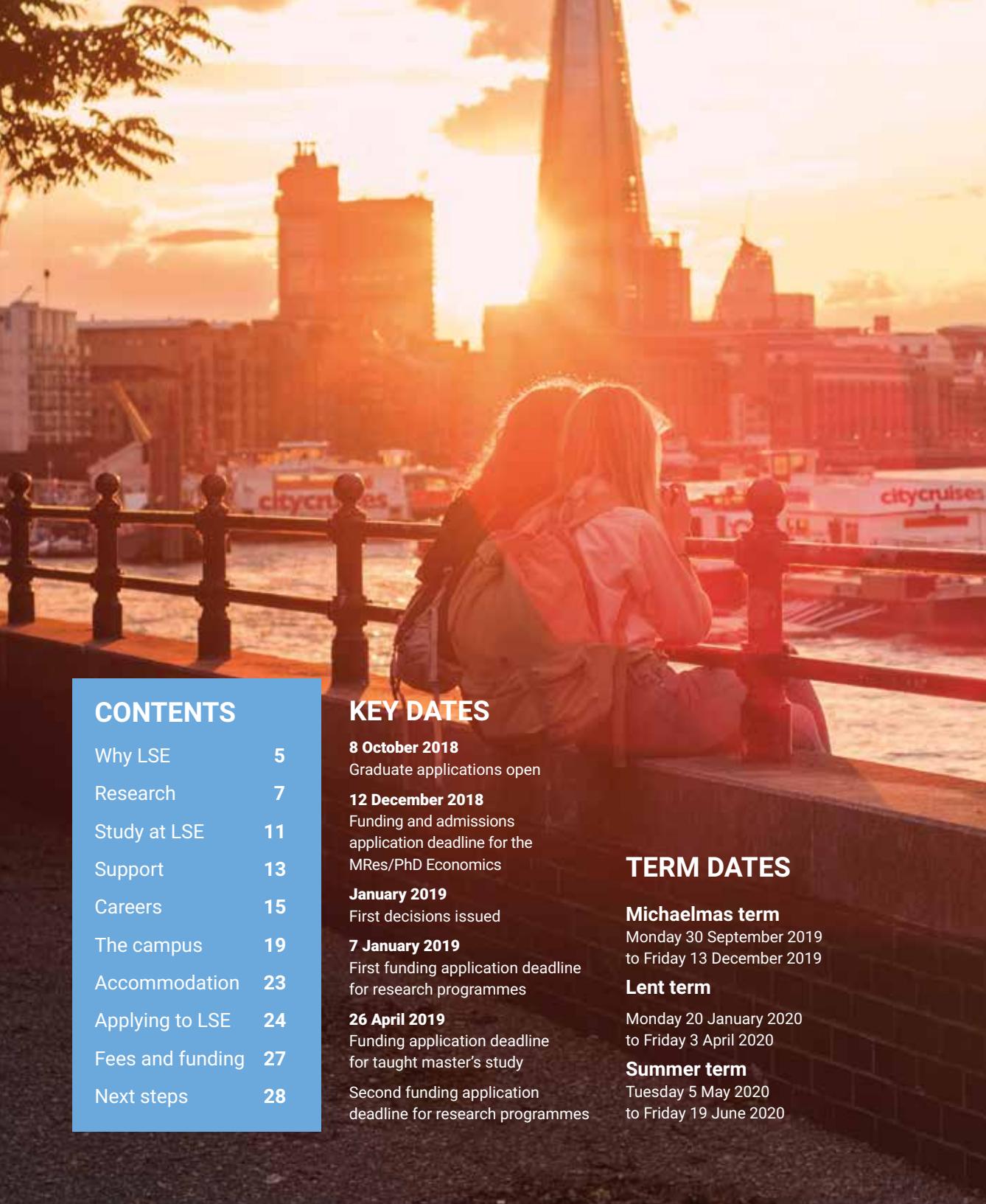




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**GRADUATE  
STUDY**  
2019/20



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## KEY DATES

<b>8 October 2018</b>	Graduate applications open
<b>12 December 2018</b>	Funding and admissions application deadline for the MRes/PhD Economics
<b>January 2019</b>	First decisions issued
<b>7 January 2019</b>	First funding application deadline for research programmes
<b>26 April 2019</b>	Funding application deadline for taught master's study
	Second funding application deadline for research programmes

