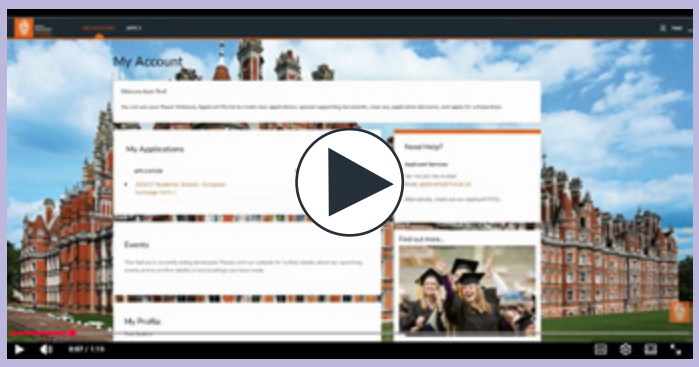
WRITING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Read this guide to help you write your application and give you the best chance of being awarded one of our scholarships. We also offer a number of automatic scholarships and bursaries which you don't need to apply for so check our website to see what else you might be eligible for.

How do I apply for a Royal Holloway scholarship?

- To get started, check the deadlines of our scholarships and be sure to allow yourself enough time to write, revise and submit your application.
- Go for as many as you can – check the individual scholarship webpages for their eligibility requirements.
- You'll need to hold an offer to study at Royal Holloway to apply for one of our scholarships.
- Once you have this, visit our Applicant Portal to complete your scholarship application. You'll be able to copy and paste or upload your scholarship statement, as well as provide any other information needed.
- You can apply for more than one scholarship in the same form, but you'll need a separate statement for each scholarship application. Make sure you tailor each statement for the specific scholarship.
- If you've applied through an agent and received an offer through Study Group, please contact your agent who will advise on applying for scholarships.
- Watch our handy video to see the steps to submit your scholarship application - **Click to watch**



What is the scholarship statement?



You'll have submitted a personal statement to apply for your course, but you'll need to submit a new and different statement to apply for a scholarship.

This is a piece of self-reflective writing which gives you the chance to promote yourself and explain to the scholarship selection panel why you deserve to be considered for the scholarship.

Check the application guidelines on the individual scholarship webpage to make sure you're including the relevant information to be in the best chance of being awarded the scholarship. Most of our scholarships break down the specific areas you'll need to cover so it's important to read the guidelines carefully and cover each point.

It's also really important to note the character count, as you won't be able to submit anything over the limit and your full statement won't be read.

How are scholarships awarded?

Our scholarships are awarded based on your written statement and/or your predicted grades at A-level or equivalent. All applications are scored by a panel. The applications which receive the highest scores are awarded the scholarships.

"We always want to hear about your true self. If we're asking about what benefits you think you've gained from your studies so far, be specific; maybe there's a module or research area that's really interested you. We want to hear about that. Make yourself stand out by being unique."

Piriyatharishini, Applicant Services Team Leader – Royal Holloway Scholarships Team.

Top tips for a stand-out statement:

- Address every question fully – your application will score higher if you provide depth in your answers.
- Be specific – give examples and evidence to support your statement, for example, if a scholarship would mean you wouldn't need to work part-time, tell us what you'd do with that extra time, whether it's volunteering or researching.
- Tell us about your true self – we want to learn more about your ambitions and interests.
- Review – be sure to proofread. Read your application out loud to check the flow and make sure you check your spelling, grammar and punctuation!
- Ask for advice - ask friends and family to read through your statement. It can be tricky to write about yourself, and the people who know you the best will be able to highlight gaps where you can sell yourself more.
- Remember, stick to the character count – if it exceeds the limit, your full statement won't be read!
- And lastly, believe in yourself!



"Going through the application process has taught me that you don't have a chance until you make one for yourself. One of the most important pieces of advice I would give is to be honest in your application. I would really encourage anyone thinking about applying to take that step and put themselves out there as you never know what's possible until you give it a try!"

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