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Graduate Student Funding Guide **2018**





If you are thinking about graduate study in 2018, you may be wondering about the availability of scholarships, studentships and loans.

LSE awards around £11.5 million in scholarships and financial support to its graduate students each year. In addition to LSE's own funds, students may be able to access scholarships and financial support from a range of governments and funding agencies around the world. The following pages provide an overview of the sources of funding available for graduate students.

New scholarships and awards may be introduced throughout the year, so you are encouraged to look at the website on a regular basis.

Information in this booklet is correct at the time of going to print (October 2017). Please visit **lse.ac.uk/grad/fees-funding** for the most up-to-date information.



Graduate financial support at LSE: at-a-glance summary

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LSE Graduate Support Scheme

LSE makes available £3.2 million annually in the form of awards from the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS) for students applying for taught master's programmes.

Once you apply for a place on a master's programme, you will be sent a link to the online application form for the GSS and other awards.

The value of GSS awards ranges from £5,000 to £15,000 depending on financial need. The GSS aims to support students who would otherwise struggle to come to LSE for financial reasons. We usually start making GSS awards in January and continue until April 2018. As funds are limited, you are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Your financial information will not be considered as part of your application for a place at the School.

How to apply: Apply using the online form via the Graduate Admissions web tracker system. Students may only apply for this financial support once they have submitted an application for a place at the School.

Deadline: Apply as early as possible. The application process will close on 26 April 2018.

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LSE is fantastic. From the grandeur of the buildings and architecture to the ambition and ideas harboured by fellow students, it is a place that really motivates you to fulfil your potential.

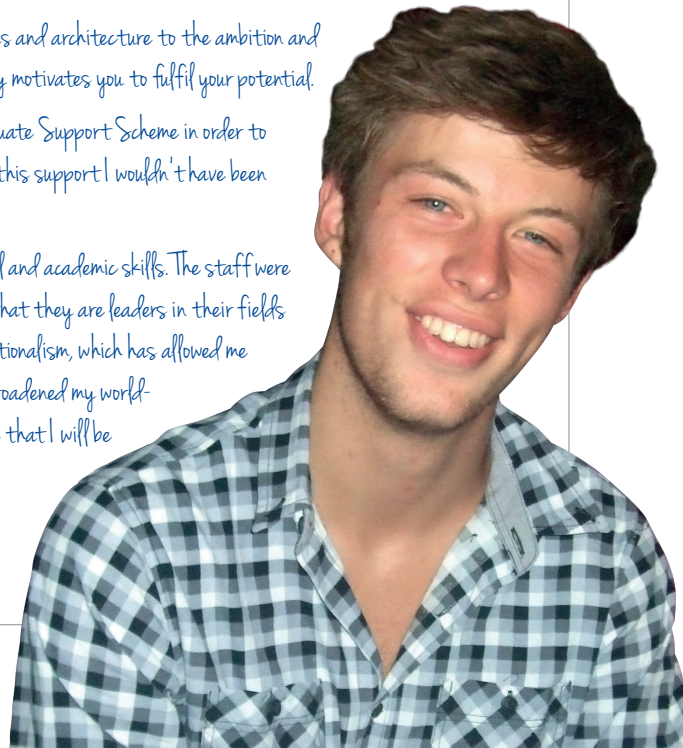
I was lucky enough to receive funding from the LSE Graduate Support Scheme in order to assist me with the financial costs of my study – without this support I wouldn't have been able to pursue a master's.

I feel that by attending LSE I have furthered my personal and academic skills. The staff were always happy to help and provided valuable insight given that they are leaders in their fields of research. Beyond the studying, LSE is a hub of internationalism, which has allowed me to learn a great deal about other cultures and has really broadened my world-perspective. I have many friends from all areas of the globe that I will be sure to keep in touch with.