## TERM DATES

### **Michaelmas term**

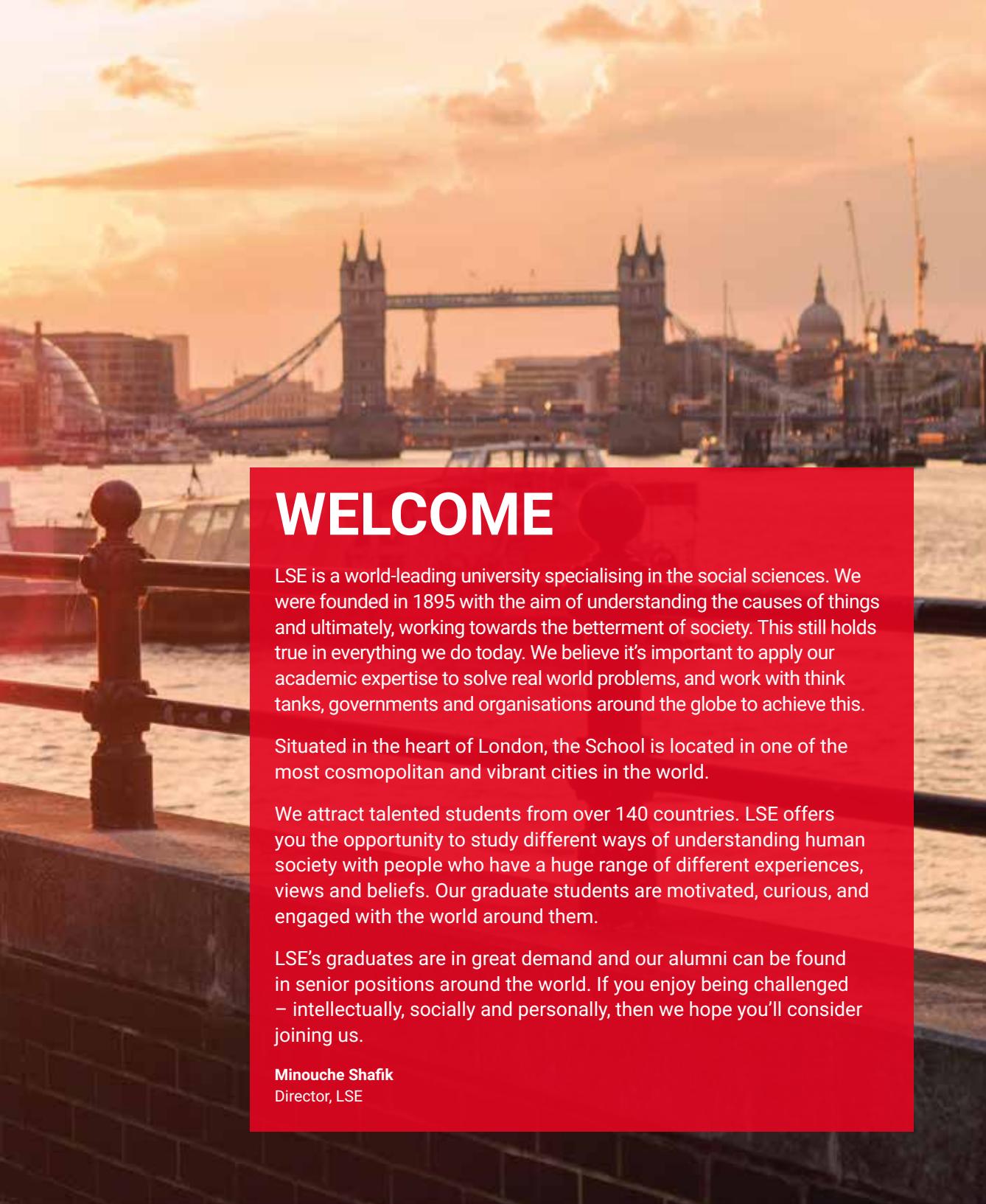
Monday 30 September 2019  
to Friday 13 December 2019

### **Lent term**

Monday 20 January 2020  
to Friday 3 April 2020

### **Summer term**

Tuesday 5 May 2020  
to Friday 19 June 2020



# WELCOME

LSE is a world-leading university specialising in the social sciences. We were founded in 1895 with the aim of understanding the causes of things and ultimately, working towards the betterment of society. This still holds true in everything we do today. We believe it's important to apply our academic expertise to solve real world problems, and work with think tanks, governments and organisations around the globe to achieve this.

Situated in the heart of London, the School is located in one of the most cosmopolitan and vibrant cities in the world.

We attract talented students from over 140 countries. LSE offers you the opportunity to study different ways of understanding human society with people who have a huge range of different experiences, views and beliefs. Our graduate students are motivated, curious, and engaged with the world around them.

LSE's graduates are in great demand and our alumni can be found in senior positions around the world. If you enjoy being challenged – intellectually, socially and personally, then we hope you'll consider joining us.

