

Sociology Department

Undergraduate Careers Programme 2015-16

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Introduction

Welcome from LSE Careers

I would like to take this opportunity extend a warm welcome from LSE Careers. We have many years' experience working with students from the Sociology Department. Studying Sociology at LSE is an excellent career decision with many global employers attracted both to the intellectual rigour and the practical applications of the course. On the next few pages you'll find a brief guide to LSE Careers. This guide will help you manage your careers activities at LSE and show you how to book an appointment with a careers consultant, where to find jobs and where to find useful careers information.

Make the most of your time at LSE. It's a unique environment with one of the most internationally diverse student bodies in the world. Many students stay in touch with each other after they leave, helping each other professionally as well as socially!

Enjoy your time at LSE and I look forward to seeing you at LSE Careers!

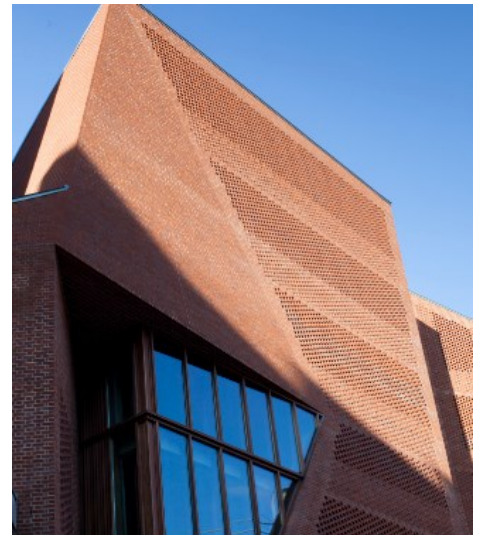
Viki Chinn, Careers Consultant, LSE Careers

Welcome from the Sociology Department

LSE Careers offers a great service to our students. Sociology is exciting because it opens all sorts of opportunities and LSE Careers will take seriously how they can focus your personal interests into shaping your career and development more generally.

It is never too early to take advantage of the opportunities offered by LSE Careers, even if you have only just started your degree, and certainly if you are in your second or third years. We have a dedicated careers consultant who organises regular events tailored specifically for you. I do encourage you to get involved and learn more about LSE Careers.

Professor Mike Savage, Head of Sociology Department



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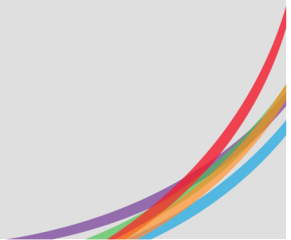
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Getting started

LSE Careers runs an extensive programme of career events and one-to-one appointments as well as advertising hundreds of jobs and volunteering opportunities on CareerHub, our online career management system. It can be a bit overwhelming to know where to start, but if you begin with the basics, the rest is relatively easy!

The basics

- ◆ [CareerHub](#): This is where you'll find jobs and volunteering opportunities, careers events (including seminars, fairs, employer presentations) and booking for appointments with careers consultants.
- ◆ First time on CareerHub? Log in with your LSE username and password and then go to the "Preferences" section to let us know what you are interested in. This will ensure you receive the most relevant information about jobs and events.
- ◆ [LSE Careers website](#): This is where you'll find lots of useful advice about CVs, application forms and interviews as well as sector-specific advice and information. If you are looking to return home to your home country after LSE, there is lots of international information too.
- ◆ LSE Careers Resource Centre: We are on Floor 5 of the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre. Come and visit us to ask questions and collect resources and information. We are open Monday to Friday, 9:30am-5pm with late openings until 8pm on Thursdays.

One-to-one appointments

We run 15 minute appointments Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 5pm with late openings until 8pm on Thursdays. Just log on to [CareerHub](#) on the day you'd like to see a career consultant and book online from 9:30am.

Jobs and internships

We post lots of job opportunities on [CareerHub](#). This includes full-time, part-time and internship positions.

Volunteering

Visit the [LSE Volunteer Centre](#) website for more information about volunteering.