Tom Rooke

Dorchester, UK

MSc History of International Relations
Graduate Support Scheme



LSE Anniversary Scholarships for students from the UK

LSE is once again offering "Anniversary Scholarships" for taught master's students from the UK, starting at LSE in 2018. We are offering 80 awards, which will vary in value, based on financial need. The minimum award will be £5,000 and the maximum award will be worth £25,000. The awards are available for 2018 entry, and are designed to help with fees and living costs.

Priority will be given to students from the UK applying for their first master's programme and to recent graduates who were eligible for a maintenance grant during their undergraduate studies.

How to apply: Apply using the online form via the Graduate Admissions web tracker system. Students may only apply for this award once they have submitted an application for a place at the School.

To be considered you must complete the personal statement on the online form.

Deadline: Apply as early as possible. The application process will close on 26 April 2018.

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I developed an interest in international history while completing my undergraduate degree.

After reading about LSE's Empires, Colonialism and Globalisation programme, I became excited at the possibility of focusing on something within that subject area in more depth.

However, after applying to the programme and being made a conditional offer, my excitement was tempered by the reality that I may not be able to take up the offer without the necessary funds - so it was a huge honour to receive both the LSE Master's Award and Desmond G. Wiltshaw Scholarship.

My financial burden was lightened and I was fully able to immerse myself in LSE's wonderful student culture. Particularly special experiences have included meeting like-minded peers, attending speeches given by highly esteemed professionals, learning from world-leading academics, and being a part of the academic culture based in the centre of London.

Michelle Gooden-Jones

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MSc Empires, Colonialism and Globalisation

LSE Master's Award and Desmond G. Wiltshaw Scholarship



LSE Master's Awards and country based awards

LSE has a range of scholarships available for master's and research students coming to LSE from certain regions of the world. Scholarships are available for LSE students from Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Australasia.

Awards become available throughout the year, so students are encouraged to check the Financial Support web pages on a regular basis.

LSE Master's Awards

LSE Master's Awards (LMAs) are part of LSE's portfolio of funding for taught master's students, and are linked to the GSS scheme. Potential recipients are shortlisted from those whose financial need is too great for the GSS, and who have indicated in their personal statement that they wish to be considered for other scholarships.

Preference is given to those from low or middle income countries, particularly if loan funding is not available and to those from countries underrepresented in other award schemes administered by the School. In the last two years award holders came from Armenia, Australia, Bosnia, Bulgaria, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the West Bank and Gaza.



Individual country based awards

The awards listed here are just a small sample of country based scholarships available in 2017.

China

We currently have three scholarships for students from China and Hong Kong, one of which has no restrictions around the subject studied. The Lee Scholarship provides one award of £26,000 available to a student following a one year taught master's programme. China is also included in the Santander Scholarship scheme.

USA

We have three awards for students from the USA on a one year taught master's programme:

The Spangenburg Family Foundation Scholarship provides one award of £10,000.

The Charles J Mauro Scholarship provides up to three awards of £5,000 each.

The American Friends of LSE Scholarship provides one full tuition scholarship.

The USA is also included in the Santander Scholarship scheme.

The Americas and Europe

Santander Scholarships

There are five annual awards of £10,000 each under the Santander Scholarship scheme. This scheme supports students from a range of countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Germany, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Uruguay, UK, USA and Venezuela.

How to apply: For all of these awards apply using the online form via the Graduate Admissions web tracker system. Please note that to be considered for any of these awards, you must complete the personal statement on the online form. You do not need to complete the personal statement in an application for a GSS award.

Deadline: Apply as early as possible. The application process will close on 26 April 2018. Decisions on these awards will be made between May and July 2018.

LSE Access to Education Scholarships

There are ten awards of up to a full value of tuition fees plus maintenance of £14,400 based on financial need, to be made to offer holders who have been classified as asylum seekers, refugees, a person with humanitarian protection or who are residents of the UK but on limited leave to remain.

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LSE subject based awards

LSE has a range of scholarships available for master's and research students of specific disciplines at the School.

Awards become available throughout the year. Students are encouraged to check the Financial Support web pages on a regular basis. The awards listed below are just a small sample of the subject based scholarships available in 2017.

