

Royal Thimphu College

Prospectus 2023

Bhutan's first and only A+ accredited institution

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STUDY AT ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE

“Inspiring Education in Bhutan” is both an aspiration and a description of the education offered at Royal Thimphu College (RTC), Bhutan’s first private college. This aspiration expresses both the vision of the College, to inspire the education sector by setting a worthy example and also describes the type of education that the College offers.

Why Choose RTC?

- Bhutan’s first and only A+ accredited institution
- World-class education in a distinctly Bhutanese setting
- Affiliated with the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB)
- Affordable fees and scholarships
- Career/personal guidance and development as an integral part of the programmes
- Innovative courses attuned to current and future job needs
- Diverse Bhutanese and international faculty members, emphasizing both national values and international perspectives
- Global partnerships with opportunities for students to participate in cultural exchanges and study-abroad programmes
- Wide array of extracurricular activities and on-campus job opportunities

GET THE RTC ADVANTAGE

- The College provides career skills development activities for all final year and other interested students to prepare them for the job market. These include personal aptitude identification, interview and job preparation skills, resume writing, career fairs, and panel discussions with alumni and potential employers. The Career Development Office also provides career counselling to help students make informed decisions about career choices.
- Students are encouraged to participate in internships and projects with local employers, supported by RTC.
- The Indian Ambassador generously grants one scholarship for Master’s studies in India to a member of every cohort graduating from RTC.
- Additional certificate courses are available for RTC students, for an edge in the job market.



ACADEMICS

RTC has well-equipped, modern infrastructure for an effective teaching-learning experience. Led by highly qualified and experienced faculty members from numerous countries, students are offered an international-style learning environment, including projects, group discussions, presentations, fieldwork, and lectures. In addition, the College provides services focusing on:

- Life skills development, including oral and written communication
- IT and analytical skills
- Advising, mentoring, tutoring, and career counselling services

Students and guardians can stay up-to-date on students’ academic performance at any time through our unique online student results portal.



Academic Calendar

Semester	Period	Duration
Autumn	Late July to Early December	17 weeks
Spring	Late February to Early July	17 weeks

Adjusting to College Life & Expectations

In addition to regular classes, all 1st-year students participate in RTC’s innovative module, *Orientation to College Learning* (OCL) in the first semester. OCL emphasizes on improving competency in written and spoken English and developing an independent/analytical frame of mind. This module also helps students learn to manage their time efficiently and to be well-prepared for college-level learning. Several programmes also offer bridge courses to incoming students to help them better prepare for various subjects related to their academic programmes.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery (4 year)

This programme provides the theoretical, practical and clinical knowledge and experience that future nurses will need in order to support health systems in Bhutan and beyond. Six months of internship in the fourth year will provide adequate time to apply theoretical knowledge to the clinical setting by encouraging them to function as a member of the multidisciplinary health care team, enhancing communication and relationship skills, strengthening assessment and clinical skills, and beginning the transition from student nurse to professional nurse.

Bachelor of Arts in English Studies (4 year)

Students will gain a broad knowledge of global literature in English and related issues and debates, a flavour of emerging literature by Bhutanese writers, and a solid grounding in communication skills using English as the medium. The language modules give students the opportunity to develop their written and oral English skills, with a view to employment in creative areas, media settings, education, business (e.g. programme officer, advertising and marketing, content writing), or government, public policy and advocacy.

Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics (4 year)

This unique programme incorporates an international standard economics curriculum, emphasizes research, and helps graduates address what Bhutan and the global economy need right now and in the future. Upon successful completion, graduates will have adequate training to pursue careers as economists, development practitioners, policy analysts, civil servants, consultants, researchers, managers, businessmen, bankers, social leaders, political leaders, and academicians.

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management (4 year)

Environmental Management students will gain a core foundation in natural and social sciences, economics and humanities, and business and policy, with environmentally-focused coursework in these areas. They will be well-prepared for careers in a variety of diverse fields, including environmental compliance and monitoring at government organizations, corporate and industrial bodies, environmental consulting, non-governmental environmental advocacy, or public policy.

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (4 year)

For those students wishing to pursue a career in communications, media and production, public relations, education, business and media entrepreneurship, film-making, or journalism, the BA in Mass Communication programme at RTC offers a knowledge and practice-based course of study suited for the rapidly changing communications landscape of Bhutan and beyond. Students will work with audio and video production, photography, digital graphics and animation, social media, and new media technology while they learn about communication as an art and science in a variety of settings and applications.

Business Programmes (3 year)

Our outstanding faculty mentorship has resulted in student prizes in national and international business competitions. An RTC education in Business means experience you can trust - BBA and BCom programmes have been offered at RTC since 2009 and are continually updated with increased emphasis on continuous practical skills development.

Bachelor of Business Administration: Students will gain an understanding of conceptual and applied aspects of management and business, as well as develop entrepreneurial skills for self-employment. The BBA opens up a variety of career opportunities in the world of business and government, in fields such as marketing, human resource management, tourism and management information systems.

