



# Scholarships

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## LSE seeks to increase scholarships and widening participation activities

**As we move towards a new academic year, the importance of philanthropic support for our widening participation activities and scholarships is growing. LSE Advancement will be inviting our alumni and friends to help us improve access to all talented individuals, offering them an outstanding education in an exceptional environment. This will build on the fantastic support that you already provide to these incredibly bright individuals.**

LSE is also committed to widening access to the best and the brightest, through initiatives such as the new award for asylum seekers. From 2015, LSE will offer up to two awards worth £20,000 per year for students who are seeking asylum or have been granted limited leave to remain in the UK as the result of an asylum application, and who have an offer of a place on an LSE undergraduate programme. LSE is one of England's biggest university spenders on student outreach and bursaries, with a planned 50 per cent of additional income from undergraduate fees to be spent in 2014/15.

You may have noticed that numbers are ever increasing at our annual Donors and Scholars Reception, due to growing support from our alumni and friends. In a bid to improve accessibility and comfort, we will be hosting two events in 2015; one for those who assist undergraduate students and the other for our supporters of postgraduate study. Key dates for the next academic year can be found overleaf.

In order to offer the most rewarding experience to our students, we are enhancing our campus. The first new LSE building for over 40 years, the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre, opened its doors to students in January. We are delighted that this building has already won the RIBA London Building of the Year 2014, and has been shortlisted for the prestigious RIBA Stirling Award.

LSE would not be able to offer our students a world-class education and worthwhile experience without the philanthropic support given by you and of those like you. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you to next year's Donors and Scholars Reception.

## Landmark legacy gift for scholarships

**The School recently received a legacy gift worth over £1m from alumnus William Simpson (Bachelor of Commerce 1937). Bill, as he was known, passed away last year at the age of 97 after an illustrious career in banking, and having built a vast and valuable collection of teddy bears, which he donated to Hampshire County Council Museums Service in 2008.**

Bill believed that education should be accessible to all regardless of their financial circumstances, and so the School has created the William Simpson Fund, so he can always be remembered. This will be a total return endowment fund which will annually support an undergraduate, master's or PhD student in greatest need.

This adds to the already existing scholarships funded by legacy gifts, which helped 13 students across all levels of study at the School in 2013/14.



## 2013/14 academic year in scholarships

We would like to thank all donors to LSE who supported scholarships in the last year. Your gifts make a real difference to students, many of whom would not have access to higher education at the School without your support.

In the last academic year, the School provided approximately **£17 million** in scholarships, bursaries and other grants to students.

Of these, over **£2.7 million** were philanthropic scholarships at LSE.

This supported **244** scholars in their studies.

There were **42 undergraduate** scholarships and **48 postgraduate** scholarships supported by donations.

Of the scholars, **52 per cent** were female, and **48 per cent** were male.

**62 per cent** were for overseas students, and **38 per cent** for students from the UK.

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## Scholars host third Polish Economic Forum

**Earlier this year the LSESU Polish Business Society hosted the third Polish Economic Forum at LSE. One of the biggest student conferences on campus, this year's forum saw 480 attendees and an impressive array of speakers, including His Excellency Witold Sobków, Polish Ambassador to the UK, and Professor Jan Vincent-Rostowski, former Deputy Prime Minister of Poland.**

Kadas Scholarship recipient and President of the LSESU Polish Business Society, Michal Leszczynski, told us "some of our speakers called us a Polish student Davos," and added "our aim is to become an annual must-attend event for anyone interested in

Poland and its economy." Michal also spoke at this year's Donors and Scholars Reception at LSE (pictured left).

His predecessor as President, Jakub Szweczyk, was a recipient of the Stanislaw Karbownicki Undergraduate Scholarship, and his fellow organising committee member, Adam Krawiec, received The Jeremi Krolczewski Educational Trust Scholarship.

Without the support of these scholarships, each of the Forum coordinators could not have committed enough time to make this such a successful event. Thank you.