Alf Waddington Scholarship

One scholarship of up to £8,000 for a full-time taught master's student in the Department of Sociology.

Judge Higgins Scholarship

One award of £8,000 for research in the Law Department.

Marchant Foundation LLM Scholarship

One scholarship of £10,000 for a student beginning the LLM. Preference is given to Indian students.

Woo Family Scholarship

One scholarship for £20,000 for a student from China taking a master's in Geography, Environment, Government, International Relations or Social Policy.

How to apply: For all of these awards apply using the online form via the Graduate Admissions web tracker system. Please note that to be considered for any of these awards, you must complete the personal statement on the online form. You do not need to complete the personal statement in an application for a GSS award.

Deadline: Apply as early as possible. The application process will close on 26 April 2018. Decisions on these awards will be made between May and July 2018.

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LSE PhD Studentships

In 2018 LSE will be offering over 100 major studentships to new PhD students in the form of LSE PhD Studentships, and LSE ESRC DTP Studentships (see page 9).

LSE PhD Studentships will be tenable for four years and will cover full fees and an annual stipend of £18,000. They are available for UK, EU and international students undertaking research in any LSE discipline, with annual renewal subject to satisfactory academic performance.

These awards will be made solely on the basis of outstanding academic merit and

research potential. This relates both to your past academic record and to an assessment of your likely aptitude to complete a PhD in your chosen topic in the time allocated.

The studentships will include a requirement that scholars contribute to their department as part of their research training, in the form of teaching or other work, usually from year two onwards.

How to apply: There is no separate application for these awards. The selection of students will be based on their application to study for a PhD at the School.

Academic departments are able to nominate a limited number of candidates for consideration for these awards by a School panel.

Deadline: There are two rounds of studentship selection. To be entered for the first round, you must submit a complete application (including references, proposal, marked work etc) for a place on a PhD programme by 8 January 2018. Please note the deadline for the Department for Economics is 13 December 2017. Some departments also have a second later deadline.

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I was awarded funding from the UK's Economic and Social Research Council. It was a requirement of my funding to do an MSc in research methods before going on to do a PhD, and it's taught me very valuable skills that I can now bring to both academic and applied settings. There is a good amount of funding available at LSE for students from all over the world.

The quality and breadth of methods training available has been invaluable in terms of building my skills both for research consultancies and academic research. I find that in the professional world, it's much easier to pick up content knowledge than methodological knowledge so I would definitely recommend using your master's to pick up practical methods skills. After my MSc, I'll be pursuing a PhD in demography in LSE's Department of Social Policy, researching inequalities of access to reproductive and maternal health care.

Laura Sochas

Paris, France

MSc Social Research Methods

LSE ESRC DTP Studentship

LSE ESRC DTP Scholarships

LSE Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership

Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the LSE Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) is housed in the PhD Academy in LSE's prestigious Library building.

The LSE DTP has funding to support a minimum of 30 studentships a year, selected within LSE and awarded under the terms set by the ESRC. Each studentship is tenable for three or four years, depending on the programme of study and subject to satisfactory academic performance. It covers full fees (UK and EU level) and an annual stipend, which for 2017 was £16,553. LSE provides a separate stipend award for any EU students selected who do not meet the ESRC eligibility criteria for a full award. This is assessed and set up automatically as part of the award process.

Funding can cover one year's research training master's linked to a three year PhD, two year MRes, linked to two years of study or three year PhD programmes. Each academic department is responsible for nominating students for funding. Please visit **esrc.ac.uk** and **lse.ac.uk/grad/fees-funding** for further information on ESRC eligibility and postgraduate funding opportunities.

LSE's DTP covers most economics and social science research programmes within the School, and awards are spread across departments.

There is additional DTP funding available during the research programme to support difficult language training, field work, overseas institutional visits (in particular to partner institutions in Africa and Asia), and collaborative opportunities.

How to apply: There is no separate application for any of these awards. The selection of students will be based on their PhD application to the School.

Deadline: You must submit a complete application (including references, proposal, marked work etc) for a place on a PhD programme by 8 January 2018 (13 December 2017 for Economics MRes applications).



