



RECOGNITION GUIDE 2020 ENTRY

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We hope you enjoy taking part in Realising Opportunities (RO). The programme is a chance for you to develop skills that will be beneficial during your current studies and at university.

For successfully completing the RO programme you will benefit by receiving additional consideration from the RO Partner universities when you apply to them. This guide explains how each RO Partner university will consider your application.

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Recognition from RO Partner universities

RO Partner universities recognise your successful completion of the RO programme through their admissions processes.

For successfully completing the RO programme, all RO Partner universities will give your application additional consideration when you apply to them through UCAS. They also give RO offers worth up to two A level grades (or equivalent) lower than the standard offer.

However it is important to note that recognition can vary at the RO Partner universities and there may be some course exemptions. You should read each of the university statements on the following pages so you can understand what this means for you.

Research Intensive Universities

One of the aims of the RO programme is to support you to make an informed choice about your future by highlighting the benefits of research intensive universities (RIUs). All of the RO universities are RIUs. This means they have:

- Leading academics and tutors, who are experts in their field.
- Vibrant learning environments where new discoveries are being made and problems are solved.
- Cutting edge facilities thanks to the investment associated with research.
- Top careers guidance and strong links with business.
- World-renowned reputations which are highly valued by employers.

It has made me aim high by choosing the top universities involved. I would not have put research intensive universities on my application form before this programme.

Realising Opportunities Student, 2017



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Birmingham through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria which can include subject-specific requirements such as interview performance, aptitude tests and GCSE grades.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or
- Up to 2 International Baccalaureate points in Higher Level subjects or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade or
- A reduced number of distinctions required for an Access to HE course.

Medicine

For 2020 entry the typical standard offer is AAA (previously A*AA). The typical Realising Opportunities offer remains the same as in previous years and will be 2 A Level grades lower (i.e. ABB) plus successful completion of the RO programme. Students will also be required to sit the UCAT aptitude test.

Dentistry

For Dentistry the alternative offer will be 2 A level grades lower than the standard requirement (i.e. ABB), plus successful completion of the RO

Programme. Students will also be required to sit the UCAT aptitude test.

Other recognition

For Medicine and Dentistry applicants the selection process also includes special consideration over GCSE achievement. Medicine - GCSEs: a minimum of 7 GCSEs with at least 3 at grade A/7, including 2 As/7s from Maths, English or Science, with a minimum of a grade B/5 in these subjects. Dentistry - GCSEs: minimum grades of AABB/7755 (Chemistry, Biology, English Language and Maths in any order).

Course exemptions

Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Birmingham where an offer is made. If you are considering applying for a Foundation Degree please contact Lucy Hall at the University of Birmingham (l.hall@bham.ac.uk).

Other information

RO applicants for Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Physiotherapy will be invited to attend an interview workshop and an induction day with Access to Birmingham students.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Exeter through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from the University of Exeter it will be an RO dual offer which will consist of the following:

- A standard offer for the course to which you are applying.
- An RO alternative offer of up to 2 A level grades or equivalent below the standard entry offer, valid only upon successful completion of the RO programme.

Offers will be made subject to applicants fulfilling any subject specific entry requirements and completing any required admissions tests or interviews.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Exeter where an offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.exeter.ac.uk or email Hayley Stentiford at realisingopportunities@exeter.ac.uk. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Goldsmiths, University of London through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades below the standard offer or equivalent.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at Goldsmiths where an offer is made.

Other information

For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of

a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made. Many of Goldsmiths' programmes will also ask for supplementary evidence of your readiness to study at Goldsmiths. This may include portfolios of art or design based work, or examples of your written work or projects. For many practice based subjects including art, media, design, music and drama you may also be expected to attend an interview and talk about your work. You will need to successfully complete this process in order to be made an offer. Should you need to attend an interview, Goldsmiths will support you by contributing towards the cost of travel to our campus. Please contact Jonathan Bridges for further information (j.bridges@gold.ac.uk).

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.gold.ac.uk/ug. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to King's College London through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer.

Course exemptions

Alternative offers will not be made for Medicine (A100) or Dentistry (A205)

Other information

RO students are eligible to apply to the below courses, which have lower entrance requirements than our standard Medicine and Dentistry programmes.

Extended Medical Degree Programme - EMDP (A101) admits up to 77 students a year from eligible non-selective state schools across the country. RO candidates are automatically eligible to apply.

