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Your generosity has a significant impact on LSE and its global community of people and ideas that transform the world.

LSE is an international community rooted in London. Nowhere is this illustrated better than in our regular giving programme (formerly LSE Annual Fund): alumni and friends across 73 countries have generously made unrestricted gifts totalling more than £1 million for the third year running. In doing so you are individually and collectively helping us to ensure that LSE continues to be recognised as a world-leading university specialising in social sciences education and research.

In particular you are helping to enhance the student experience at LSE. From making gifts to your academic departments to enabling our enterprising students to deliver projects such as the Health in a Digital Age conference, and by providing the means for academics to collaborate with students through research fellowships, your support contributes towards the personal development of LSE students inside and outside the classroom.

You're also helping to make an LSE education a reality for brilliant young people. This year, 35 students are studying and learning at the School on New Futures Fund scholarships, made possible by our regular giving community. As you'll see, these scholarships provide a springboard from which careers are launched.

We are grateful and proud that you choose to invest in the future of LSE. Here are just a few examples of what you supported last year. Thank you.

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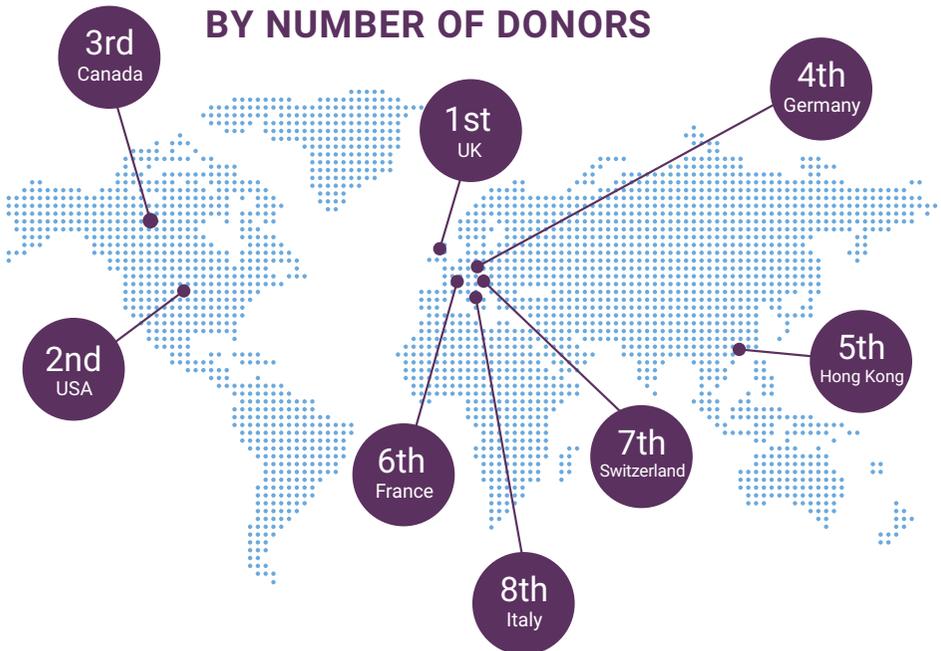
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Academic Initiatives

Enhancing student-faculty collaboration: undergraduate research fellowships

Your support is enabling the Department of Geography and Environment to provide fellowships for students who would like to develop their research skills by working closely with faculty. Dr Richard Perkins, Associate Professor, explains more.

“A common question asked by students is whether they can get involved with the research of academic staff. We have invariably had to turn down such requests, not least because of a lack of available funds to pay students, which is a great shame. For academic staff, it has meant that we have lost out on the opportunity to receive valuable assistance from our fantastic students, and for our research to be enriched by their unique skills, insights and energies. Meanwhile students miss the chance to work with staff, learn more about academic research at LSE, and gain new or enhance existing skills. Crucially it has also been a lost opportunity for academic staff and students to get to know one another better, and to forge collaborative relationships around the co-production of exciting and cutting-edge research.

Now, thanks to your generosity, the Department of Geography and Environment is piloting a scheme which addresses this important gap. This year we are offering 12 undergraduate students the opportunity to work with academic staff in the department – from carrying out a literature review for a new research project or coding data from research interviews, through to building a social media presence to enhance an academic’s research impact. Funds will be available for the successful undergraduate applicants to work with a named academic for two weeks.

Our ambition is that these fellowships will serve as a model for fostering a more inclusive research community within LSE that can be rolled out further across the School in future years. To this end we will be evaluating the scheme from both the perspective of participating undergraduate students and academic staff. We would like to thank sincerely each and every one of you who has donated – without your support this pioneering scheme simply would not be possible.”



"My wife Deborah and I give to LSE to help affirm what the School is and to support what it can be. Virtually every nation today faces the crosswinds of a shifting world order and against this backdrop LSE's brand of enquiry is all the more relevant to governments and enterprise. It is easy to forget that in its founding, the School was the quintessential start-up story – even as it harnesses its rich history, it continues to draw upon its entrepreneurial DNA to lead the future of education.

