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GRADUATE OPEN EVENING 2015

Graduate Open Evening 2015

Funding your Studies

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Graduate funding

- Taught Masters programmes
- Research degrees



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Cost of programme

- Fees vary – check prospectus or online table of fees
- Estimated living costs in London £1,200 a month
- Part time work is possible – LSE My Careers Service



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Taught Masters programmes

- Graduate Support Scheme
- LSE Master's Awards
- LSE Anniversary Scholarships
- Named awards
- ESRC funding
- Loans



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Graduate Support Scheme

- Open to all to enter – link when apply for place – online system
- Needs based funding
- Awards between £5-£15,000
- Average £7,350 (but on previous lower values)
- Funding limited so apply early (applications close 27 April 2016)
- Calculated at the point of offer



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LSE 120th Anniversary Scholarships

- 80 awards
- For UK Master's students
- Value £5,000-£25,000
- Decisions on a rolling basis
- Priority - those doing 1st Master's
- Priority – students who were eligible for a maintenance grant during UG study



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Named awards

- Given by donors to LSE students
- Alumni or corporations supportive of School
- Vary by country or subject to be studied
- Entry via LSE Graduate Financial Support online form (for GSS) – no separate form
- Personal statement needed – financial information is key
- Academic panel makes decisions



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LSE Master's Awards

- Part of Graduate Support Scheme budget is used for larger awards (approximately 30-40 per year)
- Priority given in shortlisting to offer holders from low and middle income countries, but some EU awards also
- 2015 award holders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, and Sweden



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ESRC – UK & EU – linked to PhD

- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). LSE is an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre with 36 studentships. 3-4 years training – so can include Master's year
- Nominations made by academic departments – decision by School wide panel – need application to School and information on research intentions
- EU students – fees only, although School provides stipend at ESRC rates



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Loans

- Many fund through loans
- New Government loan of £10,000 – likely upper limit of age 30.
- Loans available in some other countries
- Investigate early



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Living in London



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Research Degrees

- **LSE PhD Studentships – fourth year of scheme**
- **Research Councils – LSE is ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, and has other Research Council awards**
- **All are awarded on academic merit and research potential – no separate form**



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LSE PhD Studentships

All applicants eligible – UK, EU, Overseas

- 63 to be awarded for 2016
- 4 years of funding (subject to progress)
- Full fees plus £18,000 living costs
- Contribution to be made to department
- Academic panel make awards based on application to the School
- Deadlines vary – must be full application (includes references, transcripts, piece of marked work). 1st main deadline is 11 January 2016 (NB Economics Department only 14 December 2015)



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Research Councils – UK & EU

ESRC – LSE Doctoral Training Centre

- Of 36 studentships, some reserved for quantitative subjects – but still a spread across social sciences
- Department nominates to panel
- Awards for UK students – fees + living costs
- Awards for EU students – fees only but School will add stipend at ESRC rate
- Deadline for application 11 January 2016 (Econ 14 December 2015)



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External funding

- Scholarships and loans available from international governments, agencies and charitable foundations
- LSE contributes to some with fee top up
- Information in Scholarships brochure or on our website
- Taught Postgraduate and PhD programmes
- Charitable trusts etc. – Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding



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Top up awards

Chevening (global) www.chevening.org

Joint Japan World Bank <http://web.worldbank.org/>

Commonwealth Scholarships www.cscuk.dfid.gov.uk

Fulbright (USA) www.fulbright.org.uk

Marshall Scholarships (USA) www.marshallscholarship.org/

COLFUTURO (Colombia) www.colfuturo.org/

CONACyT (Mexico) www.conacyt.gob.mx/Paginas/InicioNueva.aspx

FIDERH (Mexico) www.fiderh.org.mx/

FUNED (Mexico) www.funedx.org/

CONICYT (Chile) www.conicyt.cl/

Fundación GuateFuturo (Guatemala) www.guatefuturo.org/

Science Without Borders (Brazil) www.international.ac.uk/member-services/partnerships/science-without-borders.aspx

Jean Monnet (Turkey) www.jeanmonnet.org.tr/indexen.php

Said Foundation www.saidfoundation.org/

HESPAL www.britishcouncil.org/ps-education-scholarships-hespal.htm



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Visit Financial Support Office stand

- Ground floor, New Academic Building

Visit our website

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Departments / Institutes

- Information Stands
- 5.30– 8.00pm
- See booklet for location

Access to library and buildings

- You must show your Visitor Pass (wristband) to gain access



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