

Guidance notes for the Instrumental Scholarships application form

1. Applications for Instrumental Scholarships are invited from appropriately qualified candidates seeking entry to Royal Holloway, University of London in September 2013 and those seeking deferred entry for 2014.
2. There are a number of Instrumental Scholarships available at £300 per annum. These are awarded only to applicants who make Royal Holloway either their unconditional or conditional firm choice. Instrumental Scholarships are tenable for one year, in piano or any major orchestral instrumental, and may be renewed subject to satisfactory musical and academic performance, on an annual basis for a further two years. In some exceptional cases, scholarships are tenable in voice; however, Royal Holloway also offers separate choral scholarships.
3. Instrumental Scholars will be expected to play in the Royal Holloway Symphony Orchestra (where applicable), to take on an active role in organising the Music Society, and to contribute generally to the musical life of Royal Holloway.
4. Please note that only applicants who have already gained considerable performing experience and who would have a realistic chance of securing a place at music college if they so wished, should consider applying for an Instrumental Scholarship. Suitable applicants will normally have completed ABRSM Grade VIII or reached an equivalent standard at least a year before their application.
5. All candidates who are applying for Instrumental Scholarships must submit an entry form together with a CD recording of their performances up to a duration of 15 minutes direct to Royal Holloway, in addition to making an application for their chosen degree through UCAS. All CD recordings must be authenticated by the candidate's instrumental or music teacher, their signature appearing on the cover of the CD.
6. A reference should be sent under separate cover by the Head of the applicant's school (or other person qualified to judge the musical ability of the candidate) and submitted by the same deadline. Please ensure this is sent to: The Music Department, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX.
7. All application forms and CDs will be scrutinised by the Director of Performance and scholarships may be awarded on the strength of the candidate's experience and quality of performance.
8. Please be assured that unsuccessful applicants will still be able to take performance options as part of their undergraduate music degree. The status of their offer for a place on the degree will be unaffected by this decision.
9. Please note that the Music Department boasts an excellent team of instrumental and vocal teachers and that students reading music at Royal Holloway can also learn with any professional music conservatoire teacher, subject to approval by the Director of Performance.
10. The award of an Instrumental Scholarship will be offered only to applicants who make Royal Holloway their unconditional or conditional firm choice.
11. How to apply: students who wish to be considered for an Instrumental Scholarship must complete the online application form.

12. Please note once again that you will be expected to have reached at least Grade 8 standard well before applying for an Instrumental Scholarship.