MA Creative Writing: Place, Environment, Writing

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The ground-breaking MA Creative Writing: Place, Environment, Writing at Royal Holloway is the latest development in an established and successful creative writing programme that has produced a string of successful poets and novelists.

The MA is notable for its focus on environmental and place based writing in its broadest sense, including poetry, creative non-fiction and fiction and ranging from rural to urban environments. It is designed for all writers interested in developing a practice of place-based writing.

Creative place-based writing is experiencing a renaissance, whether this takes the form of the urban psychogeography of Ian Sinclair, the daydreaming wandering of WG Sebald or the nature poetry of Alice Oswald.

This programme seeks to develop the writing skills of students in the context of an engagement with and understanding of these literatures as well as providing a firm grounding in theoretical explorations of environment, place and landscape. Teaching features small groups and one-on-one supervision and workshops with leaders in their fields.

Course team

The programme is distinctive in its combination of expertise in creative writing and cultural geography. It combines the expertise of internationally respected leaders in each of these fields including Susanna Jones (novelist, winner of the Betty Trask award), Jo Shapcott (winner of the Costa Book of the Year Award in 2011 as well as the Forward Prize for best collection of poetry in 1999), Andrew Motion (former Poet Laureate, novelist and biographer) and Tim Cresswell (leading cultural geographer, author of Place: A Short Introduction and Managing Editor of cultural geographies).
Entry requirements
At least an Upper Second in Single Honours English or Combined Honours English, but applicants with degrees in other subjects, particularly Geography and other environment related subjects, or with relevant publications will also be considered and are encouraged to apply.

Fees and applying
The fees for this one year MA programme are £5,900 for Home and EU students and £12,800 for overseas students. To apply online visit: http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply.aspx

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Royal Holloway is widely recognised on the world stage as one of the UK’s leading teaching and research university institutions. One of the larger colleges of the University of London, we are strong across the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. Our 8,500 students work with internationally renowned scholars in 18 academic departments. The University of London degree gained by our talented, high-achieving graduates is valued the world over.

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.