Extended Support Dentistry Programme - ESDP (A206) admits up to 10 students a year from eligible non-selective state schools in Greater London. RO candidates are automatically eligible to apply.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.kcl.ac.uk. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Lancaster University through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria for example interview and portfolio performance, aptitude test, subject-specific requirements and GCSE grades.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer from Lancaster University it will be dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- A standard offer for the course to which you are applying plus
- Up to 2 A level grades or equivalent below the standard entry offer or
- Up to 1 full BTEC National Extended Diploma grade

Alternative offers for other, equivalent level 3 qualifications will be considered on a case by case basis. Details on the qualifications accepted at Lancaster can be found on our website: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/admissions/entry-requirements-and-qualifications/uk-qualifications/>

We may specify minimum grades in particular subjects depending on the course entry requirements.

Course exemptions

Alternative offers will not be made for the following courses:

- A900 Foundation Year for Medicine and Surgery
- N202 International Business Management (North America)
- N2R4 International Business Management (Spain)

Other information

For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview, submission of a portfolio or aptitude test, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made. Some offers may be subject to RO students studying specific subjects and achieving specific grades in those subjects.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/>. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you. For further information about Lancaster University and our RO offer please contact outreach@lancaster.ac.uk.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Leeds through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a standard offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or equivalent below the standard offer or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade below the standard offer or
- Tariff point equivalent of the above reductions below the standard offer.

Course exemptions

Courses including a foundation year are exempt. Alternative RO offers will be made for

undergraduate degree programmes at the University of Leeds where a standard offer is made.

Other information

RO students who study at the University of Leeds are eligible for additional on-course support through The Plus Programme. This support includes skills development, academic workshops and social activity.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.leeds.ac.uk. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Leicester through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades below our standard offer or
- Up to 2 International Baccalaureate points below our standard offer or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade below our standard offer or
- A reduced number of distinctions required for an Access to HE course.

Other recognition

If you are applying for our A100 Medicine course and are predicted AAB or above (with an A in Chemistry) as an RO student you will be given additional academic credit (over GCSE achievement) by selectors at the point of shortlisting for interview. You will also be required to sit the UCAT exam in the year of your application. If successful at the interview stage, you will be made a dual offer which will recognise your successful completion of RO. For a full overview of the admissions criteria and selection procedure for our Medicine course, please visit our website at www2.le.ac.uk/departments/medicine

Course exemptions

Alternative offers will not be made for our Medicine with foundation year course.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and our typical entry requirements please visit www.le.ac.uk/study. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Liverpool through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria, for example, interview performance, subject-specific requirements and GCSE grades.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or
- For students taking the International Baccalaureate (IB) – up to 2 IB points. Students must also successfully pass the IB Diploma as a whole.
- For students taking a Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma - up to 1 grade. For example, where the standard offer is DDD the student must achieve DDM overall*

*Note: not all programmes accept applications from candidates offering BTEC qualifications. Please see individual course entries in our

online prospectus at www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

Other recognition

RO students applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool may not be required to meet the strict GCSE entry requirements outlined in the University's guidelines. Applicants should check the GCSE requirements with the relevant department.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Liverpool.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.liverpool.ac.uk. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Loughborough University through UCAS.

Alternative offers

If you are successful in being made an offer for your chosen course, then you will receive a typical offer as well as a reduced alternative RO offer (subject to you successfully completing RO) of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or
- Up to 2 International Baccalaureate points in Higher Level subjects or
- 1 full BTEC National Diploma grade or
- A reduced number of distinctions required for an Access to HE course.

Please note that specific grades in certain subjects will still be required for some courses.

Course exemptions

Courses which include a Foundation Year are not in a position to make alternative offers.