**Minouche Shafik**  
Director, LSE



A photograph of a person's lower body and torso, wearing a light blue denim jacket and dark jeans. They are sitting on a red couch. In the background, there is a bookshelf filled with books. The image is partially cut off on the left side.

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*My MSc year was one of the most intense and exhilarating experiences of my life. It enabled me to hone my research skills, think critically on a range of issues and to analyse and evaluate accepted knowledge. ”*

**Ellen Maunder**

Swansea, South Wales  
MSc Global Politics



# WHY LSE?

## A world-leading university

At LSE, we strive to accomplish excellence in all of our endeavours, helping students, alumni and staff to achieve their full potential in everything they do.

## Over 200 public lectures each year

We host over 200 events each year as part of our public lecture programme, where some of the most influential figures in the social sciences can be heard. Speakers address a wide range of topical issues affecting society today and into the future. As an LSE student, you'll have even easier access to these events.

## One compact campus

Our compact campus is in the centre of London and this location is fundamental to our identity. Despite the busy feel of the surrounding area, with many pedestrianised streets, our campus has a real sense of community.

## Social science specialists

We are unique in our dedication to the field of social sciences. We pioneered the study of economics, international relations and anthropology, and LSE academics continue to be leading thinkers in their fields.

## People and ideas that transform the world

Our approach is to challenge existing ways of thinking, and seek to understand the causes of things in order to transform them. We help governments, NGOs and businesses tackle the world's problems.

## An international community

We are one of the most internationally diverse universities in the world. We are committed to building a vibrant, equitable and truly inclusive environment.

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*I like the variety of courses on offer. This has really helped me discover where my interests lie. The topics we discuss in our courses are relevant to what's going on in the industry today. You know that you're learning something that you will use in your daily work after graduation.* ”

**Ahmed Saleh**

Gaza, Palestine

MSc Accounting and Finance



# RESEARCH

Our staff undertake research into issues affecting society today, and their research expertise is recognised around the world.

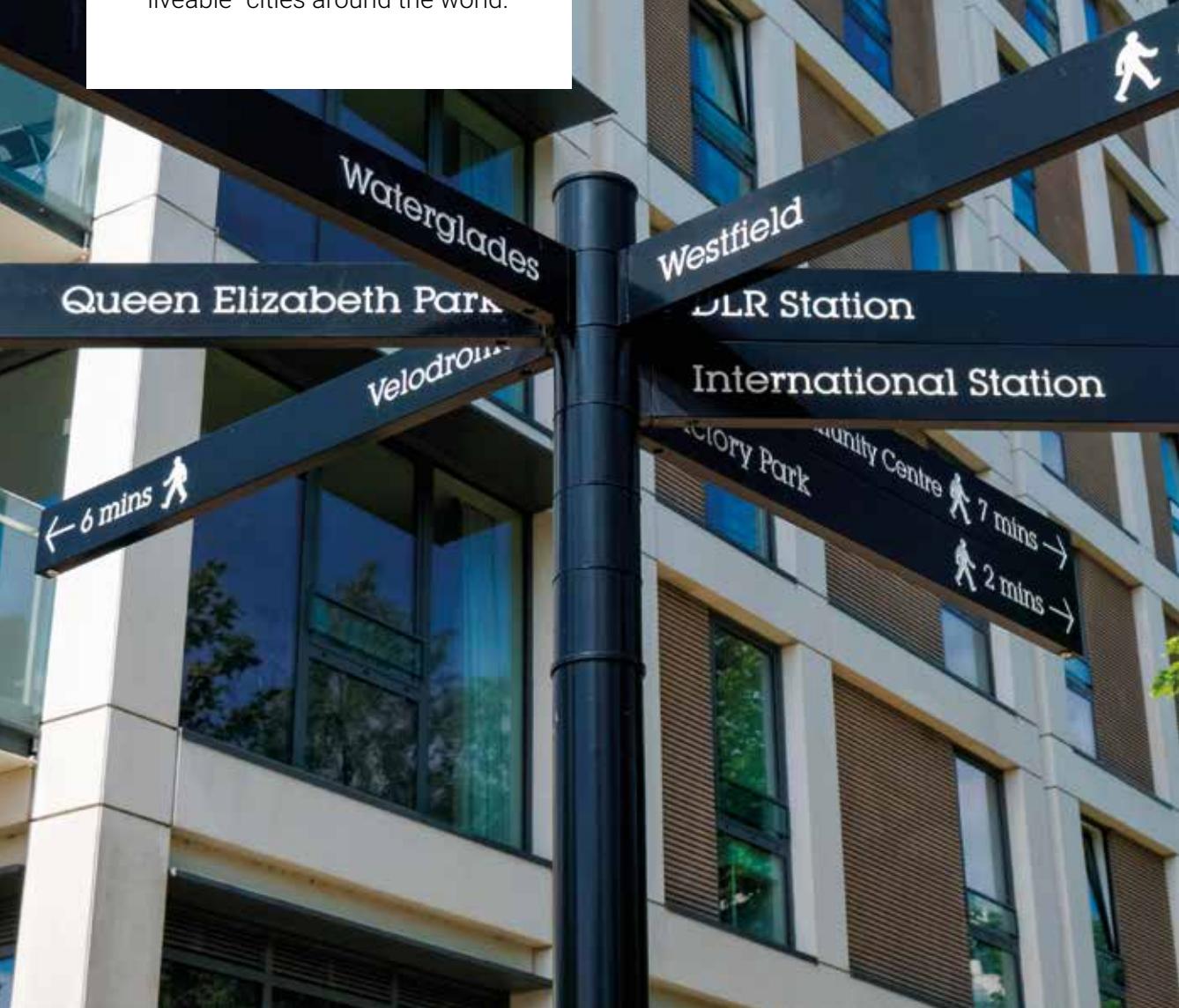
Our position as a world-leading research university was confirmed by the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2014), with the School topping or coming close to the top of a number of rankings for research excellence. Individual subject areas at LSE also head national tables of excellence.

