

Appendix 1: Executive Summary of APP

Ravensbourne University London

Summary of 2020-21 to 2024-25 access and participation plan

What is an access and participation plan?

Access and participation plans set out how higher education providers will improve equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups to access, succeed in and progress from higher education.



You can see the full access and participation plan for Ravensbourne University London (Ravensbourne) at [Access and Participation Plan 2020-21 to 2024-25](#).

Key points

The focus of our access and participation plan is to improve the access, success and progression (outcomes) of targeted groups of students at Ravensbourne. Our data shows that compared to their peers, outcomes are lower for the following groups of students:

- Mature students and those from POLAR4 Quintile 1 are less likely to progress to University.
- The following groups of students are less likely to achieve a degree aware of 2:1 or above:
 - Students from deprived neighbourhoods
 - BAME students
 - Students with a disability
 - Mature students
- Black students are less likely to complete their Higher Education courses.
- The same groups of students are less likely to progress to highly skilled employment or further study.

Fees we charge

At Ravensbourne University London, the maximum fees charged are:

- £9,250 for Home students

A full list of Ravensbourne's fees can be found here:



[Undergraduate fees and funding | Ravensbourne University London](#)

Financial help available

In addition to any government loans you may be eligible for, Ravensbourne University London has a limited amount of bursaries and scholarships for undergraduate students. This financial support has been designed to assist in the costs of travel, living costs and/or course equipment.

Here are some of the bursaries we offer:

- Care Leavers Bursary: This bursary provides financial support in three academic years available to all students with Care Leaver status, as assessed by Student Finance England.
- Estranged Student Bursary is available to students with estranged*/independent student status, as assessed by Student Finance England. It consists of a lump sum payment of up to £1,000, payable in each academic year.
- Access to Opportunity Fund: This hardship support is offered to Home students from low income families (annual household income below £25,000) based on a detailed assessment of need.

- Mature Access Programme: Bursaries for Home, Mature students entering higher education programmes from an Access to Higher Education, worth up to £1500 to cover sustenance, travel and course materials/equipment.
- Final Major Project / Degree Show Award: A fund to help disadvantaged students complete their vision for a final major project or Degree Show exhibition.
- The Carer's Bursary is available to Home Undergraduates who can provide evidence of one of the following categories:
 - Working with a recognised Young Carer's Organisation in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, or
 - Previously in receipt of Carer's Benefits, or
 - Notification letter from family GP or Social Worker.
- Accommodation Award: The support is based on an individual needs' assessment, available to Home students in crisis or who are homeless, and with an annual household income less than £25,000.
- Access to Industry: Travel and subsistence costs for students from low-income backgrounds (annual household income below £25,000) undertaking placements that pay below minimum wage.

A full list of Ravensbourne's bursaries and their eligibility criteria can be found here:



[Undergraduate bursaries | Ravensbourne University London](#)

Scholarships you may be eligible for are listed here:



[Undergraduate scholarships | Ravensbourne University London](#)

Further information on everything related to financing your studies can be found here:



[Student finance | Ravensbourne University London](#)

Information for students

Prospective students: The best way to experience Ravensbourne is to [visit us](#) or come to one of our [Open days](#). If you are not able to visit, our undergraduate prospectus contains all the information you need to know about studying at Ravensbourne. Fill out the form [here](#) to order a copy.

Our website also has a page dedicated for [you](#).

Current students: We communicate with current students through our student portal, internal communications and campaigns, emails, and wherever possible, in-person.

Our [website](#) also contains the most up-to-date information for students, both prospective and current.

What we are aiming to achieve

Our strategic aim is for Ravensbourne to be a university built around access, inclusion and diversity, ensuring that every student is able to succeed whatever their background. (Please read our EDI Strategy [here](#)).

Assessment of our current performance has identified the following areas as a key focus of our work as we strive to meet this aim:

- **Raising attainment work in schools and colleges**
- **Diversifying our student population and provision** through targeted Access work and diversifying our course offer.
- **Support the retention and attainment of underrepresented groups** – we aim to eliminate gaps in continuation and attainment between students from minority groups compared to the

rest of our students by 2025. This includes students from ethnic minority groups, with disabilities, from areas and/or backgrounds of deprivation, Care Leavers, and Mature students.

- Continue to **support all students in attaining highly skilled jobs** that reflect all they have learned during their degree and ensuring that less represented groups have an equal chance of doing so.

How students can get involved

We work together with Ravensbourne's Student Union (SU) members in designing, implementing and monitoring our Access and Participation Plan (APP). This collaboration is critical to ensure that our plan meets the needs of our students and continues to be both relevant and effective at implementing the committed changes and meeting our targets. The SU president is a representative at our monthly APP Working Group and serves as a voice for the student body. If you would like to provide feedback or share your views on anything related to Ravensbourne's APP please get in touch by contacting:



- The APP Working Group [SU representative](#)
- Our Access and Participation [lead from Student Services](#)

Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved

We strive to continually collect information, feedback and data from the activities we offer to understand what works for our audiences and what is impactful in meeting our targets and commitments. We use this information to understand and evaluate:

- Activity design: what works/what doesn't
- The impact of the activity on the participant / student experience
- Whether or not an activity supports our aims listed above
- The effectiveness of an activity at contributing to meeting the relevant target(s)

The APP Working Group is responsible for the delivery and monitoring of the University's Access and Participation Plan. The Working Group reports to the Learning, Teaching and Assessment Committee. Annual APP Monitoring Reports are sent to the Academic Board and the Board of Governors for sign-off before submission to the Office for Students (OfS).

Evidence of the evaluation of our activities will be published alongside our current APP on our [website](#) in January 2024.

Contact details for further information



If you have questions or want further information contact [Jim](#), our Access and Participation lead from Student Services.