External funding

Loans

Loan schemes to help fund graduate study are available in some countries. Please visit **lse.ac.uk/feesAndStudentFinance** for more information about the following loan schemes and how LSE administers them.

UK and EU students

The UK Government offers loans for master's study. The terms and how much is available differs between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. For students from England and the EU the amount is £10,000 in 2017. Loans are administered by Student Finance. Please visit **gov.uk** for further information.

USA

The US Department of Education operates a Direct Loan programme whereby eligible students can borrow educational loans to assist with the cost of living.

Canada

Canadians may be able to borrow government loans via their Province. Please visit **hrsdc.gc.ca** for more information.

Awards

Kaute Foundation (Finland) Doctoral Scholarships

The Helsinki based Kaute Foundation is offering a four year PhD scholarship, to cover full fees and a stipend of £18,000 for students from

Finland to study at LSE, taking an MRes/PhD or MPhil/PhD. The Foundation has a preference for study in economics, management, accounting, media and communications, and information systems, in line with its other work in supporting training and research in business and engineering science fields.

Visit **phdtube.fi** for more information.

LSE part-funded awards

LSE works with a number of funding and scholarship agencies around the world to part-fund awards. Scholarships are available for graduate study at LSE from the organisations listed on the opposite page:



Funder	Country	Website
Chevening	Global	chevening.org
Joint Japan World Bank	World Bank member countries – programmes on development	worldbank.org/wbi/scholarships
Commonwealth Scholarships	Developing Commonwealth countries	cscuk.dfid.gov.uk
Fulbright	USA	fulbright.org.uk
Marshall Scholarships	USA	www.marshallscholarship.org
COLFUTURO	Colombia	colfuturo.org
CONACyT	Mexico	conacyt.gob.mx
FIDERH	Mexico	fiderh.org.mx
FUNED	Mexico	funedmx.org
CONICYT	Chile	conicyt.cl
Fundación GuateFuturo	Guatemala	guatefuturo.org
Aurora/Roberta Sykes Foundation	Australia	auroraproject.com.au and robertasykesfoundation.com
Said Foundation	Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestinian Territories	saidfoundation.org
HESPAL	Palestinian Territories	britishcouncil.ps/en/study-uk/scholarships/hespal

Please visit **lse.ac.uk/grad/fees-funding** for a list of more external scholarships and loans for graduate study.

Other sources of funding

Students may also be able to take out private loans or find external sponsors of funding opportunities by searching through the sites listed below:

Association of Commonwealth Universities

acu.ac.uk

Council for International Student Affairs

ukcisa.org.uk

CSU (Higher Education Careers Services Unit)

prospects.ac.uk

Educational Grants Advisory Service

egas-online.org

Education and Skills Funding Agency

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/education-and-skills-funding-agency

European Union

ec.europa.eu

National Union of Students

nus.org.uk

UNESCO

unesco.org

Universities UK

universitiesuk.ac.uk



My scholarship has changed my life. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to study in the UK or pursue a master's degree.

London is a great student city. With easy access to museums and theatres, parks and libraries, there is never enough time to see it all. I've been able to attend lectures from notable persons in academia, industry, and government thanks to LSE's public events programme, which has helped me connect lessons from coursework to real-life experiences; there are always interesting lectures and events going on around the city. Coming here from America, I also appreciate how easy it is to travel to other parts of the UK and Europe from London.

Jacob Wellman

Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change
Marshall Scholarship



Tuition fees

Fees cover registration, teaching, first entry to examinations, the use of the Library and membership of the Students' Union. They also normally cover teaching and the use of student common rooms at other colleges of the University of London, if your programme has intercollegiate arrangements. If you receive an offer, you will be informed of the relevant tuition fee amount in your offer letter.

Students who completed undergraduate study at LSE and are beginning taught graduate

study at the School are eligible for a fee reduction of around 10 per cent of the fee.

Tuition fee amounts are listed on the individual programme pages on the graduate study website.

