

Geography at Royal Holloway is a world-leading Department, rated 5* in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise and 'excellent' for its postgraduate teaching. There is a large and vibrant postgraduate community of over 130 students, drawn from all over the world.

Profile

Following a period of sustained expansion, we now have over 30 members of academic staff, with notable research concentrations in Quaternary science, environmental archaeology, social and cultural geography, development studies, geopolitics and sustainability.

Taught Programmes

MA Cultural Geography (Research)

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This programme explores the central themes of cultural geography, especially the relationships between place, identity, nature and culture. ESRC 1+3 studentships available; AHRC studentships also available.



Programmes

- MA Cultural Geography (Research)
- MSc Practising Sustainable Development (also offered as a Diploma)
- MSc Quaternary Science
- MSc Sustainability & Management (taught with the School of Management)
- Full-time and part-time MPhil and PhD programmes in all aspects of Human and Physical Geography

Number of places No fixed number

Research Assessment Exercise 5*

Fees & Financial Advice

Visit: www.rhul.ac.uk/Geography/postgrads/PG-funding.html
See also Funding your Studies on page 92.

How to Apply

See Applying to Royal Holloway on page 91.

MSc Practising Sustainable Development (also offered as a Diploma)

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This MSc addresses practices and policies of sustainable development, helping to ensure that development serves the long-term interests of poor people and communities. ESRC 1+3 studentships available.

MSc Quaternary Science

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This MSc provides specialist training in the scientific study of past environmental change, including laboratory and field techniques. The programme is offered jointly with UCL. NERC studentships available.

MSc Sustainability & Management (taught with the School of Management)

Main campus; FT/PT; 12/24 months

This programme provides an advanced-level introduction to principles of environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility. ESRC recognised.

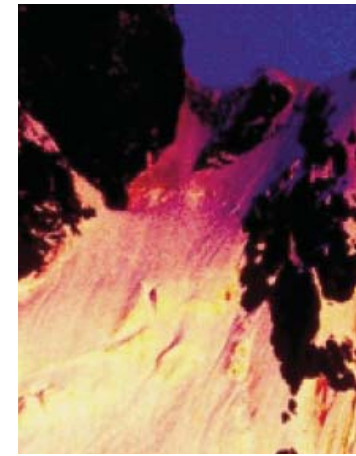
Research Opportunities & Funding

The Department welcomes applications for PhD research across the full range of our research interests. Applicants should have, or expect to be awarded, an Upper Second Class Honours (2:1) degree or above, and should normally have completed a Masters in an appropriate discipline. We have an excellent record in securing postgraduate funding, and have had notable success with AHRC, ESRC and NERC collaborative PhD studentships. We currently have one of the largest groups of ESRC-funded Geography PhD students in the UK. Overseas applicants are eligible for a wide range of awards, including ORSAS scholarships and Commonwealth Scholarships. Please contact the Department as early as possible if you are likely to be seeking funding. Full details of relevant funding and research interests can be found on our website:

www.rhul.ac.uk/Geography/postgrads/

Research Interests

- Dr Simon Armitage:** Climate change, palaeohydrology, geoarchaeology, luminescence dating
- Dr Luiza Bialasiewicz:** European identities, politics of space, heritage and culture
- Dr Nick Branch:** Environmental archaeology, palynology, land use and climate change
- Dr Ian Candy:** Geomorphology, sedimentology, climate change, Mediterranean landscape history
- Prof Phil Crang:** Cultural geography, diaspora and migration, material cultures



“Supervision of my studies has been excellent and the academic staff are continually enthusiastic, friendly and approachable. The large international departmental postgraduate community means there is always the opportunity to share ideas.”

Steve Bell, PhD in Geography

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- Prof Tim Cresswell:** Mobility, place, landscape and identity, geographical imaginations
- Dr Mary Dengler:** Environmental governance, sustainability, water management policy
- Prof Ed Derbyshire:** Sedimentology, geomorphology, geotechnics, China
- Dr Vandana Desai:** NGOs & civil society, survival strategies of the poor, community participation, India
- Dr Mustafa Dikeç:** French urban policy, social justice, immigration and politics
- Prof Klaus Dodds:** Geopolitics and international relations, Antarctica, Britain and the South Atlantic
- Prof Felix Driver:** Travel, exploration and empire, collections, geography and the visual image
- Prof Scott Elias:** Palaeoentomology, environmental history, climate change, Arctic science
- Dr Peter French:** Coastal & estuarine management, coastal defence impacts, public perception of risk
- Prof Clive Gamble:** Archaeology of human origins, global colonisation, evolution of the social brain
- Prof David Gilbert:** 20th-century London, empire, modernity, tourism and fashion
- Prof Rob Kemp:** Quaternary science, geoarchaeology, climate change and soils
- Dr Dorothea Kleine:** Globalization, ICT and development, ethical trade
- Dr David Lambert:** Caribbean identities, settler colonialism, slavery and postcolonial theory
- Dr Alex Loftus:** Urban sustainability, politics of water, urban interventions
- Prof John Lowe:** Quaternary science, climate change, palynology, tephrochronology
- Dr Duncan McGregor:** Tropical geomorphology, water quality, environmental assessment
- Dr Xingmin Meng:** Geographic Information Systems and related applications
- Prof Claudio Minca:** Postcolonialism, tourism, imaginative geographies, politics and space
- Dr Jay Mistry:** Ecology and management of world savannas, sustainability in practice

- Prof Jim Rose:** Quaternary science, cold climate geomorphology, sedimentology
- Dr Danielle Schreve:** Quaternary mammals, biostratigraphy, ancient human occupation of Britain
- Prof David Simon:** Development studies, urbanism, global environmental change, Africa
- Dr Varyl Thorndycraft:** Fluvial geomorphology, palaeohydrology, geoarchaeology
- Prof Tim Unwin:** ICT for development, participatory research, ethics, rural change
- Dr Katie Willis:** Transnational migration, development studies, health sector reform, Mexico

Research Facilities, Partners & Training

Postgraduates are an integral part of our research community and social life. There are a wide variety of seminars, workshops and informal events including an annual postgraduate symposium. Postgraduates have access to excellent research facilities which include a suite of well-equipped laboratories (including a Qualitative Methods laboratory and state-of-the-art geochronology facilities), computing resources and libraries. Postgraduates also have the benefit of world-class research facilities in London.

The Department has research links and collaborative studentship projects with a wide range of organisations including the British Library, the Natural History Museum, the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), the British Museum, the Science Museum, the British Geological Survey, English Nature, the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Street Child Africa, Cisco Systems, and the Centre for the Development of People, Kumasi, Ghana. The Department offers a comprehensive programme of research training for all postgraduates; full details are available at:

www.rhul.ac.uk/Geography/research/res-training.html

Career Prospects

In recent years graduates have entered into a wide range of careers, including university research and lectureships; environmental archaeology; civil service; consultancy; Department for International Development; WaterAid; and the RGS-IBG.

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