Find out about how LSE research impacts society:  
**[lse.ac.uk/research](http://lse.ac.uk/research)**

Investigate academic research interests and find an expert: **[lse.ac.uk/people](http://lse.ac.uk/people)**

## Creating more liveable cities

Research by the Department of Sociology's **Professor Ricky Burdett** was instrumental in the legacy design of the London Olympic Park and in creating more "liveable" cities around the world.





## Protecting the human rights of refugees and displaced persons

Research by **Associate Professor of Law Chaloka Beyani** has been applied to treaties, constitutions and international norms and has helped to protect the human rights of refugees and displaced persons.

## Protecting and empowering children in digital environments

Research by the Department of Media and Communication's **Professor Sonia Livingstone** informed national, European and international initiatives aimed at helping children use the internet safely, creatively and skilfully.



## Breaking the vicious circle of the Eurozone debt crisis

Research by the European Institute's **Professor Paul De Grauwe** influenced the European Central Bank in its management of the debt crisis that threatened to break up the Eurozone.

## Improving public services through ambitious targets and tough sanctions for failure

Evidence-based research by the Department of Management's **Professor Gwyn Bevan** into health services has shown how and when ambitious targets and tough sanctions can improve the performance of public services.



# STUDY AT LSE

LSE offers a range of graduate study options, from a diploma to taught master's (including executive options) and research programmes. We have a number of joint or double degree options, in partnership with other institutions. There is also the opportunity to study abroad at another institution during your studies. In addition, we welcome visiting research students and staff from other institutions for short periods of time.

[lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://lse.ac.uk/graduate)

As well as our more traditional graduate programmes, we also offer a number of short courses, summer schools (both at LSE and partner universities abroad), and online certificate courses, as well as University of London qualifications with academic direction from LSE.

[lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse](http://lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse)

## Taught master's programmes

We teach over 140 taught master's across a wide range of subjects. The majority span one calendar year, though a few are nine or ten months long and others span two years. Many of our master's programmes can be studied part-time or full-time. We also offer a number of executive programmes designed for working professionals, some of which are taught in modular blocks, and others in the evenings.

For the majority of our master's programmes you will attend lectures and seminars each week, as well as other group activities. You will spend a lot of time undertaking independent study. Most programmes also include a piece of independent research culminating in a dissertation, which you work on over the summer.

## Research programmes

We offer a number of research programmes (MRes/PhD or MPhil/PhD programmes), which normally start in September. Both offer the chance to complete a substantial piece of supervised work worthy of publication. In addition, your programme may include some taught elements. The total duration of programmes vary and some may be available part-time after discussion with your academic department.

We welcome applications that complement the academic interests of members of staff, and we recommend that you investigate staff research interests before applying.

You'll find all the latest information about our programmes online, including details on entry requirements, programme structure, fees and funding opportunities, and more.

Find your graduate programme at:  
[lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://lse.ac.uk/graduate)



# SUPPORT

Whether you're looking for academic support, or welfare and wellbeing support services, we're here to help. There are a range of people, services and facilities to ensure you have the best possible time at the School.

## Academic guidance and resources

Students on most master's programmes have an academic mentor who can advise and help with any academic, administrative or personal issues.

