### Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA)

### Summary of 2025-2029 access and participation plan

#### **What is an access and participation plan?**

An access and participation plan sets out provisions that will promote equality of opportunity for underrepresented groups, as determined by the Office for Students. The plan applies to all full-time undergraduate students who live in England.

You can see the full access and participation plan for RADA here.

#### **Key points**

(See pages 2 – 7 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

The plan details key risks to achieving equality of opportunity at RADA, and objectives to overcome the risks. It sets out strategies and expected outcomes to deliver the objectives. RADA takes a cross-institutional approach to deliver the plan through discussion at key Committees.

#### **What we are aiming to achieve**

(See pages 6-7 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

The plan details strategic objectives to mitigate the impact of key risks. The objectives are as follows:

* To increase the numbers of students at RADA from the most deprived backgrounds
* To increase the numbers of Black and Global Majority (B&GM) students at RADA
* To ensure effective on-course support and a positive student experience for disabled and B&GM students.

#### **Fees we charge.**

#### The tuition fees for undergraduate students are capped at £9250 per annum for 24/25 and will rise to £9535 in 25/26.

#### **Financial help available**

(See pages 37-38 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

#### Bursaries of £4K annually are available to students who meet the eligibility criteria. In addition, named scholarships of up to £15K a year are offered to students who meet additional eligibility criteria. The [Scholarships and Bursary Policy](https://www.rada.ac.uk/documents/1166/RADA_Scholarships_Policy_and_Process_2024-25.pdf) sets out the full criteria for applicants who wish to apply for a bursary or scholarship whilst studying with RADA.

#### **Information for students**

(See pages 37-38 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

The website is a source of information for applicants, and the specific fees for each course are always displayed at the top of each course page. During the application process applicants will see the fees on the application form. Students are provided with information on Student Finance Loans, bursaries, and scholarships from the time that they sign their acceptance.

#### **How students can get involved**

(See pages 35-36 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

The access and participation plan was developed in close consultation with students. Student voice is an essential element of study at RADA and a Student Forum takes place termly alongside a Student Town Hall for all students. RADA Council has two student governors. We will continue to keep students briefed about the delivery of the plan and seek their views on ways to ensure that we can deliver the targets.

#### **Evaluation – how we will measure what we have achieved.**

(See pages 36-37 of the access and participation plan for more information.)

#### RADA uses an external evaluator to support any internal evaluation of the plan. We also implement the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) which is a shared database used by a variety of organisations to identify the activities that are most helpful in preparing students for higher education and progressing to employment.

#### **Contact details for further information.**

Please contact Angela Taylor, Registrar and Secretary for more information.

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