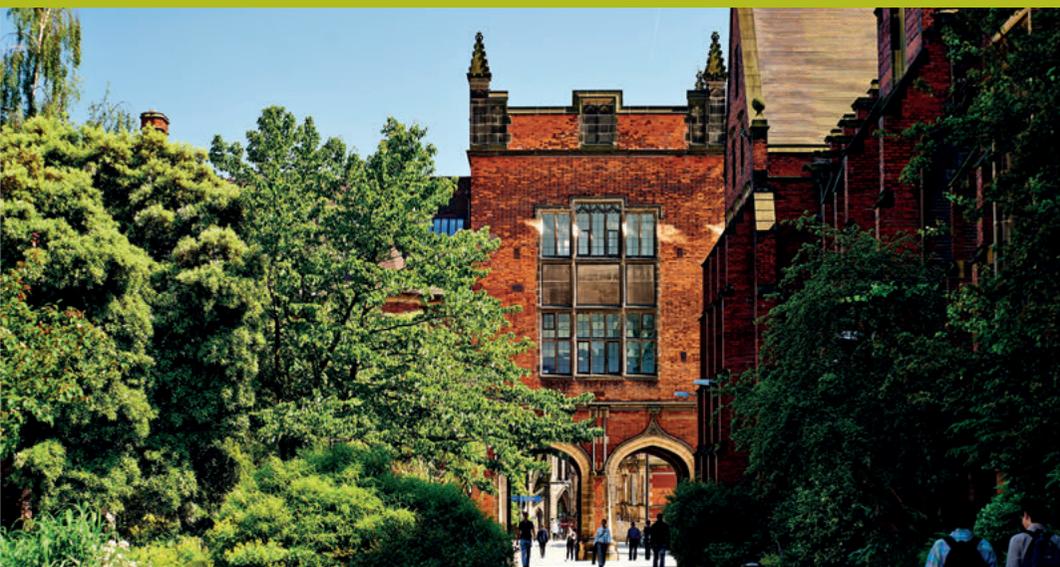
Other information

All offers and alternative offers are subject to applicants fulfilling any subject specific entry requirements at A level or equivalent and minimum GCSE or equivalent requirements. For some courses, offers are subject to a successful interview and/or review of a portfolio.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.lboro.ac.uk/study/.

Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you. If you are unclear on any requirements, then please contact admissions@lboro.ac.uk.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Newcastle University through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer for all courses at Newcastle University.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree programmes at Newcastle University where an offer is made, including all courses at Newcastle University London.

Other information

For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.ncl.ac.uk. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to Queen Mary University of London through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades or
- Up to 2 International Baccalaureate points in Higher Level subjects or

We may specify minimum grades in particular A level or Higher Level subjects depending on the course entry requirements.

Course exemptions

Law (M100) and joint programmes involving Law
The offer for RO students applying for our single

honours and joint honours programmes involving Law will be AAA. Our standard offer for single honours Law (M100) is A*AA.

Medicine (A100) and Dentistry (A200)

All RO students who meet the minimum GCSE entry requirements, are predicted to achieve AAA in relevant A level subjects and attain a minimum 3rd decile score in the UCAT will automatically be selected for interview. If offered a place, RO students will receive an AAA offer, rather than the standard A*AA offer. There are a smaller ring-fenced number of places (Medicine only) for which RO students who meet minimum GCSE entry requirements, are predicted to achieve AAB and attain a minimum 4th decile score in the UCAT will also be invited for interview. If offered one of these ring-fenced places, RO students will receive an AAB offer, rather than the standard A*AA offer.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.qmul.ac.uk. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Sheffield through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades below the standard offer or
- Up to 1 full BTEC Level 3 National Diploma/ Extended Diploma grade below the standard offer.
- Alternative offers for other, equivalent Level 3 qualifications will be considered on a case basis. For our list of acceptable qualifications see: www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/ukquals

Course exemptions

The subjects you have studied at A Level or equivalent will influence whether we are able to make you an alternative offer for our Engineering with Foundation Year courses and our BMedSci Health & Human Sciences course.

Some of our courses are not in a position to make alternative offers, these include courses in our Departments of Archaeology, Urban Studies, Sociological Studies & Orthoptics.

Other information

Offers and alternative offers will be subject to applicants fulfilling any subject specific entry requirements and completing any required admissions tests or interviews for their chosen course. For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in these before any offer is made. There are also professional courses (such as Medicine and Dentistry) which have non-academic requirements (e.g. DBS check) which all successful students would need to meet.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.sheffield.ac.uk/study. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you. For further information about the University of Sheffield's contribution to the RO programme or the course exemptions please contact, ROSheffield@sheffield.ac.uk.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Sussex through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you receive an offer from the University of Sussex, it will be a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades lower than the standard A level offer (subject to successful completion of the RO Programme).

Course exemptions

Alternative RO offers will not be made for the degree in Medicine at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School. Applications for courses with a research placement element will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For courses that require an additional selection process, such as interviews or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this selection process. There are also professional courses (such as Primary Education) which have non academic requirements (e.g. DBS check) which all successful students would need to meet.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.sussex.ac.uk. Remember that it is important that you check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to UCL through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other selection criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades below the standard offer

Exact details for each degree programme are listed on our online prospectus in the Entrance requirements section, as 'contextual offer'.

