

RAMBERT SCHOOL

RAMBERT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY 2017-18 FOR THE RAMBERT2 PROGRAMME

(2018-19 entry)

Rambert2 dancers create and tour world-class contemporary dance, while developing their individual creative and reflective dance practice, and gaining a professional postgraduate qualification on a unique programme. The programme is delivered jointly by the Rambert Dance Company and Rambert School, and is validated by the University of Kent.

Rambert School offers places based on talent and potential for training alone (i.e. not discriminating on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, economic background or otherwise); and considers each particular applicant's suitability for the programme of study. Rambert School, in union with the Rambert Dance Company, and the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama and its affiliates, operates an equal opportunities policy; for further information, go to www.cdd.ac.uk/about/equality-and-diversity/.

Students of the Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance, including students on the Rambert 2 programme, are registered as students with the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama, a higher education public funding provider <http://www.cdd.ac.uk/>

Applications

Applications are accepted from around the 1st November for entry the following academic year (July start). Information about the application process will be displayed on the school website and the Rambert Dance Company website. Applicants are required to book an audition place via the Rambert Company website and send a personal statement.

Application Form information

Applicants are also required to complete a questionnaire in line with our equal opportunities policy and are used to provide statistical information only and do not form part of the audition process.

Application process

Entry to the programme is via a multi-audition process, interview and personal statement. The audition process begins with open auditions, which can include a 45 minute improvisation-based class. All auditions and interviews will normally be held at the Rambert Dance Company site on London's Southbank. Applicants should reserve a space at the open auditions via the Rambert Dance website <http://www.rambert.org.uk>, and a written personal statement of up to 800 words about the applicant and their practice should be submitted at that point. Personal statements can be submitted via e-mail. Open audition spaces are subject to availability, are limited and are allocated on a first-come first-serve basis.

At the end of the multi-stage audition process, the successful candidates will be offered a place via e-mail, followed by a formal offer by Rambert School.

If, following all the open audition stages, a candidate is not selected they will be informed of the decision via email by the Rambert Dance Company **within two weeks** of audition.

If a candidate is successful to the final stage and is selected for interview, they will be notified via email of this and accompanying relevant information. Formal offers will be made by Rambert School and will include Terms and Conditions and Preparatory information for the MA Professional Dance Performance.

Details of the full audition process will be forwarded to applicants via email by Rambert Dance Company upon successful registration for an open audition place.

All candidates invited to audition will be considered by a panel of Rambert Company and Rambert School staff as well as industry professionals. A member of the Screening, Treatment and Rehabilitation team (STRU) will also be present during the final stages of auditions. The auditions run in 45 minute slots, with subsequent selections over 4 days, and include improvisation, ballet and contemporary techniques and an interview (final stage).

All candidates who make the final stages will be notified of the outcome within 2 weeks of the final audition stage.

Where panel members make audition and interview notes to form the basis of the decision to offer a place, they will be kept for one year. A written element for final stage candidates will be required and kept by the School for the duration of the academic year the candidate is enrolled.

Entry Criteria and Eligibility

Applicants must be over 18 years old on 1st September in the year in which they apply to the programme. The programme is aimed at dancers at the beginning of their careers.

Applicants are welcomed from anywhere in the world. Applicants from a country that is not in the European Economic Area (EEA) (or Switzerland) may need to apply for a student visa, if selected to join the Rambert2 programme. Successful applicants will need to be based in or near London for the duration of their time on the Rambert2 programme.

Candidates whose first language is not English need to demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting results from a recognised testing service, such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Test. The minimum score required for is IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element).

Candidates who need the IELTS for their visa application must ensure they take a UK Visa and Immigration recognised test. Check ielts.org for recognised test centres.

Applicants who have formerly studied at and/or gained a qualification from Rambert School, are not automatically entitled to a place on the Rambert2 programme, or any priority consideration for the programme.

Overseas auditions

All auditions take place in London, United Kingdom, normally at the Rambert Dance Company site on the Southbank. There are no overseas auditions available for the Rambert2 programme.

Offer of a place

Candidates who make the final stages of the Rambert2 auditions should normally expect to hear whether they will be offered a place within 2 weeks of the last stage.

The candidate will need to accept that place within two weeks of the offer by returning an acceptance email

Not offered a place

A candidate who is not offered a place should normally expect to hear within two weeks of audition. Candidates who are not offered a place are allowed to apply again for the following academic year's entry. Feedback can be obtained upon request from final stage candidates only.