Bachelor of Commerce: The programme provides strong academic knowledge and skills in Finance or Accounting required to match the growing needs of industry and commerce, such as the need for effective analysis and evaluation of business and economic situations. Graduates will be prepared for a wide range of professional careers in business or the public sector.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology (3 year)

This programme provides students with a strong foundation in dual subjects. It offers a complementary way of understanding major political and social developments. The programme enables students to understand political philosophy and management within the context of society. Students can look forward to a variety of jobs within the government, NGOs, civil society, and in the political sphere.

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (4 year)

Anthropology is the study of human cultures. This programme aims to provide undergraduate students with a solid grounding in this diverse field of inquiry that looks at the functioning and meaning of culture and society in numerous contexts such as families, heritage, gender, development, globalisation, and others. Graduates can look forward to a variety of careers in teaching and research, corporate settings and business, government (in national and local governmental organizations in planning, research and managerial capacities), and non-profit and community-based organizations.

Bachelor of Applied Science in Sports and Health Science (4 year)

Targeted particularly at sports enthusiasts and sports professionals, this new 4 years Bachelor programme under the auspices of the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB) is open to all the class XII streams. This programme of study will help sharpen the various sporting skills in a scientific manner, with the necessary understanding of basic health principles. The course of study will provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills that the sports professionals will require to improve their performance, and for the future sports managers, coaches, trainers and instructors of the sports and games to manage, teach and train the youths in sports and games.





SPORTS

Games and sports promote healthy physical activity and develop social connections among students. The College has some of the best sporting facilities in the country with:

- A full-size artificial turf football field
- Indoor and outdoor basketball courts
- Table tennis/badminton court
- Volleyball court
- Archery/khuru field
- Futsal pitch
- Indoor-outdoor fitness centre

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

A wide range of on-campus job opportunities are available for students such as:

- IT assistants
- Resident assistants
- Library assistants
- Student Interns
- Gym assistants
- Research assistants

These on-campus jobs come with a stipend and give you the experience and skills you need to build your future.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In addition to its regular daytime programme, RTC offers a Continuing Education (CE) degree programme for working professionals. CE classes are conducted in the evenings and on Saturdays to allow students to continue their regular day jobs. The 4-year CE Programme is equivalent to the regular 3-year bachelor's programmes, as the candidates undergo the same number of contact hours and follow the same curriculum.



Distinguished Guest Lecture: His Excellency Dr. Tandin Dorji, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE SERIES

RTC regularly hosts a Guest Lecture Series in which distinguished personalities from within Bhutan and around the world give talks and interact with the students, faculty, and staff.

These talks enable you to:

- Listen and engage with recognized leaders from various professions
- Gain exposure to a wide variety of ideas
- Share your views with influential individuals

In the past, religious leaders, government ministers, diplomats, business executives, academics, writers, artists and social workers have all participated in these interactive sessions.

LIVE ON CAMPUS OR AT HOME

Student Life – Accommodation and Other Facilities

The College provides a secure and pleasant living environment for about 600 students who reside on campus in the 10 residence halls. Rooms are shared by 2 to 4 students. Laundry, hot water facilities, and other amenities are available to resident students.

For day scholars, a frequent city bus service is available between RTC and Thimphu.

College Facilities Include:

- Wi-Fi coverage over the entire campus and in all residence rooms
- Fully equipped IT labs with high-speed internet connections
- On-campus Infirmary and health services
- Student-run tea house
- On-campus convenience store
- Excellent sporting facilities
- Cafeteria and dining facilities
- A well-stocked library
- Counselling services
- 4G Telecom service
- ATM services



SCHOLARSHIPS

The College annually awards over 50 scholarships under the following categories:

A. RTC Academic Scholarship

RTC awards 12 Academic Scholarships annually:

- 2 Full Scholarship: Candidates must have an aggregate of 75% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 4 Full Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 70% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 6 Partial (50%) Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 65% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.

B. WWF-Train Legacy Scholarship

WWF Bhutan awards up to 4 Scholarships (2 Full and 2 Full Tuition Waiver Scholarships) annually to study Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management at RTC:

A minimum of 65% (English + three best subjects) is required for all streams:

- Science students with a minimum of 55% in Biology OR 55% in Mathematics and 50% in English.
- Commerce students with a minimum of 55% in Mathematics/Business Mathematics and 50% in English.
- Arts students with 70% in Geography and 50% in English.

C. RTC-YDF Need-Based Scholarship

Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) awards up to 2 Full Scholarships annually to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for the entire duration of the programme. Candidates must have an aggregate of 50% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria. The candidates must be 22 years or younger on the date of application.

D. RTC-BOC Sports Scholarship

RTC and Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) jointly offer up to 6 Full Scholarships annually to candidates with outstanding sporting achievements to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for the entire duration of the programme. Candidates must have an aggregate of 55% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.

E. Loden-RTC Need-Based Scholarship

Loden Foundation and RTC jointly offer up to a maximum of 8 Full Scholarships annually. Applicants are required to explore various courses offered by RTC and the availability of slots. Once the applicant has decided what to pursue at RTC, he/she must complete the online application, secure admission, then receive a conditional offer letter from RTC and submit a copy of it to the Loden Foundation along with other required documents. For complete scholarship guidelines, visit www.loden.org.