It is to empower all of this that we actively support LSE."

Lutfey Siddiqi (MSc Economics 1998)

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Academic Department Support



Memorial fund recognises LSE scholar's passion for education

The Mayling Birney Memorial Fund has been established by the family of alumna and former staff member Dr Mayling Birney (MSc Economics 1999) to support students in the Department of International Development.

Dr Birney was Assistant Professor in Development Management, and a programme co-director for the MSc in Development Management within the Department of International Development.

The philanthropic fund will be used for an annual prize recognising the best overall performance from a student on the MSc Development Management programme.

"Dr Birney was a deeply admired colleague who will be much missed by all who knew her," commented Professor Ken Shadlen, Head of the Department of International Development. "Whether she was teaching students, chairing roundtable discussions or attending graduation ceremonies, she was always a consummate professional who brought warmth and vigour to all that she did, and staff fondly recall her brightness, wit and insight. We were fortunate to have Mayling with us, and her death is a tragic loss for the department and the School. It is fitting that gifts to The Mayling Birney Memorial Fund will support education in memory of her commitment to and passion for enhancing students' educational experiences."

Thank you to all alumni and friends who supported the Department of International Development in memory of Dr Mayling Birney via the regular giving programme.

Your Choice

We want you to choose how your generous support is directed for the maximum impact.

Following feedback from supporters, and in keeping with the School's 2030 Strategy ambitions, we are delighted to offer you an enhanced range of giving options for 2018/19 onwards:

- **Strategy 2030 Fund** – investing in the future of LSE by supporting immediate strategic priorities
- **Student Support Fund** – providing scholarships and bursaries for students experiencing financial hardship
- **Student Experience Fund** – enabling student-led initiatives that enhance the LSE student experience
- **Academic Departments and Institutes** – helping LSE Departments and Institutes to innovate in educating brilliant minds
- **Research Centres** – supporting world leading research that transforms global societies.

Please visit lse.ac.uk/research-centres-giving/ to see options.

LSE Donor Roll

The 2017/18 donor list will appear in Impact magazine, which you will receive in early 2019.

Impact celebrates and mentions every member of the LSE community who has generously given their philanthropic support and time to help strengthen the School.

Student support

Your support changes lives

As the Class of 2018 embark on their post-graduation journey, Georgia Cooper-Dervan, a law graduate, expresses her gratitude to you.

"I am the first person in my family to attend university. I am also a carer for my mother who has secondary progressive multiple sclerosis, and balancing this with studying has sometimes been challenging – but your support has made my life easier and has meant so much to me.

After three internships, I decided to follow my instinct and accepted a training contract at Kirkland & Ellis, a US firm. They only accept around ten trainees per year, so I feel proud and hope that the effort I put in will make a tangible difference to every deal I work on.

I would like to thank you once again, from the bottom of my heart, and assure you that I will continue to give back to LSE and the scholarship programmes in as many capacities as possible."

Georgia Cooper-Dervan (LLB Law 2018)

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Enhancing the student experience

Health in the digital age

The LSESU Health Society and The Health Foundry co-hosted a 'Digital Health' event in 2018 which brought together students, professionals and experts in the field of digital health. Speakers, including Ben Showers from the Department of Health and Social Care, and Dr Hapreet Sood, Associate Chief Clinical Information Officer at the NHS, gave presentations on their areas of expertise.

With the event themed around digitisation of the healthcare system, attendees gained insights into various business and health initiatives aimed at improving our access to healthcare in the digital age. In addition to speaker presentations, roundtable discussions offered opportunities for students and experts to collaborate on various topics, such as the role of technology in improving healthcare transport and infrastructures.

Understanding the brain to understand the causes of things

The intricacies of the brain in the context of prominent issues in the social sciences formed the focus of a ground-breaking student conference made possible by your generous support.

The newly-formed LSESU Neuroscience Society collaborated with UCL for the inaugural Neuroscience Conference, which sought to develop discussions building an in-depth understanding of the social sciences through a neurobiological lens.

The conference brought together renowned academics from the field of neuroscience. Professor Dick Swaab from the University of Amsterdam discussed the genetics of the male and female brain, while Professor Baland Jalal from the University of Cambridge spoke on disembodiment and dreams.

"LSE has an academic mission to 'understand the causes of things', which entails discovering what makes society the way that it is, why humans make the economic decisions they do and why they vote the way they do," said Philipp Ershov, LSESU Neuroscience Society Founder and Chairman. "Answering these questions is impossible without understanding the biological and scientific underpinnings of the human mind because, after all, decisions are made in the human mind. This conference was the perfect way of promoting that neuroscience is ideal for the social sciences, and this could only be done with the philanthropic support given to the School – thank you."