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## A scholarly view

Nona Buckley-Irvine is the new LSE Students' Union General Secretary. In her final year of undergraduate study she received the Dev Cropper Memorial Award. This award is given to a third-year student in recognition of their contribution to student and community life and shows appreciation for the public spiritedness that drives a student to help others. In 1998, Dev Cropper was a third year student at LSE, but sadly died suddenly of heart failure. He was actively involved in student politics, wrote for The Beaver, and campaigned against racism and the international arms trade. He also volunteered with Action Against Hunger. The award in his memory was given to Nona for the 2013/14 academic year and ensured that she could commit to being RAG President. Nona spoke with us to share her story.

"Before LSE my world felt extremely limited to the town that I lived in. I always planned to go to university, but didn't think that I would get into a top university. I did have ambitions to be a politician (which have now subsided!), but mostly I just wanted to go to university more than anything else.

Now that I'm here, LSE has completely changed my life. Through my extracurricular activities I gained experience in journalism, resulting in opportunities at the Guardian and the BBC. I was also fortunate enough to receive a bursary to study at the LSE-UCT July School, probably my most fulfilling experience so far. Studying in an institution with a wealth of

opportunities, a strong philosophy of working on social justice, and being able to make the friends I did, helped me both meet and exceed my goals.

The Dev Cropper Memorial Award was invaluable in supporting me in my extracurricular commitment as RAG (Raising and Giving) President during my third year. In this role I led a committee that ran fundraising activities for over 1,000 students, an incredible experience but something that was very time consuming. The financial support meant I didn't have to worry about working while studying and volunteering.

The award also meant that I could run for General Secretary. Without the work I did as RAG President, I would not have campaigned. The award gave me the confidence to go for it. The knowledge that someone nominated and chose me to be the recipient was really encouraging. The election campaign was my most enjoyable experience and I was lucky that my friends supported me, students voted and I had the chance to be heard on subjects that I felt passionately about.

My scholarship was a little unusual because it supports extracurricular activities. I think that scholarships of this nature are really beneficial because less advantaged students can lose out when it comes to student life. It would be encouraging to see more awards of this nature.

I'm not sure what the future holds. I'm interested in writing and would like to pursue this, or potentially a master's degree at UCT. Regardless of what role I end up in, it has to be one that allows me to travel the world, as this is a great passion of mine."

## Stelios scholar named Volunteer of the Year 2014

Earlier this year, Connor Russell (BSc Mathematics 2014), a recipient of the Stelios Scholarship was named LSE Volunteer of the Year at the annual LSE Volunteer Centre celebration. Connor was presented the award for his exceptional dedication to volunteering at IntoUniversity, a charity that offers an innovative programme that supports young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to attain either a university place or another chosen aspiration.

Jess Dunning, Volunteer Development Manager at IntoUniversity said, "We can't praise Connor enough for his volunteering work with IntoUniversity. Connor has shown a high level of commitment to our opportunities and ethos during his three years as a Mentor, Academic Support Tutor, Ambassador and Buddy, contributing well over 100 volunteering hours. He really has gone above and beyond as an IntoUniversity volunteer."

### Key dates for the 2014-15 academic year

2 October 2014	Start of Michaelmas term
20 October 2014	Scholarship briefing event
31 October 2014	Deadline for Student Registration
November-December 2014	Thank you letters sent from scholars
12 December 2014	End of Michaelmas term
24 December 2014-5 January 2015	School closed for Christmas
12 January 2015	Start of Lent term
11 March 2015	Donors and Scholars Reception for Undergraduates
12 March 2015	Donors and Scholars Reception for Postgraduates
20 March 2015	End of Lent term
2-8 April 2015	School closed for Easter closure
27 April 2015	Start of Summer term
3 July 2015	End of Summer term

## 2014 Donors and Scholars reception

Over 200 donors and scholars attended the 2014 Donors and Scholars Reception at the School on 13 March to celebrate the impact that philanthropic giving can have on a student's life.

Some of the photos taken at the event are shown below.



George Swriski (BSc Economics 1978), speaking at this year's reception



Rita Golden (BSc Sociology 1971) with scholars, Li Lic Khoo, Amerprit Kingra and Queenie Pokuaa-Akoto



Santander representatives, Chris Clements and Michael Wilson, with the 2013/14 Santander Scholarship recipients



Richard Shackleton (BSc International Relations 1981) with Stelios scholar, Lukas Sidlauskas