**LSE LIFE** is the place to come for the skills you'll need to reach your goals at LSE and beyond. The workshops and personalised one-to-one advice sessions cover everything from writing and reading at graduate level, preparing for exams, and doing a dissertation – to studying in English, fine-tuning your CV, and making the most of London.

The **PhD Academy** is a space for PhD students to meet, access specialist centralised services and take part in interdisciplinary events and other development activities.

**LSE Library** offers excellent resources and a superb, modern study environment with extensive opening hours. Each academic department has an academic support librarian who provides individual and group support to students.

We have all the **IT facilities** you would expect, from common desktop applications to specialist software, lecture capture, a virtual learning environment, and assistive technology for disabled students.

The **Language Centre** offers language courses and support related to the social sciences, including English language support, modern foreign language courses, proofreading and translation.

[lse.ac.uk/academic-support](http://lse.ac.uk/academic-support)

## Student welfare and wellbeing

The **Student Wellbeing Service** supports you during your time at LSE. Through the **Student Counselling Service** you can access sessions with professionally qualified and experienced counsellors to enable you to cope more effectively with personal or study difficulties. There is also an **Adviser to Women Students** who is available to discuss any issues of concern to female students.

The **Disability and Wellbeing Service** provides free, confidential services to all LSE students and is a first point of contact for disabled students, prospective or current. Specialist advisers are available to see students on a one-off or ongoing basis and cover a range of conditions.

The **Nursery** offers places for 63 children of students and staff of the School between the ages of three months and five years.

The **Faith Centre** is home to LSE's diverse religious activities, transformational interfaith leadership programmes and a space for prayer, worship and reflection.

As well as running over 200 different societies, **LSE Students' Union (LSESU)** offers academic, personal and financial advice and employability training.

Our **Peer Support Scheme** provides a crucial service to talk to other students about anything you are worried about.

## Facilities

LSE offers all the facilities you'd expect from a global university. Online, you can explore the facilities available on campus, from study space to sport, or food and drink.

[lse.ac.uk/facilities](http://lse.ac.uk/facilities)



# CAREERS

As an LSE graduate, your degree will be recognised internationally for its intellectual rigour and global focus. Our graduates go on to great things in a variety of sectors around the world, and LSE Careers is here to help you do just that.

## Careers and employability

We're committed to your personal and professional development and want to help ensure you can build and maintain a fulfilling career. LSE Careers offer a range of events, services, information and advice online and in-person to achieve this:

- careers seminars (CV writing, interviews and more)
- employer presentations
- sector-specific careers fairs
- jobs board (part-time, full-time, voluntary, internship, graduate, and experienced hire positions)
- one-to-one career discussions and practice interviews
- dedicated PhD careers consultant and PhD seminars
- careers support for up to five years after your programme ends
- bespoke services for students with disabilities.

## Where do our graduates go?

From NGOs and development, to the public sector, banking and finance, or starting their own business, LSE graduates enjoy a diverse range of careers. On our website, you can find specific details about what students from individual programmes or departments have gone on to do after graduation.

[lse.ac.uk/careers](http://lse.ac.uk/careers)

## Entrepreneurship support

LSE Generate is the School's entrepreneurial hub, helping students and alumni create impact through innovation. We work to support students and alumni exploring entrepreneurship through our bespoke events and mentoring programme.

[lse.ac.uk/generate](http://lse.ac.uk/generate)

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*LSE has a great reputation with employers. Thanks to the extensive career support here, I was successful in landing a job at an investment bank focused on technology-driven growth companies.* ”

**Meerim Amanova**  
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
MSc Risk and Finance



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*Being taught by world-leading specialists who live and breathe their subject is really inspiring. It makes you feel like you’re involved in a place where world changes are being influenced.* ”

**Claire Waghorn**  
Nelson, New Zealand  
MSc International Relations



# THE CAMPUS

We're based on one campus in the centre of London, nestled between Aldwych and Lincoln's Inn Fields. Although the surrounding area is alive with activity, many of the streets around campus are pedestrianised, creating a strong sense of community.

As an LSE student, you don't tend to be based in just one building, and you will normally have classes in different locations. Not to worry though – the campus is nice and compact, and it only takes about five minutes to walk from one end to the other. On your way to your class, lecture, the library or café, you're likely to bump into your classmates or teachers.

We're always trying to improve the campus environment, and two major building projects are currently underway to do just that. This makes it an

exciting time to be an LSE student but does mean that the construction may cause some disruption, although this will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Next door to campus is the Royal Courts of Justice, while the City of London financial district, Westminster and the Houses of Parliament are all within easy reach.

