

ISSUE 1: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Congratulations on receiving your offer of a place at LSE! We hope that you are excited and looking forward to your undergraduate studies. By now, you should have received official confirmation of your offer via UCAS Track.

Our first newsletter will focus on Financial Support and the options available to you from both LSE and the UK Government. This need not be a daunting issue!

STUDENTS FROM ENGLAND AND THE EU



Students living in England and the EU do not have to pay the tuition fee up front. The UK Government provides students with a tuition fee loan to cover the full cost of the fee for the duration of your programme. You do not have to start repaying the loan until you have graduated from your course and you are earning over £21,000 per year.

For more information on tuition fee loans, please see the Student Finance 2017 brochure in your offer pack (sent in the post) and visit gov.uk/student-finance.

STUDENTS FROM SCOTLAND, WALES, AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Students living in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, including those who study in England, receive their financial support from their "home" devolved administration. Students should check out the relevant website below:

Scotland: saas.gov.uk

Northern Ireland: delni.gov.uk

Wales: studentfinancewales.co.uk

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LSE is offering three awards made up of a partial fee waiver and financial support for:

- Asylum Seekers (or children of asylum seekers) holding an offer of a place on an LSE undergraduate programme; and
- Offer Holders who have been granted limited leave as a result of an asylum application.

For further information, please see here.

LSE BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS



LSE has a generous bursary package available for UK students who have a means tested element to their maintenance loan. For new students starting in 2017, the maximum bursary available is £4,000 per year for those students with the lowest residual incomes. You can use this bursary to help with living costs or to help pay your accommodation.

The School has a number of scholarships available for UK and EU students. The number, value, and eligibility criteria and type of award vary from year to year and we recommend you check the Financial Support Office <u>website</u> on a regular basis, as well as page 17 of your <u>Offer Guide</u>.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 2017: Accommodation applications open.
February 2017: Applications for Student Finance England opens.
5 April 2017: Offer Holders' Day; booking is <u>now open</u>.
1 June 2017: Deadline for UK and EU students to submit their applications for LSE Scholarships.

LSE EVENTS:

Why not attend one of our public lectures? Our public lecture programme features over 200 events each year and are delivered by some of the most influential speakers in the field of Social Science. Most events are also available as a <u>podcast</u> if you can't make it to London. To find out more, visit our <u>Events</u> <u>page</u>, or sign up to receive a regular newsletter



OFFER HOLDERS' DAY



All Offer Holders are invited to attend our annual Offer Holders' Day, which this year will take place on 5 April 2017. This day gives you a unique taster of the programme you have been accepted to study before you have to respond to your offers. You'll have the chance to attend a subject talk from the department, visit our information stands, explore the campus with current students, and visit our accommodation. Parents and guardians are welcome, and have their own specific talk designed to allay any fears they may have.

Most importantly, it gives you a chance to get a feel for the campus and the School, and we hope this experience is a positive one. Booking is essential. For further information and the online booking facility, please visit the website <u>here</u>.

For those unable to attend, there are a number of other opportunities to visit LSE. You should see our <u>website</u> for further information.

EXPLORING LONDON: MUSEUMS



Being a student in London can be one of the most exciting times of your life. You will be able to take advantage of everything the city has to offer, and not always at any extra cost!

LSE is at the heart of London, and just a stone's throw from many interesting sights. You can explore the historic Brick Lane, be in foodie heaven in Borough Market, shop until you drop at Covent Garden, and meander through the independent boutiques of Spitalfields.

Nearby museums include the British Museum, the Museum of London, and the Imperial War Museum. But you might find it more interesting to stray of the beaten track and instead stay closer to home. The nearby Sir John Soane's Museum is a historic house, untouched since Soane's death 180 years ago, whilst the Hunterian Museum gives an insight into the grisly history of surgery and medicine.