Fee status

Once we receive your application, we assess whether you meet the criteria for Home/EU fee status, and therefore determine the tuition fee amount you are likely to pay at registration.

This decision is based on guidelines provided by the Department of Education: Education (Fees and Awards) England Regulations 2007. We will publish information about the fee status for continuing students, particularly those from the EU as soon as information is available from the UK government.

lse.ac.uk/tableOfFees



Living costs

The perceived cost of living and studying in London is a concern for many students, but if you plan carefully and budget efficiently then it certainly is possible to take advantage of the amazing opportunities the capital has to offer, whilst living within your means.

LSE broadly estimates that students should allow £1,100-£1,300 per month for all living expenses, including travel, accommodation, food, laundry, study costs, and other personal expenses.

Useful budgeting tools

Gov.uk calculator
www.gov.uk/student-finance-calculator

Student calculator
 from Brightside
studentcalculator.org

Travel

LSE Halls are all within walking distance of campus, but London is a large city and you will need to factor travel costs into your budget. The main forms of public transport are the London Underground (the “Tube”), buses and taxis. The transport system uses “zones” to determine how much you pay – central London is Zone 1, with higher zones the further out you travel. LSE, our accommodation and most cultural attractions are within Zone 1 and 2.

As a student, you are entitled to receive 30 per cent off standard Tube and bus fares if you purchase a Student “Oyster Card”. See the table below for 2017 travel fares.

You might also choose to save money by cycling – there is a public cycle hire scheme in London, or you can use your own bicycle.

Useful travel links

Transport for London tfl.gov.uk – fares, payment methods, and maps for London Underground and buses.

How to get to LSE
lse.ac.uk/lse-information/travelling-to-lse

	Weekly travel with student discount	Monthly travel with student discount
Zone 1 only	£23.00	£88.40
Zones 1-2	£23.00	£88.40
Zones 1-3	£27.00	£103.70
Zones 1-4	£33.00	£126.80

Accommodation

LSE provides a range of accommodation for graduate students, with varying costs depending on location, room type and facilities.

- LSE Halls cost between £94 and £394 per week
- You can also choose to live in private housing in London. Both the LSE Residential Services office and the University of London Housing Service offer a comprehensive support service to students seeking housing in the private sector.

For more information, see
lse.ac.uk/accommodation

Food

We estimate that students will spend £50-£200 per month on food, depending on whether you live in catered or self-catered Halls. There are steps you can take to reduce your food expenditure; for example, shopping at local markets, shopping and cooking with your flatmates, and bringing a packed lunch to university.

Study costs

Study costs include books, stationery and any other equipment to assist you with your studies. Although some students prefer to buy books new, you can save a lot of money buying them second-hand. You don't necessarily need to buy even your core texts – the library stocks multiple copies of core and recommended readings (as well as single copies of more specialist books). A large amount of reading material is also available online.



Personal expenses

You will also need to consider how you will budget for things like clothing, gym memberships, nights out, mobile phone bills, or anything else that you will want to buy.

Remember that students are often entitled to discounts.

The National Union of Students (NUS) discount card will give you access to discounts across clothing, food and socialising. The LSE Students' Union offers lots of societies, activities and social events at cheap rates. London is also full of free activities – for example, most museums are free to enter.

Useful links for saving money

NUS extra discount card
nus.org.uk

LSE Students' Union
llesu.com

Student Beans – discount site for students
studentbeans.com

Time Out magazine – weekly events listings for London, including free things to do
timeout.com



LSE's consistently high ranking and its interdisciplinary approach really appealed to me. The diversity of students here also allows you to learn from your peers as well as the lecturers.

While at LSE, I've taken part in the annual LSETEDx event as the student speaker which provided a platform to share my ideas and helped me become a better speaker. I also went on a student-led study trip to Geneva, which enabled me to connect my academic learning with the real world of human rights.

The funding I received from LSE and the Chevening Foundation has really helped make this year a reality.

Alecia Maragh

Kingston, Jamaica
MSc Human Rights
British Chevening Scholarship/LSE



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