Not sure what to do?

We have an online tool called [Career Builder](#) which can help you decide what's important to you and make effective career decisions.



Finding work experience

Looking for internships or part time work?

There are numerous internships, first year insight programmes and part-time job vacancies listed on CareerHub. Volunteering is also a great way to get some work experience in various sectors.

Volunteer Centre

The LSE Volunteer Centre helps LSE students find a volunteering opportunity at a charity during their time studying at LSE. They source a range of volunteering opportunities for students to get involved in whether they have one hour or two days a week to spare. The LSE Volunteer Centre works with 500+ charities, advertising at least 100 opportunities at any time. They can offer a wealth of advice on volunteering in London or internationally and aim to help students make the best use of their opportunities to make a difference in the world and help gain new skills for their future careers. You can find out more about the Volunteer Centre on the [website](#).



Volunteer Centre

Useful links

Teaching and Learning Centre

Experts in the [LSE Teaching and Learning Centre](#) are available to offer free advice and guidance on many aspects of your study.

Language Centre

The [Language Centre](#) offers modern foreign language and English language programmes.

Contacting alumni

If you would like to contact an LSE graduate, you can use the [email an alum](#) service.

Meet an Alum

Get an insider's view and expand your network. This series of 30 minute, small group discussions brings together alumni and current students so you can find out what it's really like to work in a particular industry. Sessions take place every Thursday throughout Michaelmas and Lent Terms and you can sign up on [CareerHub](#).



Events for 1st year students

OCTOBER

Ten top myths

Find out how to approach job hunting and make the most of your time at LSE. This seminar explores myths and misconceptions that students may have about effective job searching, and provides tips and feedback from graduate recruiters across a range of industries.

NOVEMBER

Careers Q&A

In this open Q&A session areas we can cover include how to best present your knowledge and skills on your CV, how to talk about your degree at interview and when networking, how to identify potential roles, performing well at assessment centres, and general job search tips.

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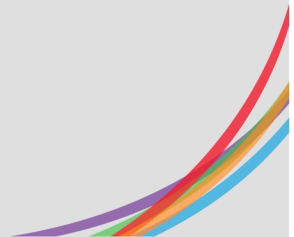
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Careers fairs and events in Michaelmas Term

- Volunteering Fair (29 September)
- Banking and Financial Services Fair (30 September and 1 October)
- Consultancy Fair (6 and 8 October)
- Internship Fair (15 October)
- Business and Management Fair (20 October)
- Public Sector and Policy Careers Event (26 October)
- Marketing, Media and Communications Fair (27 October)
- Law Fair (3 and 5 November)
- Access to Employment (4 November)
- International Organisations Day (14 November)

Book online via CareerHub - fairs are popular so make sure to book early to secure your place.





Events for 2nd year students

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Careers Q&A

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FEBRUARY

Alternative ways to spend your Summer

Internships are not the only way to spend your summer effectively. Not everybody secures internships and many industries do not even offer them. This seminar looks at other ways of spending your free time to enhance your CV and gain valuable experience, information and skills.

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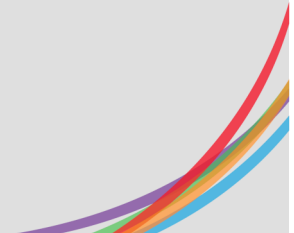
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Events for finalists

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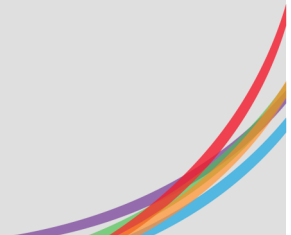
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Additional events

FEBRUARY

Repeat teaching support session

This is a careers session for Sociology repeat teaching students only. It will cover a range of concerns and queries regarding employers perceptions and moving forward successfully.

We will look at impact on career and further study decision and how to present positively to an employer and make the most of your break year. We will also consider previous repeat teaching students who have gone on to develop successful careers.

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