This means a wealth of resources are on your doorstep. It's not all about study either: around the corner, you'll find the West End, the heart of London's theatre scene, while many other London sights and attractions are nearby.

Find out more about our campus, its facilities, and see our campus tour video online.

[lse.ac.uk/campus](http://lse.ac.uk/campus)



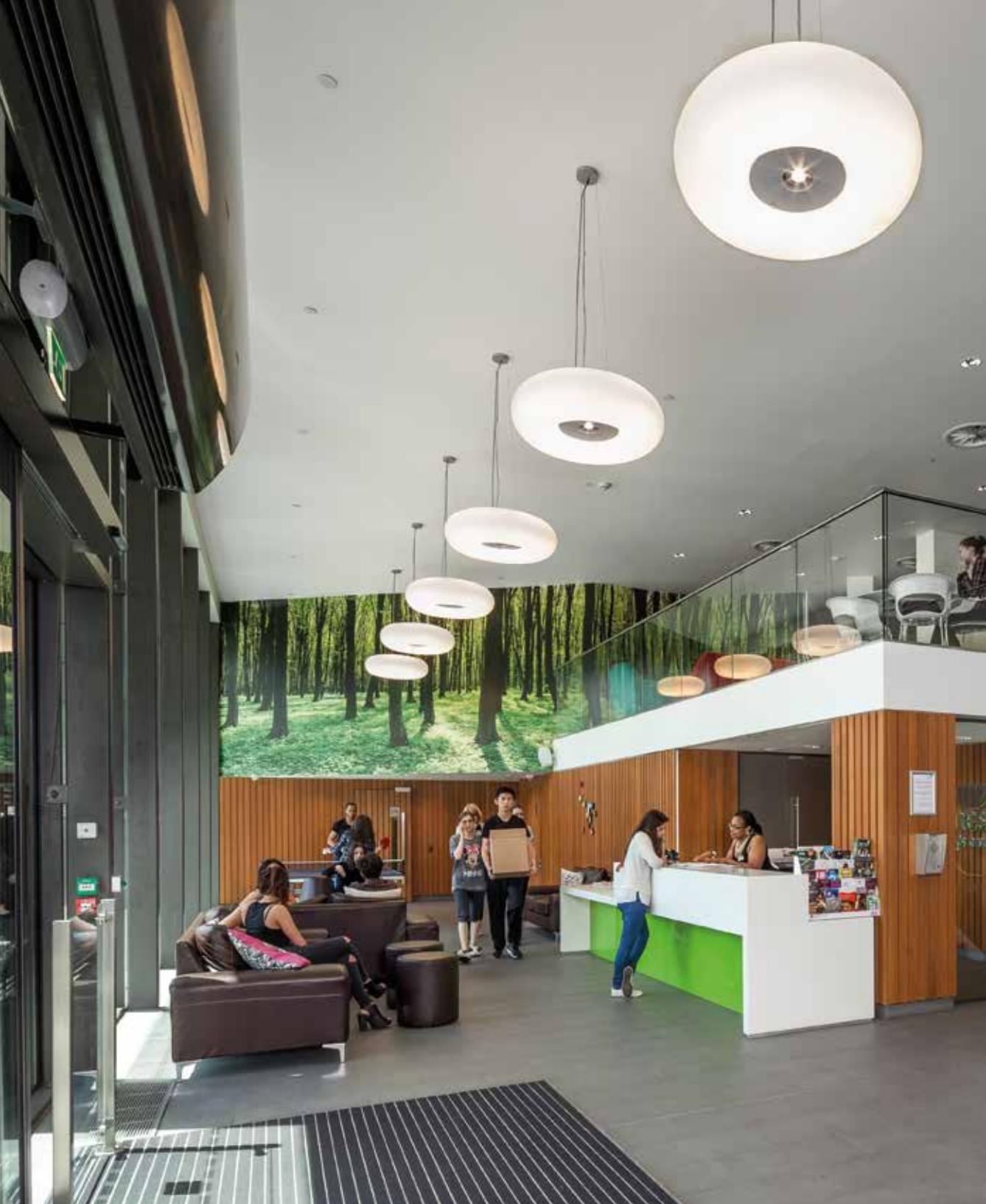
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<b>COL</b>	Columbia House
<b>CON</b>	Connaught House
<b>COW</b>	Cowdray House
<b>KGS</b>	King's Chambers
<b>1KW</b>	1 Kingsway
<b>KSW</b>	20 Kingsway
<b>LAK</b>	Lakatos Building
<b>LCH</b>	Lincoln Chambers
<b>5LF</b>	5 Lincoln's Inn Fields
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<b>NAB</b>	New Academic Building
<b>OLD</b>	Old Building
<b>PAR</b>	Parish Hall
<b>PEA</b>	Peacock Theatre
<b>POR</b>	1 Portsmouth Street
<b>QUE</b>	Queens House
<b>SAR</b>	Sardinia House
<b>SAW</b>	Saw Swee Hock Student Centre
<b>SHF</b>	Sheffield Street
<b>STC</b>	St Clement's
<b>TW1</b>	Tower One
<b>TW2</b>	Tower Two
<b>TW3</b>	Tower Three



## Heart of London

The School's location in central London is fundamental to its identity. LSE looks out over the London skyline, rather than green fields. It is stimulating, cosmopolitan and very much part of the real world.