Course exemptions

Alternative offers will not be made for:

- Greek and English BA
- Latin and English BA
- Chemical Physics BSc
- Chemical Physics MSci
- Theoretical Physics BSc
- Theoretical Physics MSci

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- Theoretical Physics MSci

As all of these programmes have subject specific requirements which are required to ensure success on programme.

Other information

For programmes that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of degree programmes available and typical entry requirements please visit www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the programme you are interested in and what this means for you.



Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of Warwick through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. This means that, in addition to the standard offer (which will be in accordance with our published entry criteria) you will also receive an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A Level grades or up to 4 International Baccalaureate points lower than the standard offer for entry to that course.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all degree courses at the University of Warwick where an offer is made.

Other information

Whilst it is important that you meet the admissions criteria for your chosen course (these are available via the University's prospectus or online), Warwick pays particular attention to an applicant's personal statement in the admissions process. It is therefore advisable that your statement draws upon your experience on the RO programme, what you have learnt on the programme and how this applies to your chosen course.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit www.warwick.ac.uk/study. Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.



University of York/Alex Holland

Additional consideration

Your application as an RO student will receive additional consideration when you apply to the University of York through UCAS. This is dependent on you meeting all other admissions criteria.

Alternative offers

If you are given an offer then you will receive a dual offer recognising your successful completion of RO. You will receive a typical offer as well as an alternative RO offer of:

- Up to 2 A level grades.
- For students taking the International Baccalaureate (IB) – up to 3 IB points. Students must also successfully pass the IB Diploma as a whole.
- For students taking a BTEC Extended Diploma – up to 1 grade, for example, where the standard offer is DDD the student must achieve DDM overall.

Course exemptions

There are no course exemptions. Alternative RO offers will be made for all courses at the University of York where an offer is made.

Other information

For courses that require an additional selection process, such as an interview or submission of a portfolio, RO applicants will still be required to take part in this before any offer is made.

For further information

For more information on the range of courses available and typical entry requirements please visit

www.york.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/

Remember that it is important for you to check the individual requirements for the course you are interested in and what this means for you.

Making sure you get the recognition

Important information - your UCAS application

In order to receive recognition for successful completion of the programme from RO Partner universities you should apply through UCAS using the online Apply system in the normal way. The online Apply system allows you to identify yourself as an RO student. Guidance on how to identify yourself as an RO student on your UCAS application form will be emailed to you in advance of the 2020 entry cycle opening. Please look out for this communication and if you have any questions when you come to submit your application then please contact info@realisingopportunities.ac.uk

It is worth noting that you are not limited to applying to one RO Partner university or course. You can apply to, and have the potential to receive offers from, the maximum number of choices on your UCAS application (which is usually five).

RO offers will be subject to students having the correct fee status at the time of application to University.

Passing the RO Programme

If you receive an alternative offer from an RO Partner university it will be dependent on your successful completion of the RO programme. In order to pass the RO programme you must:

- Attend at least 2 events or activities at an RO university (this can include the Local Launch and National Student Conference).

- Complete and pass the skills4uni challenge and quiz.

- Pass the Academic element.

The RO Central Team will communicate your successful completion of the RO programme to the RO Partner universities. Make sure you check the conditions of any offers you receive carefully. If you have any questions about passing the RO programme please contact info@realisingopportunities.ac.uk

What if I haven't passed RO yet?

As long as you record your participation in RO on your UCAS form, the RO Partner universities will know that you are an RO student. If, when you apply, you still have aspects of the programme to complete (for example the Academic Assignment or EPQ), any alternative offers you are made will be subject to your successful completion of the programme. The RO Central Team update the RO Partner universities on your RO progress before A level results day. Any universities you are holding offers with will have access to your EPQ result along with your other grades. This means they will be able to confirm whether you have passed the programme and met the terms of your RO alternative offer.

Taking a gap year

As an RO student you are entitled to extra consideration when you apply through UCAS. This extra consideration is applicable for up to one year after completing your studies. Therefore, if you wish to take a gap year and apply for 2021 entry, your application will still be given extra consideration by the RO Partner universities. If you have any queries about this then please contact info@realisingopportunities.ac.uk

Key contacts

The RO Central Team, based at Newcastle University, lead the programme on behalf of the RO Partner universities.

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RO Partner universities

Each of the RO Partner universities has dedicated members of staff working on the RO programme. If you have questions about the programme don't hesitate to get in touch with the RO Central Team or the RO contact at your host university.

Contact list

You can find an up-to-date list of contacts at

realisingopportunities.ac.uk/KeyContacts.pdf





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Newcastle University

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London**

University of Sheffield

University of Sussex

UCL

University of Warwick

University of York