



Welcome to the fourth edition of LSE's annual scholarship newsletter. As we approach the new academic year, we would like to update you on recent developments within the School, share a heart-warming and aspirational story from one of our scholarship recipients and thank all of our generous donors who make an irrefutable difference to the lives of many of our students.

Since joining us a year ago from New York University, Professor Craig Calhoun has been working hard to enhance the student experience and to convey to the world that an LSE education is achievable for every talented student despite their background. Earlier this year he announced the introduction of 50 new Indian postgraduate scholarships funded by the School, which will remove the financial barriers for many incredibly bright individuals.

We are also thrilled to announce that *The Complete University Guide 2014* and *The Guardian University Guide 2014* have once again ranked LSE the top university in London, and third overall after Oxford and Cambridge. LSE has been in the top five of *The Guardian's* league tables in the past three years. LSE has also risen to 25th in the third annual *Times Higher Education* World

Reputation Rankings. This represents a year-on-year increase for the School, which was previously ranked at 29th in 2012 and 37th in 2011.

Special thanks go to Bill Bottriell (BSc Economics 1978) and Richard Goeltz (General Course 1963), who have both renewed their support to LSE in 2012/13, bringing their cumulative philanthropic giving to over £1 million each. Bill has provided support to the Bottriell Scholarships since 2002, and has already supported 20 financially disadvantaged students through their undergraduate studies, with many more set to benefit in the future. Richard has previously provided support for undergraduate and PhD scholarships, as well as to a number of campus redevelopment projects and the LSE Centennial Fund, and his new gift will ensure that talented PhD students in the Departments of Accounting, Economics and Finance continue to benefit from much needed scholarships.

We would like to thank all our philanthropic supporters who give so generously to support LSE's scholarship programme, opening doors for the many talented and deserving students who may not otherwise benefit from the opportunity of studying at LSE. Thank you.

LSE announces 50 new India postgraduate scholarships



In February 2013 Professor Craig Calhoun announced the introduction of 50 new scholarships for students, from India removing financial barriers faced by potential Indian Master's degree students who would

otherwise have prevented them from accepting a place at the School. The awards will range from £3,000 to £32,000 and have been granted based on the financial need of the applicant.

Suitable candidates were found by the Financial Support Office at LSE, who look through hundreds of applications each year for all of LSE's available scholarships, including our philanthropic scholarships. It is a triumph that the full 50 scholarships have been offered and accepted by 50 Indian students for the start of the new academic year, illustrating the determination of the School in providing an equal chance for all students around the world to be taught at a world-class institution.

LSE selected for Phase III of Pathways to Law programme



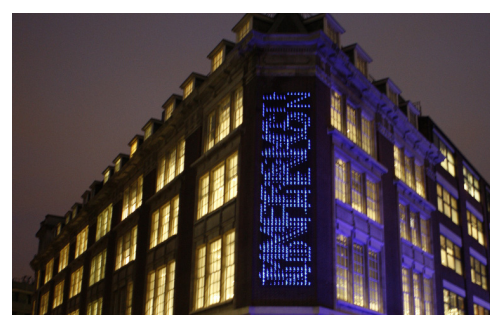
We are pleased to announce that LSE has been selected to continue with Phase III of the Pathways to Law

programme for the next four years. This programme was set up by The Sutton Trust and provides 70 year 12 students from non-privileged backgrounds with a taster of the topics covered in a university level law course.

LSE is one of only 12 universities in the country, and one of only two in London, chosen to run this programme, which is aimed at 17-18 year olds.

Since its inception in 2006 there have been 350 graduates of the Pathways to Law programme, many of whom have gone on to study law at the School or other Russell Group institutions.

This programme gives these students access to learning and practical support, an opportunity they may otherwise have missed. The course benefits from visits to the Old Bailey, Supreme Court, Inner Temple and Royal Courts of Justice, as well as opportunities to shadow current undergraduate LSE law students (some of whom also studied on the programme), personal statement and student finance sessions, and advice on a variety of academic skills, including critical thinking, essay writing and research.



2012/13 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 **£15 million** in scholarships, bursaries and other grants to students.