# ACCOMMODATION

We have a variety of styles of accommodation to suit all sorts of different needs. University accommodation can offer a great chance to get to know other students, particularly if you're new to London.

Options include single, double, or shared rooms, studios and flats. Our halls range in size from those housing around 200 students (Grosvenor House) to those housing over 1,000 (urbanest Westminster Bridge). Some halls of residence are very close to campus (five minutes' walk), while others are a little further away (45 minutes' walk).

There is a lot of choice, and when you apply for accommodation, you're able to list your preferences, budget and needs, which we'll do our best to meet.

On our website, you can browse through all of our accommodation options, filtering by price, room type, and facilities. You'll also find all the details about how and when to apply.

[lse.ac.uk/accommodation](http://lse.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Private accommodation

If you'd like to live in private accommodation, we can also help with this. We can provide you with access to property listings, the ability to contact other LSE students looking for housing, updates on housing news, act as your guarantor, and more. Find out more about the support available on our website.

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*If you can get student accommodation, you should definitely take it. It's so much more convenient, and there's always someone there to help.* ”



# APPLYING TO LSE

We try to make the application process as simple as possible.

Check out our website for full and up-to-date details, at [lse.ac.uk/graduate](https://lse.ac.uk/graduate)

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## Do your research

### Which programme?

On our website, view our available programmes page or use the programme finder to see what we offer. Our programme pages show the structure, entry requirements and all the information you need to help you decide which programme to apply for. Our website will also suggest other programmes which have a similar or complementary focus to those you search for. You can select a second choice in case you are not successful for your first choice.

Be thorough in your research; our selectors take into consideration how well you understand the programme and its relevance to your own academic background and aspirations as demonstrated in your statement of academic purpose.

Many programmes have specific entry requirements or deadlines and some give particular guidance for writing your statement of academic purpose; make sure you read each relevant programme page carefully.

### Which supervisor (MRes/PhD and MPhil/PhD applicants only)?

Check the research interests of our faculty members online to see who is likely to be the most suitable supervisor for your research topic. Some departments encourage you to contact academics in advance of applying; see the programme pages for guidance.

### General entry requirements

#### Taught programmes

The standard minimum entry requirement for our taught programmes is an upper second-class honours (2:1) degree from a UK university or the international equivalent. Some programmes have higher requirements. Some programmes require the submission of additional test scores (GRE or GMAT) alongside your transcripts.

#### Research programmes

The standard minimum entry requirement for our research programmes is a master's degree with merit from a UK university or the international equivalent.

#### International qualifications

On our website, our country pages give details of how we consider international qualifications.

#### English language

You will need to demonstrate your proficiency in English before you can register, but you do not need to wait until you have taken a language test before you apply. If necessary we will set an English test condition on your offer.

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## Apply early

### Deadlines and availability

For master's study, we run a rolling admissions system where programmes close once all places have been filled. When possible, we inform applicants in progress that a programme is close to closing, but changes can occur quickly and programmes may close without warning. Our advice is always to complete and submit your application as early as possible. We keep our available programmes page up-to-date so you can see the status of your programme.

Taught programmes have a deadline for applying for financial support. We give you access to apply for scholarships when we acknowledge your academic application, and you must have completed your financial support application by 26 April 2019 in order to be considered. See page 27 for more details.

MRes/PhD Economics has a deadline of 12 December 2018. Other MRes/PhD and MPhil/PhD programmes have funding deadlines (7 January or 26 April 2019) and final application deadlines. Don't wait until the deadline to apply and get caught in the last minute rush!

### Gathering your documents

- request up-to-date transcripts for each of your university level qualifications
- if your programme(s) require it, take the GRE or GMAT test
- prepare your CV
- write your statement of academic purpose. Make sure you check the programme page for any particular requirements
- speak to your referees to make sure that they are willing and able to supply a reference for you in good time. We need only two references – there is no need to supply more unless your third reference has very particular relevance to your programme
- for research programmes, prepare a sample of your written work (stick to our word limit) and a research proposal, following the guidelines for your programme.

