

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job title:	School Administration Assistant
Department / Unit:	School of Humanities, Academic Services
Grade:	RHUL 4
Accountable to:	School Manager
Accountable for:	N/A
Purpose of the post	
<p>The Academic Administration at Royal Holloway is organised into six School Administration teams which are all part of the Academic Services directorate; a single professional service which supports the student journey. Administration teams have been designed to provide a consistent and effective service to both students and staff. This post is based within the School of Humanities, which comprises the departments of History, English, Classics, and Languages, Literatures and Cultures.</p> <p>The School Administration Assistant role will be responsible for a variety of tasks and processes to support the day to day running of the school. The role holder will demonstrate a commitment to our shared vision and service standards. They will be expected to work closely with colleagues in the School of Humanities as well as those across other academic and professional services areas, and to know when to seek guidance from senior colleagues.</p> <p>Academic administrators will support the School Manager (SM) in ensuring the efficient administration of the School. The School Administration Assistant role is responsible for the key tasks outlined below.</p>	
Key tasks	
<p>Support the day to day running of the school, working under the School Administration Officer and with the rest of the School Administration team. The core responsibilities will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting the delivery of the school administrative lifecycle. 2. Delivering excellent customer service to students and other stakeholders, including alignment with the College's Student First approach. 3. Developing effective working relationships with colleagues, sharing good practice and increasing knowledge and understanding across different administrative areas, as required. 4. Being part of a Virtual Team network run by relevant Professional Services in order to build relationships with staff working in the same functions in other schools, and to stay up to date with the latest information, training and best practice. <p>The School Administration Assistant could be tasked with any combination of the following:</p> <p>School & Office Administration</p>	

5. Assisting with the management of the office environment, such as monitoring the use and requirement of school facilities and materials.

Finance, Research & Human Resources Administration

6. Administering school finance processes, for example:
 - a. Purchasing and transactional activities, such as requisitions and purchase orders, school scholarships and bursaries, coding supplier invoices, journals and monitoring/approving workflow tasks on the College finance system.
 - b. Financial year-end procedures.
 - c. Online Store sales.
 - d. Petty Cash float and collection, security and transfer of cash associated with School activities.
7. Assisting with school HR processes, such as completing absence reporting procedures, administration of student workers and timesheets.
8. Assisting with research support processes, for example procurement, conference and field trip logistics and HR support.

School-Specific Administration

9. Organising the administration of student and staff field trips, where applicable.
10. Making ad hoc bookings and arrangements for customers to use the School's specialist spaces, where applicable.
11. Assisting with the school's administrative processes for arranging and supporting Demonstrators and Technicians, where applicable.

Helpdesk Administration

Support school helpdesk tasks and services, as required, in order to help ensure that the service is adequately staffed during opening hours, such as:

12. Assisting with school reception processes.
13. Responding to all enquiries and requests for information, made in-person, by phone or by email to a central mailbox from current, former and prospective students, as well as from staff and third parties.
14. Arranging appointments for students with School academic/administrative staff, as well as with specialists in central services such as Wellbeing, Student Administration and Student Fees.

Other duties and expectations

The duties listed above may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the College. The post holder will also be expected to undertake additional duties as appropriate and as requested by their manager.

All members of the School Administration team are responsible for supporting the School Helpdesk service and ensuring that it is adequately staffed during opening hours, which are subject to change in response to service offering and demand.

Although each School Administration Assistant will be based in a single school, if the need arises they may be required to assist and provide cover in another school, as required, in order to ensure that an outstanding level of service is maintained across the College.

The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.

Internal and external relationships

The post holder will be required to work closely with all colleagues within the School of Humanities.

The following list is not exhaustive, but the post holder will also be required to liaise with colleagues in other areas, such as:

- Academic Services teams
- Human Resources
- Finance
- IT Services
- Commercial Services and Estates
- Administrative and academic staff in other schools