actively meet the needs of our diverse doctoral community.



The programme has been designed to be 'rolling' in nature and so you will have the opportunity to access particular sessions throughout the year at appropriate stages of your research. The sessions are arranged mostly by Faculty groupings so that you can participate in courses with fellow researchers and more easily form networking groups. The programme should not only provide additional support and advice relevant to PhD study and beyond but also be another avenue for greater interaction with your peers. Regardless of your current year of study, the programme should involve no more than about five working days in the academic year.

### **Departmental seminar**

Several times a term, scholars from academic institutions around the world give papers about their current research and these are followed by lively questioning and discussion, usually over drinks. Postgraduate students are particularly welcome. There are further specialist groupings (e.g. History of the Body and Material Culture, South Asian Studies, Holocaust Studies, Greek Palaeography and many more) which hold seminars, and many members of staff also run seminars in central London (see below).

### **Postgraduate seminar**

History postgraduates at Royal Holloway run a monthly research seminar on the first Wednesday of every month – usually at Bedford Square, but occasionally also in Egham. These are the very heart of the History postgraduate community and provide a supportive and friendly environment for postgraduate students from Royal Holloway and other institutions try out their research findings.

### **Second year poster show**

All PhD students entering their second year are expected to participate in a departmental poster show to coincide with the postgraduate induction week at the beginning of the autumn term. This has always been a lively occasion as new incoming research postgraduates are invited to award prizes for the most informative and visually-appealing presentation of our research.

### **Postgraduate research forum**

Once a year, usually in June, all History MA and PhD students are invited to attend the Postgraduate research forum, and those in their second year or above to give a short presentation on their research to staff and fellow students. This is an enjoyable and convivial occasion as well as being an excellent opportunity to learn from other people's experience of research.

### **Central London base**

As well as the campus at Egham, the History department makes extensive use of the College's central London base at 11 Bedford Square, WC1, in the heart of Bloomsbury and close to the Institute of Historical Research and Senate House Library. The 18th-century building has seminar rooms, IT facilities, a common room, a kitchen and access to one of London's beautiful hidden gardens. It is extensively used by History MA and PhD students, for seminars, to pick up their emails or simply for informal meetings.

### **College Archives**

Royal Holloway College and Bedford College were originally established as pioneering women's colleges and have been part of the University of London since 1900. Bedford College was founded in 1849 by Elizabeth Jesser Reid, and was the first university college for women, whilst Royal Holloway College was founded by Thomas Holloway in 1886. The two colleges merged in 1985. The holdings chart the history of the two colleges and, more broadly, the development of higher education for women. There are official records created by the colleges, including student registers; minute books of college committees and student societies; photographs; and architectural drawings. In addition, there are collections of personal papers which have been deposited in the Archives by former students and members of staff. These include the correspondence of Dame Lillian Penson, Head of History at Bedford College from 1930–1962 and Vice-Chancellor of the University of London from 1948–1951.

For further information, visit [royalholloway.ac.uk/archives](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/archives)

### **Institute of Historical Research**

All students registered for higher degrees in History at the College are entitled to become members of the Institute, an excellent resource in Senate House in central London. Every evening, you'll find a seminar meeting at the Institute: here internationally-known historians, postgraduate students, visiting historians or local scholars give papers and discussion follows – in the common room or often at a local pub! The Institute is, quite simply, the national centre for the study of history. Its outstanding library houses an excellent collection of periodicals, including current issues that you can read and browse. The pleasant common room offers lunch, afternoon tea or coffee — and where there are always people talking about history.

# Funding

Funding is an important area to consider for prospective research students. This section is intended as a guide to some of the sources of funding which are available. For more information on the funding opportunities available and how to apply, please see our Funding for Postgraduate Studies guide or visit:

[royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate)

## The Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

Along with Kingston University, the Royal College of Art, the University of the Arts London, Brighton University, Roehampton University and the University of Surrey, Royal Holloway is part of the Techne AHRC Doctoral training partnership. The consortium offers a number of MA and MPhil/PhD studentships in history that cover both fees and maintenance. Successful applicants will have an outstanding academic track record and show excellent promise in terms of the quality and feasibility of their research. They will be expected to contribute significantly to the research culture of the department, for instance in its research centres as well as to the wider College environment.

Please note that the closing date for applications is in February and that you should have been accepted by the College for a particular programme before you apply for a postgraduate studentship.

## The Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC)

Those planning to work on economic, social or contemporary history at PhD level might consider applying to the ESRC, though in general History students are more likely to be successful with the AHRC. [esrc.ac.uk](http://esrc.ac.uk)

## History department MPhil/PhD studentships

Thanks to generous external donors, the department is occasionally in a position to offer limited funding for certain specialised areas of research, such as Hellenic Studies and religious history after 1800.

## Alumni bursaries

All Royal Holloway graduates who enrol for a postgraduate programme of study are automatically granted an Alumni bursary. Bursaries are given for the first year of postgraduate study only. For full-time students, the value of the bursary is currently £500 for UK/EU students and £750 for overseas students. Former students of the College should indicate their status on the application form in order for the bursary to be prepared. Bursaries are normally paid out in the December following registration.

