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Big names shortlisted in £100m LSE contest

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RIBA run competition will pick winner next April

David Chipperfield, Amanda Levete and Herzog & de Meuron are among six practices that have been shortlisted for a high-profile, £100 million redevelopment being carried out by the London School of Economics (LSE).

It is the organisation's third international design competition as part of its estate improvements programme and involves a new building at 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields in central London which will be known as the Paul Marshall Building – named after a hedge fund manager who is worth an estimated £300 million.

Teams led by US firm Diller Scofidio & Renfro, Irish practice Grafton – which over the summer got the OK for its first UK scheme, a £55 million deal for Kingston University – and Niall McLoughlin complete the list.

Marshall, who helped found children's charity ARK, is a major benefactor of the LSE and recently sunk £30 million into helping it create the Marshall Institute for Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship.



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Amanda Levete's practice AL_A is one of six chasing the deal

This latest scheme will involve a major new university building on the site which was bought two years ago from Cancer Research UK. The charity is due to move out next year ahead of the eight-storey building being knocked down.

Close to 90 expressions of interest for the work were received with the six due to receive the competition brief in January. A winner will be chosen at the end of April next year.

The LSE's director of estates Julian Robinson said choosing this shortlist was "the hardest one yet" and added: "The response was amazing with many high profile firms from across the world submitting. We have tried to pick a stimulating shortlist which will produce a range of different design responses to this extraordinary site."

Irish firm O'Donnell & Tuomey was the practice behind the LSE's award-winning Saw Swee Hock Student Centre (pictured) while work on Rogers Stirk Harbour & Partners' Global Centre for Social Sciences building is currently on site at its Aldwych campus.

The shortlist

AL_A

David Chipperfield Architects

Diller Scofidio & Renfro with Penoyre & Prasad

Grafton Architects

Herzog & de Meuron Architects

Niall McLaughlin Architects & Scott Brownrigg