

University of Roehampton

Summary of 2025-26 to 2028-29 Access and Participation Plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress to graduate employment from higher education.

Underrepresented is the term used to refer to students who in the past have not accessed higher education in high numbers including mature students, disabled students, care leavers, Black, Asian and minority ethnic students, students from low-income families and those from areas where fewer people go on to higher education.

Roehampton's access and participation plan: key points

Roehampton's commitments to fair access and equal opportunities are central to our mission as a university. We support our students, whatever their background, to go to university and be successful in their studies and careers after they graduate.

We are proud of the diversity of our student population and our success at encouraging students who might not enter university to come to Roehampton and 60% of our students are the first in their family to go to university. Our plan is to help more students who do not see university as being for them to study and experience the benefits of higher education. This includes mature students, care leavers and students from places where people are less likely to go to university.

At Roehampton, we are committed to cultivating an inclusive environment that values individuality, promotes free thinking and supports personal goals and good citizenship. Our plan is intended to ensure that all of our students have the same equality of opportunity. We will improve the number of Black students and students who enter university with technical qualifications to continue to into their second year and to complete their degrees. We will also improve the number of these students graduating with a first or 2.1 degree. Finally, our plan is also to improve the number of our Black students who to go on to graduate jobs or further studies.

You can see the full access and participation plan for the University of Roehampton at <https://www.roehampton.ac.uk/globalassets/documents/corporate-information/access-and-participation-plan-2025-26-to-2028-29.pdf>

Fees we charge

From September 2025, the maximum fees charged are:

- £9,535 for full-time students

You can see a full list of fees for courses at the University of Roehampton here [Undergraduate tuition fees and costs – UK students | University of Roehampton, London](#)

Financial help available

Roehampton provides financial help to students to access higher education and to complete their studies, as well as targeted support for students from underrepresented groups, like our care leavers bursary. Information on what we provide to prospective and current students is clear and transparent and available on our website.

More details on financial support is here: [Student Support | Financial Support and Guidance | University of Roehampton, London](#)

Information for students

Prospective students receive information on fees and financial support at in-person events, such as our open days, and by email communications. Current students receive information about fees and the financial support available through our student portal, internal communications campaigns, and emails. For the most up-to-date fee information see: [Undergraduate tuition fees and costs – UK students | University of Roehampton, London](#)

What we are aiming to achieve

We aim to support students, whatever their background, to go to university and be successful in their studies and in their careers after they graduate. Based on our record of recruitment and academic and graduate achievement, the targets in our plan are:

- To improve the number of Black students and students who enter university with technical qualifications to continue into their second year of studies;
- To improve the number of Black students and students who enter university with technical qualifications to complete their studies;
- To improve the number of Black students and students who enter university with technical qualifications graduating with a first or 2.1 degree;
- To improve the number of our Black, Asian students to go on to graduate jobs or further studies.

What we are doing to achieve our aims

To support our students through their studies, we have a multi-faceted approach to ensuring student success. When students join the university, we help embed them into academic, college and student communities. Student mentors and college wardens help 'newbies' feel at home. We make sure students stay on track with their studies and use a data-led, cross institutional approach to proactively provide support for our students, to get them the help they need quickly whether this is support with an assignment, a trained counsellor for their wellbeing or a hardship grant to tide them over.

There is also a good chance our students will have to juggle their studies with paid work and caring responsibilities. We provide flexibility in how they can study by timetabling to fixed days, enhancing access to the library, recording classes and providing online academic support. We also make IT hardware and software available so students can access these services. You can see what academic support we offer students [here](#).

Many of our students do not have the confidence and connections to walk into a graduate career when they finish their studies. From the first day of their studies, 'career registration' means we provide tailored support to students to help them prepare for the future. Our portfolio is professionally focused and embeds employability, supported with careers advice, work experience opportunities and networking events. This helps us target the support to where it is needed most.

How students can get involved:

- We work with Roehampton's Students' Union on the design and monitoring of our access and participation plan.
- Student members of our Student Education Committee that oversee all education matters at the university, help to assess the effectiveness of university's support initiatives and interventions to the wider student body.
- If you are a student and want to get involved, please contact the Roehampton's Students' Union Vice President Education who is the sabbatical officer leading on access and participation.

Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved:

- The university has an Access and Participation Plan group, chaired by the Dean of Students, that monitors and reports on progress to the Student Education Committee which oversees the implementation of our plan.
- Our evaluation will draw on data relating to continuation, attainment and progression, supported by survey data and through discussions with students so we can understand how specific interventions have had an impact on individuals or communities of students.
- The results will be disseminated to staff and students and shared with our collaborating partners.
- Outcomes and impact will be peer reviewed by colleagues across the sector and shared with students and staff and published on our website.

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