## European Exchange programmes

It may be possible, if your doctoral supervisor thinks it appropriate, to spend a year or a semester abroad through the European Union's SOCRATES/ERASMUS Student Mobility Exchange programme.

We have links with the following French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Romanian and Spanish universities: Freie Universität Berlin, Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg, Université Paris X Nanterre, Université Francois Rabelais Tours, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza', Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, University of Oslo. [royalholloway.ac.uk/international](http://royalholloway.ac.uk/international)

## Other funding

It is worth looking through the *Grants Register* (published by Macmillan) and *The Directory of Grant-Making Trusts* (published by the Charities Aid Foundation) in case you qualify for awards made by charitable trusts, often set up several hundred years ago. A very useful publication is the annual *Grants for History: a Guide to Funding*, ed. John R Davis, a mine of useful information. Copies are available from the Institute of Historical Research. [history.ac.uk](http://history.ac.uk)

# Staff

## LATE ANTIQUE TO MEDIEVAL

### Clive Burgess

English social, religious and urban history from the Black Death to the Reformation

### Charalambos Dendrinou

Byzantine Literature and Greek Palaeography

### David Gwynn

The transformation of the Late Roman Empire and Christianity in east and west AD 200–6

### Jonathan Harris

Later Byzantine history (1100–1453) and relations between Byzantium and Western Europe

### Peregrine Horden

History of medicine, charity, disease, and the environment in early medieval Europe and the Mediterranean world

### Jonathan Phillips

The History of the Crusades, with particular emphasis on the motives of Italian crusaders, on Richard the Lionheart, Saladin and the Third Crusade, as well as the modern-day legacy of the crusades in Islam and the West

### Nigel Saul

Social, political and cultural history of fourteenth-century England

### Barbara Zipser

Byzantine manuscripts, Greek medicine, history of texts

## EARLY MODERN

### Evrin Binbas

Intellectual networks of the fifteenth-century Islamic world

### Sandra Cavallo

Social and cultural history of early modern Europe, with particular emphasis on gender, health and material culture

### Justin Champion

Thomas Hobbes, heterodoxy and the radical English Enlightenment

### Anna Whitelock

Monarchy, religion and gender, with particular emphasis on court politics and political culture in sixteenth and seventeenth-century England

## MODERN

### Britain and Empire

### Greg Claeys

History of radicalism and socialism in nineteenth-century Britain

### Jane Hamlett

Modern British social and cultural history with particular emphasis on material and visual culture

### Zoe Laidlaw

Political, social and intellectual history of the nineteenth-century British Empire

### Edward Madigan

Public History, First World War

### Graham Smith

Oral history, memory and narrative, and the history of medicine

### Stella Moss

Modern British History, with particular emphasis on women and popular culture

### Alex Windscheffel

Modern Britain, with particular emphasis on political, cultural and gender history

## Europe

### K. Humayun Ansari

Muslim communities in Britain and Europe

### Daniel Beer

Late Imperial and early Soviet intellectual and cultural history

**Helen Graham**

Political, social and cultural history of 1930s and 40s Spain

**Andrea Mammone**

Fascist Italy and the extreme Far Right in post-1945 Europe

**Rudolf Muhs**

Ideology, politics and society in nineteenth and twentieth-century Europe

**Robert Priest**

French cultural and intellectual history, especially 1815-1905; religion and secularisation in Europe, 1789-1914; the sciences and society during the French Third Republic

**Dan Stone**

Historiographical, literary and philosophical interpretations of the Holocaust, comparative genocide, history of anthropology and cultural politics of the British right

**George A. Vassiadis**

19th and 20th century Greek history; the Greek Diaspora; Greek communities in Britain; Greek schools and educational societies; Greek and Levantine families; the architectural and urban history of the Levant

**World****Sarah Ansari**

Modern South Asia, with particular emphasis on Pakistan, migration and gender

**Akil Awan**

History of Terrorism, Contemporary Islam, Jihadism, Radicalisation

**David Cesarani**

Modern Jewish history and culture, Zionism, and the Holocaust

**Markus Daechsel**

The intellectual and political history of 'development' in Pakistan in the 1950s and 60s

**Patrick Doyle**

Civil War-era America, 1848-1877; slavery and the nineteenth century US South; history of race and race relations in North America

**Dawn-Marie Gibson**

African American Islam, Women's leadership in Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam and Nation Women's magazines.

**Chi-kwan Mark**

International history of East Asia, with particular emphasis on relations between Hong Kong, China, Britain and the US during the Cold War period

**Vanessa Martin**

Political and social history, and foreign relations, of Iran, Shi'ism, Iranian Revolutions of 1906 and 1979

**Francis Robinson**

The Muslim world from the eighteenth century to the present, with particular emphasis on South Asia

**Emmett Sullivan**

International economic history from the mid-nineteenth century onwards

**Weipin Tsai**

Chinese modernisation and contact with the West from the 19th Century, and the history of the Chinese Postal Service and Chinese Maritime Customs Service



