



Issue 3

Welcome to the third edition of LSE's Scholarships Newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy this brief update of news about recent School events and our scholarship programme.

As the new academic year begins we welcome not only a new cohort of students but also a new Director. Professor Craig Calhoun officially started at the School on 1 September 2012, taking over from our interim Director, Professor Judith Rees, who did an excellent job of leading LSE through the past 18 months.

Professor Calhoun comes to us from New York University where he was a University Professor, Director of the Institute for Public Knowledge and President of the Social Science Resource Council.

An American citizen with deep ties to Britain, Professor Calhoun took a DPhil in History and Sociology at Oxford University and a Masters in Anthropology at Manchester. He jointly founded the NYLON programme with Richard Sennett, Professor of Sociology at LSE, which brings together graduate students from New York and London for co-operative research programmes.

Alongside welcoming a new Director to the School, we are delighted to report that LSE was recently ranked the second best university in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2013*, topping the chart for universities in London. The rankings, which used, amongst other indicators, student satisfaction and graduate prospects to rate over 100 universities in the UK, mark LSE out as an extremely desirable destination of study for the brightest and the best students. The School's scholarship programme plays a vital role in helping to ensure that financial constraints are not a barrier for those applying to the School. Read more about LSE's climb up the league tables over the page.

Through your generosity in supporting the School's scholarship programme you have helped give a generation of young people opportunities they previously would not have thought possible. In this, the first year of increased undergraduate tuition fees, our UK and EU undergraduate students are more in need of support than ever before. We mentioned in the last edition the steps LSE has taken to ensure as many students as possible have access to the same opportunities as before, and our programme of philanthropically funded scholarships is integral to this. Thank you for your continuing generosity and loyal support.

LSE climbs up the league tables

LSE has overtaken the University of Oxford to take second place in *The Complete University*



Guide 2013, rising from fourth place in last year's rankings. The guide, published in April 2012, also ranked the School as the best university in London.

Ratings are based on league tables compiled using a range of data, including entry requirements, student satisfaction, research assessment and graduate prospects.

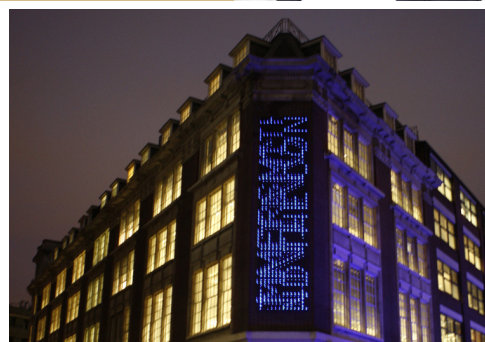
As well as giving overall rankings, the guide also published league tables for individual subject areas. LSE was rated as the top place in the UK to study Accounting and Finance, Economics and Social Policy. All of the subjects offered by the School came in the top five of each individual league table, with the vast majority being placed in the top three.

Notably, the School topped the tables

for graduate prospects, with the highest employment rate of the 116 universities featured. The employment rate at the LSE is 24 per cent higher than the UK average, with an impressive 87.8 per cent of LSE graduates undertaking employment or further study six months after graduation.

The Times and *The Guardian* newspapers also published university guides; compiled using similar, but varying, criteria. All of the guides ranked LSE among the top three UK universities for 2013, with *The Times* affirming LSE's place as the leading university for graduate prospects. Taking into account the quality of teaching, *The Guardian's* guide saw the School's average teaching score rise to an impressive 93.9 from 84.7.

Stuart Corbridge, Pro-Director for External Relations and Research, said: "We treat single league tables with caution because the real strengths of a university can't be measured like this. However, the pattern that has emerged in this year's tables – with LSE firmly in the country's top three institutions – is pleasing because it speaks of the excellent standards set by faculty, students and staff."



2011-12 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 **£13 million** in scholarships, bursaries and other grants to students.

