

LSE partial fee waiver and financial support for asylum seekers and candidates granted limited leave as the result of an asylum application

LSE undergraduate offer-holders who are in the process of seeking asylum in the UK or who have been granted limited leave to remain by the UK government following an unsuccessful application for asylum would normally be assessed as having 'Overseas' status for fee purposes at LSE. These students do not normally have access to the tuition fee loan, maintenance grant and maintenance loan administered by Student Finance England (SFE).

However, LSE currently offers **two awards** each made up of a non means-tested partial tuition fee award plus a means-tested scholarship of up to £20,000. These awards are for:

- Asylum-seekers holding an offer of a place on an LSE undergraduate programme; and
- Offer-holders who have been granted limited leave as the result of an asylum application.

This package is administered solely at the discretion of LSE. It is not transferable to another university.

Eligible candidates must demonstrate that they have applied for asylum in the UK before they applied to UCAS.

LSE awards for asylum seekers

Asylum seekers, children of asylum seekers or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who are seeking asylum in the UK and who are holding an offer for an undergraduate place at LSE will be eligible for an LSE Tuition Fee Award. This Award allows the student to pay the 'Home UK' fee (£9,000 per year in 2014) rather than the LSE Overseas fee, although the student will still be classified as an 'Overseas' student. To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that they have applied for asylum in the UK before they applied to UCAS.

Asylum seekers, children of asylum seekers or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who are seeking asylum in the UK and who are holding an offer for an undergraduate place at LSE will be eligible to apply for financial support through the LSE Undergraduate Student Support (USS) scheme. The maximum USS award for asylum seeking candidates would be £20,000 per year (this is made up of a further fee award of £9,000 to cover the tuition fee payment plus a maintenance award of up to £11,000). Awards are means-tested and do not have to be repaid. Applicants would need to complete the standard USS application form. To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that they have applied for asylum in the UK before they applied to UCAS.

If the asylum case is decided during the candidate's course of study at LSE and refugee status or humanitarian protection is granted by the UK government the candidate's fee status may change to 'Home UK' with effect from the start of the next academic year provided certain residence requirements are met. If your fee status does change to Home UK the LSE Tuition Fee Waiver ceases to apply at the start of the next academic year. The candidate may also be eligible to apply for the tuition fee loan, maintenance grant and maintenance loan through the Student Finance England and be eligible for the LSE Bursary for UK students. In these cases, eligibility for the USS award would be discontinued from the start of the next academic year.

If the asylum case is decided during the candidate's course of study at LSE and refugee status or humanitarian protection is *not* granted by the UK government but limited leave to remain is granted, then the student remains eligible for the LSE Tuition Fee Waiver and for the means-tested USS award. The candidate would have their USS award renewed for the following year, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

LSE awards for candidates granted limited leave as the result of an asylum application

Offer-holders who have been granted limited leave to remain by the UK government when they apply to the School or who are granted limited leave to remain while a student at the School will be classified as an Overseas student. However, such candidates are also eligible for the LSE Tuition Award listed in 4 (i) above, as long as they have been granted limited leave to remain as the result of

an asylum application. This Award allows the student to pay the 'Home UK' fee (£9,000 per year in 2014) rather than the LSE Overseas fee, although the student will still be classified as an Overseas student. To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate that they have applied for asylum in the UK before they applied to UCAS or that they were granted limited leave to remain as the result of an application for asylum before they applied to UCAS.

Offer-holders who have been granted limited leave to remain as the result of an asylum application will be eligible to apply for financial support through the LSE Undergraduate Student Support (USS) scheme. The maximum USS award for such candidates would be £20,000 per year (this is made up of a further fee award of £9,000 to cover the tuition fee payment plus a maintenance award of up to £11,000). Awards are meanstested and do not have to be repaid. Applicants would need to complete the standard USS application form.

Application process for the LSE award

Eligible candidates should apply for a place on an undergraduate programme at LSE through UCAS, in the normal way. Information on how to apply to LSE through UCAS can be found online here <http://www.lse.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/undergraduateHome.aspx>

If you are made an offer of a place at LSE you will be asked to complete the LSE Fee Status Questionnaire, which you can find here

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/study/informationForInternationalStudents/pdf/Fee%20Classification%20Questionnaire.pdf>.

If you are made an offer of a place but are not asked to complete this questionnaire and you are

- an asylum seeker, a child of an asylum seeker or an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child; or
- you have been granted limited leave as the result of an asylum application

please contact the Undergraduate Admissions team at ug.admissions@lse.ac.uk and ask to complete the questionnaire.

Once you have completed the LSE Fee Status Questionnaire, you should apply for the LSE award for asylum seekers using the Undergraduate Support Scheme (USS) application, found online here

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/moneyMatters/financialSupport/ScholarshipsLSE/UGApp/UgAppOverseas/undergraduateSupportScheme.aspx>.

The deadline for submission of the USS form is **27 April 2016**

We aim to notify candidates of the outcome of their USS application by the end of May, in time for you to make your final acceptance of your university choices.

Please note that only two awards for asylum seekers are available for study at LSE and the application process is a competitive one. The assessment for the awards is needs-based and the value of the award calculated according to individual requirements.

Successful candidates will receive their award in the form of a cheque once they have registered at the School in October 2016. The awards do not have to be repaid.

More information

LSE undergraduate offer-holders who have already been granted refugee status or humanitarian protection by the UK government may be eligible for Home UK status for fee purposes at LSE. These students must meet the eligibility criteria set out on the UKCISA website at

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Fees--finance/Home-or-Overseas-fees/England-Higher-Education/>

LSE undergraduate offer-holders who have been granted refugee status or humanitarian protection by the UK government may be eligible for the tuition fee loan, maintenance grant and maintenance loan administered by Student Finance England (SFE). Details on the assessment of eligibility can be found in the SFE document 'Higher Education Student Finance – How you are Assessed and Paid, 2014/15' http://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/media/2678/sfe_assessed_guide_1415_d.pdf

Applicants may also contact the SFE direct for further information – Tel. 0141 243 3570.

LSE offers a range of bursaries, scholarships and financial aid for undergraduate students from the UK, EU and Overseas. Further information about the financial support available at the School can be found on the Financial Support website

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/moneyMatters/financialSupport/Home.aspx>

or by emailing financial-support@lse.ac.uk

Information about fee status assessment can be found on the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) website <http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/> or by telephoning **+44 20 7788 9214**.

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