

English Language Requirements – Research Degrees

If you are considering a research degree at the University of Roehampton (e.g. Dth/PhD/PsychD) you must demonstrate that you possess at least a minimum standard of English language proficiency. This web page sets out our requirements.

All applicants that require a study visa must also meet the minimum English Language requirements before we can issue a Certificate of Acceptance for Study (CAS) that is needed to apply for a study visa.

Please note that unless otherwise stated English Language tests results are usually only accepted if they have been achieved in the last two years. For Tier 4 applicants the validity of the test must be no older than two years from the date that the CAS is issued.

Pre-sessional English

We run pre-sessional English courses for students who need to improve their English proficiency before starting their research degree at Roehampton. These programmes can be taken instead of re-taking an English test if you don't quite meet the required levels listed below. Please visit the [pre-sessional webpages](#) for details of entry requirements, start dates and course information. A list of accepted English language tests for entry to the online course is provided in the section '[Pre-sessional English courses](#)'

IELTS Academic

- 7.0 overall with a minimum 6.5 in each component
- 7.5 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in each component (or equivalent) for the following programmes: PhD English Literature; PhD Children's Literature; PhD English Language; PhD Linguistics.

Roehampton English Language Test

- Mapped to IELTS scores, please refer to IELTS Academic above

For further information about the test and how to apply, please see [this webpage](#).

TOEFL IBT

- 95 overall, including at least 19 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 20 in Speaking, 24 in Writing

Cambridge Proficiency Certificate

- 185 overall, including at least 176 in each skill

Cambridge Advanced Certificate

- 185 overall, including at least 176 in each skill

LanguageCert International ESOL

- C1 Communicator Pass

QA English Test

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Master's degree from an English-speaking country

If you hold a Master's degree from an English-speaking country, you do not need to prove your English language ability.

English-speaking countries accepted for doctoral study: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK and USA.