F. Himalayan Higher Education Fund Scholarship

The Himalayan Higher Education Fund (HHEF) offers 1-2 Full Scholarships to female applicants to study Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management at RTC. The scholarship will cover all tuition and boarding costs for the entire duration of the programme.

Eligibility criteria:

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% aggregate in the four best subjects and 50% in English.
- Preference will be given to applicants from remote areas.
- Applicants should be 18+ years old at the time of application.

G. RGoB-MoE Scholarship

The Ministry of Education (MoE) generously provides full scholarships annually for degree programmes at RTC. The scholarships are available to class XII graduates of 2022 (not repeaters) from both within and outside the country.

Visit www.dahe.gov.bt for more information.

Note: Check announcements on www.rtc.bt and the RTC Facebook page at fb.com/RoyalThimphuCollege for scholarship announcements and deadlines.





CULTURAL EXCHANGE & INTERNATIONAL STUDY-ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

RTC has been expanding its international partnerships and presently has agreements with over 60 educational institutes around the world.

- Currently, in the 2022-2023 academic year, 27 RTC students are studying abroad for exchange programs in Centre College, USA, and across 14 different universities in Europe. RTC students regularly have access to study-abroad opportunities for one or two semesters to universities in the USA, Japan, and across Europe.
- RTC has an award-winning partnership with Wheaton College in the USA. Selected RTC students and staff visit Wheaton College for a short-term study programme annually. Short-term exchanges are also in place with partner institutions in Asia, and more such opportunities are continuously being implemented with partners around the world.

Imagine yourself taking advantage of these and many other international opportunities!

Our International Partners and Exchanges Include:

Europe - Universities in Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Spain, Portugal, France, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Croatia, Lithuania, Romania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Slovenia, Italy, and Liechtenstein

Japan - SEISA University, Kansai University, and Osaka University of Economics and Law

Canada - Quest University, Squamish, British Columbia

Australia - Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University

India - Sikkim University, TERI University

Indonesia - Jember University

Nepal - Kathmandu University, Tribhuvan University, and ICIMOD

USA - Wheaton College, Massachusetts
- Academic Programs International (API), Texas

- Pitzer College, California
- University of California, Davis
- University of Idaho
- Linfield College, Oregon
- Centre College, Kentucky
- University of Oklahoma
- Colorado Mountain College



HONOUR ROLL



"My humble gratitude to Royal Thimphu College, the Department of Adult and Higher Education, and my parents for shaping me into what I am today."

- Sonam Tobgay, Graduate of 2022, BA in History and Dzongkha
- Recipient of DAHE Scholarship 2019
- Rank 1 in PGDPA Category, BCSE 2022

"Choosing RTC to pursue my degree was my best decision so far and I consider myself privileged to be a part of RTC. My heartfelt gratitude to my lecturers and the RTC management team for the guidance and support."

- Yeshi Zangmo, Graduate of 2022, Bachelor of Commerce
- Recipient of RTC Academic Full Scholarship 2019
- Investment Analyst, National Pension and Provident Fund, Thimphu

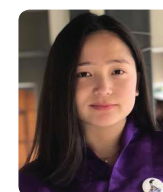


"Forever in debt for the priceless opportunities and experiences that I have received from RTC. Truly an A+ accredited institution with internationalized campus and top-notch facilities. Thank you RTC for everything."

- Lhakpa Dorji, Graduate of 2022, BA in Mass Communication
- Recipient of RTC Academic Full Scholarship 2018
- Assistant Human Resource Officer, Royal Thimphu College

"Besides the most ideal location surrounded by a serene environment, RTC has given me immediate access to the profound teaching of some of the most influential teachers of my life."

- Deepshika Chhetri, Graduate of 2019, Bachelor of Commerce
- Recipient of RTC Academic Full-tuition Waiver Scholarship 2016
- Business Manager, SELISE Bhutan, Thimphu TechPark



"Besides academic achievements, RTC played a significant role in my entire learning journey whereby I got wholesome experiences in leadership, management, interpersonal relationships, and cultural aspects. I remain deeply grateful to RTC."

- Phurpa Tshering, Graduate of 2018, BA in Political Science and Sociology
- Recipient of DAHE Scholarship 2015
- Researcher, Centre for Bhutan and GNH Studies, Thimphu



ADMISSIONS

Admission to RTC is conducted after the declaration of the Bhutan Class XII results each year. Academic achievement in high school is the primary consideration. However, RTC also takes into account other factors such as participation in extra-curricular activities, recognized personal achievements, aptitude, leadership potential and references. RTC is looking for students who are not only academically strong but who are also well-rounded and highly motivated.

International students who are interested in attending RTC should contact the International Relations Office at iro@rtc.bt

APPLY NOW

- Application guidelines are available on the RTC website at www.rtc.bt
- Apply online by completing the online form available on the website

For any further queries on admissions, please send us an email at admission@rtc.bt or call +975-17982500/+975-02-351801/351802/351808 or visit us on Facebook  <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThimphuCollege>

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