Of these, **£2 million** were philanthropic scholarships.

This supported **205** scholars in their studies.

There were **119 undergraduate** scholarships and **86 postgraduate** scholarships supported by donations.

Of the scholars, **51 per cent** were female, and **49 per cent** were male.

Sixty six per cent of the scholarships were for overseas students, and **34 per cent** for UK students.

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A scholarly view



Bhaveer Shah and scholarship donor Brian Smith (BSc Economics 1963)

Bhaveer Shah is an undergraduate student reading Economics. He is the recipient of the UK Undergraduate Scholarship, which was generously funded by Brian Smith (BSc Economics 1963). The UK Undergraduate Scholarship was created in 2004 and has supported seven scholars to date. In addition to the monetary value of the scholarship given to Bhaveer, Brian and Bhaveer have built a firm friendship during the course of his studies. We spoke to Bhaveer as he was about to embark on his final year at LSE.

Bhaveer explains, "When making my decision about coming to LSE I was split between several universities, so I decided to visit the LSE campus to help to make up my mind. Within minutes of arriving on Houghton Street I had been approached to join a behavioural research workshop, handed a flyer about an Amartya Sen public lecture and overheard a conversation about US health policy in the Garrick queue! I immediately sensed a unique buzz on LSE campus and knew this was a place where I would thrive.

However, student loans don't cover the full costs of studying in central London and

my family has never been in the financial position to think about owning a home, let alone paying for my studies! The scholarship was a lifeline and I would not have been able to study in London without it.

Since being here I've learnt as much from my cohort as I have through my degree itself, and flagship new modules (such as LSE100) have transformed the way I analyse issues. Having the perspective of international students also makes an LSE degree like a crash-course for developing into a more open-minded and critical thinker.

My donor, Brian Smith, has made an incredible effort to know me personally and it's deeply encouraging to have a donor who believes in my abilities. That personal touch has given me the drive and confidence to prove myself even further through my degree. What's more, Brian has always tried to show me what London has to offer outside of LSE and I have been lucky enough to go to the opera, musicals and theatrical productions with him. That's been a big part of my LSE experience, and it's helped me flourish into having a more developed personality with new and exciting interests. It's humbling to have a donor who always reminds me of my full potential, and as a result I will leave LSE a far more independent, well-rounded and ambitious graduate than I would have been otherwise.

I interned with Global Research at Credit Suisse this summer, and will be joining as an FX Analyst after graduating. It was rewarding to use the skills from my degree to provide real commercial insights. Furthermore, those interesting hobbies that I'd developed thanks to my scholarship donor helped me to bond well with colleagues during my internship.

2012 Donors and Scholars Reception

Over 200 donors and scholars attended the 2012 Donors and Scholars Reception at the School on 14 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.



Professor Susan Dev OBE (MSc Accounting 1968) with scholar, Shalini Mittal



Tracy Ghorri and Paul Griffiths of the Stelios Foundation with the Stelios scholars

Key dates for the 2012-13 academic year

As we begin Michaelmas term we would like to provide you with some key dates in the scholarships calendar (below). Prospective students will have now been informed if their scholarship application was successful and after the October registration deadline new and continuing scholars will write to the donors of their scholarship to introduce or reacquaint themselves.

29 September 2012	Start of Michaelmas Term
31 October 2012	Deadline for Student Registration
November-December 2012	Thank you letters sent from Scholars
14 December 2012	End of Michaelmas term
21 December 2012-2 January 2013	School closed for Christmas
14 January 2013	Start of Lent term
4 March 2013	Donors and Scholars Reception
22 March 2013	End of Lent term
28 March-4 April 2013	School closed for Easter closure
29 April 2013	Start of Summer term
5 July 2013	End of Summer term



Rachna Dewan (BSc Economics 1992, MSCEC 1993) and Shanker Patel (BSc Economic History 1992) with scholar, Asha Tranquille-Day