



## The Graduate Route Visa

This new visa option allows you to stay in the UK for 2 years following successful completion of your studies at Roehampton University.

PhD students may eligible for a 3 year Graduate Route visa.

### **What are the requirements?**

You must have a valid Student Route/Tier4 visa at the time of applying

You must have successfully completed your degree

You must not have previously held a Graduate visa

You must have completed your studies in the UK\*

\*Exchange is the only exception

### **What can I do with this visa?**

You can stay in the UK for 2 years

You can work – on either an employed or self-employed basis

You can move employers as you wish

You do not require sponsorship

You cannot work as a professional sportsperson, or doctor, or dentist

You can switch into work visa at any time during the 2 years (if you secure a sponsor)

### **How to Apply**

You will make a new visa application online while in the UK before your Tier 4 visa expires

- The University will confirm to the Home Office that you have successfully completed your studies
- There will be an online application and a fee of £700
- You will need to attend a biometric appointment in the UK to complete the application
- You will have to pay the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge at £625 per year of visa validity

**Note\*** It is not possible to apply for this visa type from outside the UK, or after your current Tier 4/Student Route visa has expired.

#### Documents you need to provide:

- Valid BRP
- Valid Passport
- A copy of your current CAS

Note\* If you have been sponsored to study in the previous 12 months you will need to provide a consent letter from your previous financial sponsor stating they have no objections to the application.

#### Family members

- If you have family members – spouses, partners or children – who currently have visas as your dependents, they can apply for new dependent visas to stay with you in the UK.
- They remain able to work or study.
- If you have family members not already in the UK as your dependents, they will **not** be able to apply to be dependents during your time on the Graduate visa. They would first have to apply as your Student Visa dependents, then apply again as your Graduate dependents.

**Note\*** The Graduate Route Visa is not a part of the student visa framework, and as such the Roehampton immigration team may be limited in how much we are able to help with an application.

If you need detailed help or specific advice on an application for this visa type we recommend you engage the services of an appropriately qualified immigration adviser.

If you have any questions please contact the University UKVI Compliance team at [immigration@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:immigration@roehampton.ac.uk)