Of these, over **£2.4 million** were philanthropic scholarships at LSE.

This supported **216** scholars in their studies.

There were **119 undergraduate** scholarships and **97 postgraduate** scholarships supported by donations.

Of the scholars, **53 per cent** were female, and **47 per cent** were male.

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

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A scholarly view

Taraq Khan is an undergraduate student reading economics. He is the recipient of the Norman Jefferies Undergraduate Scholarship, which was generously funded by Catrin Jefferies, in memory of her late father-in-law Norman. After the Second World War, Norman came to LSE where he graduated with a BSc in Economics in 1948. The scholarship was established in his name in 2012 to support a single full-time student studying economics. It was awarded to Taraq at the beginning of the 2012/13 academic year and has helped him enjoy his studies without financial worries. After his first year of study, Taraq spoke with us to share his experiences and aspirations.

"Attending university and completing a degree had always been a goal of mine. Since I had no specific career in mind, I simply chose to study what I enjoyed. I selected LSE as it is one of the foremost higher education institutions in the UK. The courses are highly respected and, given satisfactory attainment, I hope to be accepted on one of the graduate degree programmes when I have finished my undergraduate studies.

"Living in London is costly, and, given that tuition fees were going up from 2012, studying here became even more expensive. I knew I would be reluctant to take out additional loans for further study with such debts, but thanks to the Norman

Jefferies Scholarship the psychological effects of such worries have all but gone.

"I was fortunate to be able to meet my donor, Catrin Jefferies, on multiple occasions during my first year. It's surprising how much one can enjoy simply talking to another. My scholarship is named after the late Norman Jefferies and while I did not have the pleasure to meet him in person, I found his dedication to economics, studying even as a prisoner of war, to be admirable. I feel privileged to have received a scholarship in his name.

"Studying at LSE has also given me the chance to pursue other interests. I volunteered at a school supplementary class for primary and secondary school students, to help them improve their overall attainment by focusing on their academic weaknesses and offering encouragement. Helping the young to reach their potential can be challenging but, at the same time, somewhat gratifying.

"One of my most enjoyable experiences has been meeting new people. Encountering others with remarkable traits can really help humble your perspective on others, as well as yourself.

"After my degree, I would like to study further in the field of economics, after which I may try for a job in academia, although I am yet to decide on my chosen career. I would like to thank Catrin, and Norman, for supporting me in achieving my goals."

2013 Donors and Scholars Reception

Over 200 donors and scholars attended the 2013 Donors and Scholars Reception at the School on 4 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.



Dr Pauline Graham (BSc Accounting and Finance 1965), centre, with Director of Development, Fiona Kirk and scholar, Luxmi Kiran



Alan Elias (LLB Law 1977), right, with scholar, Kirsten Wright

OFFA approves LSE's 2014 access agreement

Earlier this year the Office for Fair Access (OFFA) approved LSE's 2014/15 access agreement, in which around 50 per cent of its additional income from increased undergraduate fees will be used for supplementary scholarships, bursaries and widening participation activities.

In the current system the School leverages £2.93 million from fees to spend on outreach activities and bursaries. From 2014, when EU/UK undergraduate fees increase to £9,000, this figure

will increase to £3.47 million, which means more support to students with low-income backgrounds.

Students on full or partial grants, around one third of the student body, will be eligible to receive an LSE bursary in addition to the government financial support grant. The awards start from £4,000 for students from households with an income of less than £18,000 per annum and taper down to £750 based on increased household income.

Key dates for the 2013/14 academic year

3 October 2013	Start of Michaelmas term
31 October 2013	Deadline for Student Registration
November-December 2013	Thank you letters sent from scholars
13 December 2013	End of Michaelmas term
21 December 2013-2 January 2014	School closed for Christmas
13 January 2014	Start of Lent term
13 March 2014	Donors and Scholars Reception
21 March 2014	End of Lent term
17-23 April 2014	School closed for Easter closure
28 April 2014	Start of Summer term
4 July 2014	End of Summer term



Bill Bottriell (BSc Economics 1978), right, with scholars, Lee Brown and Lucy Hulbert