Key Dates

30 September 2019
Graduate applications open

12 December 2019
Funding and admissions application deadline for the MRes/PhD Economics

January 2020
First decisions issued

10 January 2020
First funding application deadline for research programmes

27 April 2020
Funding application deadline for taught master’s study

Second funding application deadline for research programmes

Term Dates

Michaelmas Term
Monday 28 September 2020 to Friday 11 December 2020

Lent Term
Monday 18 January 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

Summer Term
Tuesday 4 May 2021 to Friday 18 June 2021
WELCOME

LSE is a world-leading university specialising in the social sciences. Established in 1895, we were founded to know the causes of things and, ultimately, to work towards the betterment of society. This still holds true in everything we do today. We believe it’s important to use our academic expertise to solve real world problems. We work with partners around the globe to achieve this.

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

LSE gives you the opportunity to study different ways of understanding human society with people who hold a range of views and beliefs. Our graduate students come from over 140 countries. They’re 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
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 150 public lectures each year
We host over 150 events each year as part of our public lecture programme, where you can hear some of the most influential figures in the social sciences. Speakers address a wide range of topical issues affecting society today and into the future.

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, 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 internationally-diverse environment.

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
LSE 2030

Our strategy lays out the guiding principles and commitments that will help us shape the world’s future, and achieve our ambition of being the leading social science institution with the greatest global impact.

Our three key priorities are:

1. Educate for Impact
   We’ll work in partnership with our students to find innovative ways of learning, creating and collaborating; supporting them to better understand and shape our rapidly changing world.

2. Research for the world
   We are international, interdisciplinary and issue-oriented. We’ll build on these reputational strengths and take the lead in securing and defining the future of social sciences across the globe.

3. Develop LSE for everyone
   We thrive on diversity – of people, ideas and interests. We’ll invest in our community and enhance our services and infrastructure, so that we continue to attract the best and brightest, and enable every member of our community to excel.

Find out more at lse.ac.uk/2030
Our staff research issues affecting society today, and their expertise is recognised around the world.

Our position as a world-leading research university was confirmed by the most recent Research Excellence Framework (2014). The School topped or came close to the top of a number of rankings for research excellence. We also head national tables of excellence in several individual subject areas.

Discover how LSE research impacts society: lse.ac.uk/research

Investigate academic research interests and find an expert: 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 helped to protect the human rights of refugees and displaced persons.

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.

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.

Improving public services through ambitious targets and tough sanctions for failure

Evidence-based research into health services by the Department of Management's **Professor Gwyn Bevan** has shown how and when ambitious targets and tough sanctions can improve the performance of public services.
LSE offers a range of graduate study options, from a diploma and executive programmes to taught master’s and research programmes. We have a number of joint or double degree options in partnership with other institutions. You may have the opportunity to study abroad at another institution during your studies too. In addition, we welcome visiting research students and staff from other institutions for short periods of time.

We also offer a number of other study programmes: short courses, summer schools (both at LSE and partner universities abroad), online certificate courses and University of London qualifications with academic direction from LSE.

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 and 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 varies. 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 and fees and funding opportunities.

Find your graduate programme at lse.ac.uk/graduate
SUPPORT

We’re here to help, whether you need academic assistance or support with your welfare and wellbeing.

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 managing your time and your workload, studying in English, fine-tuning your CV and making the most of London.

The PhD Academy is a space where PhD students can socialise, take part in interdisciplinary events and other professional development activities and access all the services related to their registration.

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 language courses, proofreading and translation.

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 a School Senior Advocate for Students who can provide advice and guidance and an Adviser to Women Students who is available to discuss any issues of concern to female students.

Our Peer Support Scheme is a crucial service where students can talk to other students about anything they’re worried about.

lse.ac.uk/academic-support

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. Emergency and holiday places are also available for children in this age group.

The Faith Centre is home to LSE’s diverse religious activities and transformational interfaith leadership programmes, as well as space for prayer, worship and reflection.

As well as running over 300 different clubs and societies, LSE Students’ Union (LSESU) offers academic, personal and financial advice and funding.

lsesu.com

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 and sport, to food and drink.

lse.ac.uk/facilities
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
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?
LSE graduates enjoy a diverse range of careers from NGO and development, to the public sector, banking and running their own business. Visit lse.ac.uk/graduate-destinations to find out more about what students have gone on to do.

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

Volunteer during your time at LSE
Volunteering is a great way to help develop new skills and meet new people while making a difference and the LSE Volunteer Centre is here to inspire and empower you to volunteer for causes that you are passionate about during your time at LSE.

We work with multiple organisations to provide you with short term and long term volunteering opportunities across London, the UK and internationally. We also know that students are busy, so we run a comprehensive one-off volunteering programme to make sure you can fit it in. You can find out more about the advice and support we can offer at lse.ac.uk/volunteercentre
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 a single 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. This creates 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 committed to investing and improving our campus. We have recently completed a £125m project to create our brand new Centre Building and another project for the construction of the Marshall Building is underway. 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, not to mention many other London sights and attractions.

