



Student Support Information for Applicants

Introduction

The Royal Academy of Dance Faculty of Education is committed to supporting students at all stages of the application process and within the programmes of study, whether these are onsite programmes, or one of our distance learning programmes that are delivered all over the world.

Depending on the programme you opt for, you may have questions about what it's like to study in London, or are worried about how you will be able to manage your studies on top of having family and work commitments. It might be that you are a student with a learning disability or medical condition which may affect how you can participate in the programme. Whatever your concern, the Student Support Officer is here to answer your questions. To ensure that you have all of the information you need to make informed choices, we encourage you to contact the Student Support Officer before making application to one of our programmes.

Student Support Officer

The Student Support Officer looks after the pastoral aspects of student support as well as managing the learning plans for students with disabilities (including long term medical conditions, learning disability and mental health conditions).

Contact information

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Disability support

The Faculty of Education welcomes applications from people with disabilities (including long term medical conditions, learning disability and mental health conditions) who wish to pursue a career in dance teaching. For onsite programmes, we encourage students to visit the Royal Academy of Dance before applying, in order to view classes and facilities and discuss any support or adjustments that may be required. Visits can be done on a Faculty of Education Open Day or via contacting Facilities: <https://www.rad.org.uk/more/facilities>

RAD Personal Learning Support Plans

Students who disclose an existing disability or become disabled during the course will be offered a Personal Learning Support Plan. This is an agreement developed between the student and the Student Support Officer to identify support needs and any necessary reasonable adjustments for onsite learning, distance learning and teaching placements. After obtaining your consent, this information will be passed on to the relevant teaching staff and teaching placement mentors in a confidential manner. If you would like further information about the programme content, or additional support needs please contact The Student Support Officer or the relevant Programme Manager.

Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

UK-based students are encouraged to apply for Disabled Students Allowance prior to starting on programme. This enables us to get your institutional support up and running as soon as you arrive. More information on how to apply for DSA for students from Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales:

- Scotland <http://www.saas.gov.uk/>
- Northern Ireland <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/disabled-students-allowances>
- England <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>
- Wales <http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>

Dyslexia Support

If you know that you are dyslexic or have another learning difficulty, we strongly encourage you to let us know as soon as possible. This will help us develop a Personal Learning Support Plan for you, and to assist UK-based students in applying for a Disabled Students Allowance if they have not already done so.

In order for UK students with dyslexia (and other learning difficulties) to apply for a Disabled Students Allowance, a recent diagnostic assessment (post 16 years) by a Specialist Teacher/Assessor with an Assessment Practising Certificate or Chartered Psychologist specialising in Specific Learning Difficulties registered with the Health Care Practitioners Council (HCPC), is required. Wherever possible, this diagnostic assessment should be obtained from your secondary school or college before leaving. If this is not possible, we can help you arrange to have a diagnostic assessment. These assessments are fairly expensive, (usually between £400-£500) but students are eligible to apply for help from our Hardship Fund towards the cost.

For successful DSA applications where you have been allocated a specialist dyslexia tutor, we can help you set this support up if required. We can book you a regular meeting room to meet your specialist dyslexia tutor on a weekly basis.

If during the programme you identify difficulties that you think may be dyslexia related, we will arrange for you to have an online screening to help you identify the type of support you may need.

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