Our website has more detailed guidance for all elements of the application. Please read it carefully.

### Online application

Our online application form opens on 8 October 2018. Make sure that you set up your account with an email address that you access regularly and set a password you will remember. You must upload all required documents and nominate your referees before submitting your application. The application fee is £70.

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## After you submit

- check our current processing times – we publish details of where we are up to so that you know when to expect to hear from us
- apply for financial support (taught programmes) – we will give you access to do this when we acknowledge your application
- track the status of your application via LSE for You – the online tracker is linked live to our records and will be updated as soon as we have a decision. It usually takes up to eight weeks for taught programmes and may be longer for research programmes
- check out our information for applicants and offer holders – everything you need to know is on the website, so you can find answers to your questions immediately without needing to contact us.

**Good luck with your application!**



# FEES AND FUNDING

## Tuition fees

Tuition fee amounts for each programme are listed on our website. You'll also find details of what the tuition fees cover, payment options, and any available discounts.

## Living costs

We estimate that you should allow about £1,300 per month for living costs, in addition to tuition fees. On our website we have further details about the cost of living, as well as budgeting tips.

[lse.ac.uk/living-costs](http://lse.ac.uk/living-costs)

## Scholarships and other funding

We offer over £12 million in scholarships each year to our graduate students from the UK, the EU and outside the EU. At master's level the majority of funding opportunities are needs-based awards. For research programmes, there are a range of prestigious merit-based studentships available. You can find the latest information about available scholarships on our website.



*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. ♪*

**Laura Sochas**

Paris, France, MSc Social Research Methods, LSE ESRC DTP Studentship

## Applying for funding

If you're applying for a master's or diploma programme, after you submit your application for admission, you can complete the Graduate Financial Support Application. We'll use this information to consider you for any LSE scholarship, provided you submit it before the deadline: 26 April 2019.

For PhD applicants, there is no separate funding application. You will need to ensure you complete your application for admission by a specific date – 12 December 2018 (Economics), 7 January 2019 or 26 April 2019. Academic departments then nominate students for consideration by a funding panel.

## External funding

Some funding is available from the UK government for eligible students, such as the postgraduate loan for master's study, and the Disabled Student's Allowance. Some other countries also offer loan schemes. On our website, you'll find more details about these opportunities, including useful resources for research funding opportunities.

[lse.ac.uk/grad/fees-funding](http://lse.ac.uk/grad/fees-funding)



## NEXT STEPS

Interested in graduate study at LSE? Great!  
Here's what to do next.

### Meet us near you or visit us in London

LSE representatives travel around the world to meet with prospective students, and we also welcome visits to our campus in central London.

### Find out more online

We have webinars, videos, student video diaries, a student blog, and lots of other ways to find out more about life as an LSE student, the application process, and more.

[lse.ac.uk/meet-lse](http://lse.ac.uk/meet-lse)

## **The Ethics Code**

The whole LSE community, including all staff, students and governors of LSE, are expected to act in accordance with the following principles which are set out in the School's Ethics Code:

- responsibility and accountability
- integrity
- intellectual freedom
- equality of respect and opportunity
- collegiality
- sustainability

Please visit [lse.ac.uk/ethics](http://lse.ac.uk/ethics) to view the full code or email [ethics@lse.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@lse.ac.uk) for any general enquiries about the code.

## **Equity, diversity and inclusion**

To uphold the School's commitment to equality of respect and opportunity, as set out in the Ethics Code, we will treat all people with dignity and respect, and ensure that no-one will be treated less favourably because of their role at the School, age, sex, disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity and social and economic background.

Please see [lse.ac.uk/equityDiversityInclusion](http://lse.ac.uk/equityDiversityInclusion) for details of the School's work on enhancing its equality practices to reflect the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

At LSE you will find peers from all over the world who engage with each other in serious dialogue between cultures, nations, races, ethnicities, religions, and personal backgrounds. We do this with mutual respect and open-mindedness, and by valuing the multicultural and diverse community we share. This approach is central to the preparation the School provides students for life and a career in the 21st century.

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Freedom of thought and expression is essential to the pursuit, advancement and dissemination of knowledge. LSE seeks to ensure that intellectual freedom and freedom of expression within the law is secured for all our members and those we invite to the School.

On rare occasions, UK universities experience industrial action by staff which may prevent the full range of services, including teaching, being offered to students. If services are affected by industrial action or other events beyond the School's control, the School will use its best endeavours to provide alternative facilities. Students should be aware that the School will not issue refunds of fees where industrial action or other events beyond the School's control affect teaching or other services.

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