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

lse.ac.uk/campus
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.
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, as well as studios and flats. Our halls range in size from those housing around 280 students (Butler’s Wharf) to those housing over 1,000 (urbanest Westminster Bridge). Some halls of residence are very close to campus (less than 0.5km away), while others are a little further away (around 3km away).

There is a lot of choice. When you apply for accommodation, you’ll be 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.

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.

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.

lse.ac.uk/accommodation
We try to make the application process as simple as possible. Go to lse.ac.uk/graduate for full and up-to-date details.

1 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 and read all the information on the programme pages carefully. Many programmes have specific entry requirements or deadlines and some give particular guidance for writing your statement of academic purpose. For all programmes our selectors will look at your statement of academic purpose to see how well you understand the programme and how it relates to your academic background and aspirations.

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 before you apply. See the programme pages on our website for guidance.

General entry requirements

Taught programmes
The standard minimum entry requirement 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 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. lse.ac.uk/international-students

English language
You can apply to LSE without taking a language test, but you’ll need to demonstrate your proficiency in English before starting here. If necessary we’ll set an English test condition as part of your offer.
Apply early

Deadlines and availability
For master’s study, we run a rolling admissions system. Programmes close once all places have been filled. When possible, we inform applicants who have already begun an application 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.

If you wish to be considered for financial support from LSE, then you must submit your academic admissions application before the relevant financial support application deadline. There are different deadlines depending on the programme you want to study. See page 31 of this brochure and check out our website for more information about applying for financial support.

Gathering your documents
• Request up-to-date transcripts for each of your university-level qualifications.
• Take the GRE or GMAT test if your programme requires it.
• 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 only need two references – there is no need to supply more unless your third reference has very particular relevance to your programme.
• If you’re applying for a research programme, 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.

Apply online
Our online application form opens on 30 September 2019. 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 £75.
• Keep an eye on processing times on our website so 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 us eight weeks to process applications for taught programmes and can take a bit longer for research programmes.

• Check our information for applicants and offer holders’. Everything you need to know is on our website, so you can find answers to your questions immediately without having to contact us.

**Good luck with your application!**
FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition fees
You’ll find tuition fee amounts for each programme on our website. We also provide 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/livingcosts

Scholarships and other funding
We offer over £13 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.

Applying for funding

Master's and diploma programmes
After you submit your application for admission, you may complete the Graduate Financial Support application form. We'll use this information to consider you for any LSE scholarship, provided you submit it before the deadline of 27 April 2020.

PhD programmes
There's no separate application for funding. Academic departments nominate students for consideration by a funding panel. In order to be considered you should ensure you complete your admissions application by a specific date. For the Department of Economics this is 12 December 2019. For other academic departments this could be 10 January 2020 or 27 April 2020. Check our website for specific department application deadlines.

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

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
NEXT STEPS

Interested in graduate study at LSE? Here’s what to do next.

Find out more online
There’s lots of information online about being a graduate student at LSE and on how to apply, including webinars, videos, video diaries and blogs.

Come and meet us
Visit our campus in London or meet one of our representatives as they travel around the world. See our website to find out when we’re coming to a city near you.

lse.ac.uk/meet-lse
Promoting equality, championing diversity and developing an inclusive LSE

At LSE you’ll find peers, academics and members of staff from all over the world who engage with each other across identities, cultures, nations, ethnicities, sexualities, religions and personal backgrounds – celebrating and understanding our differences.

Everyone is welcome at the School and it is our diversity that makes LSE such a fascinating place to study. As a student at LSE, all the School’s staff want you to have a positive, enriching and challenging experience that will support your preparation for a life and career in the global 21st century.

As members of LSE, we are all responsible for interacting with mutual respect and open-mindedness, and for valuing the multicultural and diverse community that we share.

In support of this, LSE has a number of important initiatives that are designed to lead to equity, diversity and inclusion for us all:

- Visit lse.ac.uk/ethics to read about the School’s commitment to equality of respect and opportunity.
- If you are concerned about bullying or harassment, visit lse.ac.uk/reportit to find out how to get support and to report incidents.
- To access training on sexual consent and positive bystander interventions, visit lse.ac.uk/consentmatters
- If you would like to see all the support available to you regarding bullying or harassment, visit the Making a Choice webpage. lse.ac.uk/makingachoice
- If you would like to get in touch with LSE’s LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bi and trans) role models and allies, check out the LSE LGBT+ Role Models and Allies Directory by visiting lse.ac.uk/LGBTplus

If you would like to find out more about these and other initiatives and the information and support available to you, please contact us via email (edi@lse.ac.uk), visit our website (lse.ac.uk/equitydiversityinclusion), follow us on Twitter (@EDI_LSE) or visit our blog (blogs.lse.ac.uk/equitydiversityinclusion).
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