Offer of a place to overseas candidates

Where a successful candidate is applying as an overseas student, the Rambert 2 Admissions Team will ask for a copy of either their passport or where appropriate their residency status, in order to determine whether they will need a Confirmation of Studies issued in order to progress a visa application.

In accordance with UK government requirements, successful overseas applicants will need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa to study in the UK. In general, individuals looking to study on a course of higher education in the UK are eligible to apply for Tier 4 visas if they are 16 or over and:

have been offered a place on a course

can [speak, read, write and understand English](#)

have enough money to support themselves and pay for their course¹ - the amount will vary depending on circumstances

are from a country that's not in the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) or Switzerland

meet the other [eligibility requirements](#) for the Rambert2 programme

There will be no change to the [rights and status of EU nationals living in the UK, nor UK nationals living in the EU](#), while the UK remains in the EU. See <https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa> for further information.

Overseas students who require Tier 4 Student Visas must study full-time and complete their programmes within 4 terms (16 months). Part-time study is not possible.

For additional information on studying as an international student, please see our international students' page on our website for further details.

www.rambertschool.org.uk/students/international-students

For applicants with English as a second language they will be asked within the application form to achieve a Level B2 (ILTS 6.0-6.5) in accordance with the UK Border Agency Regulations.

False, fraudulent or misleading information provided by applicants

Rambert School and Rambert Company reserve the right to refuse admission to the Rambert2 programme or, if already registered, terminate registration if information provided by an applicant is fraudulent, inaccurate or incomplete.

Rambert School and Rambert Company expect that all information provided to them by applicants will be complete, true and accurate, with no misleading omissions or inaccuracies. Any submission of fraudulent, inaccurate or misleading information on the application, or the omission of relevant information, will result in the immediate cancellation of the application and/or the withdrawal of any offer made. Where information comes to light that an application may contain false, fraudulent or misleading information from a successful applicant who has already registered as a student on the

¹ Rambert2 students will be funded via a bursary.

Rambert2 programme with Rambert School, the student's registration may be terminated and student status withdrawn, or the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Criminal Records

Rambert School and Rambert Company have a responsibility to provide a secure, safe environment for staff, students, visitors and others, and must balance this alongside any legal requirements, such as those to protect vulnerable individuals. As a result, at the point of making an offer to an applicant, where an applicant has indicated they may have a relevant criminal conviction to disclose, Rambert School and Rambert Company will request further information about the conviction.

Having a criminal record is not a bar to training at Rambert School and Rambert Company, and the School welcomes applications from all individuals. Applicants should note that the School has some programmes which require an enhanced DBS check, and in certain cases whilst not preventing an individual from training with Rambert School and Rambert Company, this may preclude them from undertaking certain pathways. Rambert School and Rambert Company will not request any specific details about an applicant's criminal record until the point of making an offer of a place to study to an applicant, and applicants should not disclose any specific details until requested to do so by the School. Convictions which are deemed spent under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, should not be disclosed by applicants under any circumstances. However, where successful applicants become registered students of Rambert School, if they wish to undertake modules and/or placements which involve the need for an enhanced DBS check (i.e. teaching modules or modules where you are likely to be working in unsupervised environments with minors or vulnerable adults), applicants should be aware that spent convictions deemed as 'exceptions' under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 may be disclosed.

From September 2018, Rambert School and Rambert Company will process any information relating to a criminal record in line with the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama's policy on disclosure of criminal records, which is published on the Conservatoire's website at <http://www.cdd.ac.uk/policies/student-related-policies/>.

For independent advice and support regarding criminal convictions, applicants may wish to contact the charity [UNLOCK](#) who also have the following tools and guidance:

[The Disclosure Calculator](#) (for calculating when convictions become spent)

['Is it spent?' poster](#) (with information about when convictions become spent)

Admissions Appeals and Complaints

A candidate is only permitted to appeal against the process of audition; there is no right to appeal the decision of the audition panel, and the audition panel decision is final. However, if a candidate feels they may have grounds for an appeal or complaint about the admissions process, they should follow the Admissions Complaints and Appeals Procedure below.

In accordance with Rambert Schools Admissions, Appeals and Complaints Policy, an applicant may submit an appeal or complaint regarding the admissions process by following the Admissions, Appeals and Complaints Procedure:

<https://www.rambertschool.org.uk/courses/ma-degree-rambert2/>

<https://www.rambertschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Rambert-School-Admissions-Appeals-Complaints-Policy.pdf>