

The Snowdon Scholarship Scheme at LSE

The Snowdon Trust supports people with physical disabilities and/or sensory impairments to study in the UK.

The aim of the Snowdon Scholarship programme is to give a small number of exceptionally talented disabled people an opportunity to achieve their true potential. If you are successful in your application, the Snowdon Trust will provide you with financial support and encouragement to help you excel in a masters degree course that will make a difference to both your own future and to the lives of others. We hope that Snowdon scholars will go on to become leaders in their fields and be great examples for others to follow.

The scholarship will provide up to £15,000 towards the tuition fees for your masters programme plus a maintenance stipend of £15,000.

Ideal candidates:

Everyone is individual and each scholar will bring something different to our Scholarship programme. However, our ideal candidates will be able to demonstrate:

- real **passion** for your subject and for learning
- excellence – **outstanding talent** and originality in your chosen field which is recognised by others
- **determination** to succeed and to overcome obstacles
- potential to become a **leader** in your field and to **set an example** for others to follow
- strong **desire** to help improve the lives of others.

Application

Eligible candidates who have been offered a place on a masters course at LSE will be invited to apply. Candidates will hold offers to study at LSE for the coming academic year.

We will require:

- a completed application form with details about you, your course and your disability
- a personal reference (see over)
- confirmation of your disability from a medical practitioner or consultant
- an academic reference.

The application is your opportunity to explain why you are the right person for the Snowdon Trust to support with a Snowdon Scholarship at LSE. We want to understand how your skills and aptitude have developed to date and your commitment for continued improvement. In short, we are looking at how closely you fit the “ideal candidate” criteria.

Please provide clear and concise answers to each of the questions, we recommend up to 150 words per question.

Notes:

- what you write will largely depend on your individual story and circumstances
- please try to avoid generalisations and provide examples to back up your statements where possible
- we want to help you develop your potential – we’re not looking for the finished article.

Personal reference:

The personal reference is a letter of support from someone of appropriate standing (not a family member), who has known you personally for at least two years and can comment with authority on your suitability for a Snowdon Scholarship. Primarily, we are looking for comment on your personal qualities and how you fit our ideal candidate criteria. It should also include comment on your disability, how this impacts your life and learning and how you cope/manage it. Please ensure that your referee has read our criteria and that their reference addresses these. Note: we are not seeking any additional academic reference.



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In order to be considered for the Snowdon Scholarship at LSE please:

- complete the form below
- ask the person who is providing your personal reference to write a suitable letter
- ensure both are returned directly to the Financial Support Office at LSE
- provide confirmation of your disability from a medical practitioner or consultant
- include a copy of the academic reference that you supplied to the university when applying for your place.

Personal information (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title	First Names	Surname
Address		
Email	Telephone	
Nationality	Date of birth dd/mm/yyyy	
Title of course applied for		
Applicant number		

Please provide clear and concise answers to each of the following questions, we recommend approximately 150 words per question.

1 Tell us a little about your long-term ambitions. Why have you chosen this course of study and how will this degree help you to advance your career?

2 How have you demonstrated your talent in this field to date, and in what ways have your abilities been recognised by others?

3 Tell us about your disability. In what ways (positive or negative) has this impacted your life, your studies and your outlook?

4 How have you demonstrated your capacity for leadership and/or set a good example for others?

5 How might a Snowdon Scholarship benefit you and your ability to undertake your masters course?

6 Is there anything else you would like to add in support of this application?