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Welcome to the first edition of LSE's Scholarships newsletter, which aims to provide an annual round up of the School's scholarship programme to the people whose support enables it to happen.

For many students, the letter that they receive from the School's Financial Support Office (FSO) informing them that they will receive a scholarship is the difference between them being able to accept their place to study at LSE or not. Thanks to your support, last year LSE was able to award philanthropically-funded scholarships to 270 talented and deserving students, and is set to award a similar number in the coming academic year.

Since the end of the Summer Term, FSO and the School's Scholarships Awards Panels have been working hard to allocate scholarship awards to the best possible candidates. In addition to around 250 philanthropically-funded scholarships for new and continuing students, FSO are also responsible for awarding around £10 million of scholarships and awards that are funded by other sources. As we write, the FSO has managed to identify deserving students for all but a handful of the available awards and the School keenly awaits the arrival of all of these new and continuing scholars in October.

There are occasionally circumstances, most often outside of the School's or the scholar's control, that can prevent a student arriving at the School to commence their studies. The new UK Border Agency visa restrictions introduced at the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year was a factor for some students experiencing problems last year, unexpected illness or other personal reasons can also be reasons for this happening. That said, once a scholarship award has been confirmed, the vast majority of students register and commence their studies at the School without any problem, and we expect this to be the case in the coming academic year.

In the autumn new and continuing scholars will write to the donors of their scholarships to introduce or reacquire themselves, and the Donors and Scholars event later in the academic year provides an opportunity for donors and scholars to meet face-to-face. The School would also be happy to facilitate other opportunities for contact and meetings for individuals as the academic year progresses.

Through your support of the School's scholarship programme, you have presented talented and deserving students with the gift of an LSE education. Thank you for your life-changing generosity.



2009-10 academic year in scholarships

We would like to thank donors to LSE who supported scholarships during the 2009-10 academic year. Your gifts have made a huge difference to the lives of many students at LSE

£2,517,441.80

Philanthropic funds directed towards scholarships in 2009-10

270

Scholarships awarded last year

146:124

Ratio of female:male scholarship recipients in 2009-10

21

Departments which had scholarship recipients study with them

117

Types of scholarship

133:137

Ratio of scholarships awarded for postgraduate:undergraduate study

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Save the Date: Wednesday 9 March 2011 Donors and Scholars Reception

The 2011 Donors and Scholars Reception will take place on Wednesday 9 March 2011. Regular attendees may notice that the event is being held earlier than usual, providing donors and scholarship recipients with the opportunity to meet sooner into the academic year than previously has been the case.

The School is delighted that the reception has become increasingly popular over recent years, but one unfortunate side-effect is that the event has also become extremely crowded. In a bid to improve this, another adjustment for 2011 is a change of format from a buffet supper to a canapé reception. We hope that this



will free up vital extra space for guests to mingle and enjoy the evening in a more relaxed environment.

Formal invitations to the reception will be sent to you nearer to the time of the reception, so for now please mark the date in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you in March!



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A scholarly view

Allen Azemia was working as a software architect in the Seychelles when he became aware of LSE's Jones Markham Seychelles Scholarship. The year before he had been forced to turn down the opportunity to undertake his final honours at Edith Cowan University in Perth because he didn't have the financial means to support himself through an extra year of study.

After successfully applying for the scholarship, Allen arrived at the School in September 2009 to begin his MSc in Analysis, Design and Management of Information Systems (ADMIS) programme.

Here he describes his LSE experience. 'I thought the ADMIS MSc would be a really good opportunity to learn about the management of information systems. My experience of the programme has been really good because I arrived at LSE with a purely technological outlook and I have

subsequently learnt that you need to understand the social environment and the management issues before you can really implement the technology in an organisation. It has transformed my mindset.

The course has provoked an interest in mobile healthcare, and the role of technology in improving the provision of healthcare. This is the direction that I want to go in when I finish my studies. A lot of people in the Seychelles live in the mountains so having a good mobile infrastructure would enable doctors to help people remotely, particularly elderly patients who normally need to be visited at home but who are difficult to get to.

I have met one of the donors of my scholarship, Peter Jones, and his wife Liz a few times. As an LSE alumnus himself, Peter explained how the School works and helped me to blend in. They made me and my wife feel really welcome.

Overall the scholarship has given me an opportunity to learn more, to study at a really good university and to develop a new perspective and a different mindset. As a scholarship recipient myself I know that there are a lot of people out there who are bright and would really benefit from a chance to study at LSE so I think that scholarships and other ways of providing support, such as the Annual Fund, are an extremely positive thing.'



Left to right: Allen with Peter and Liz Jones and wife Virginie.

Key dates for the 2010-11 academic year

30 September 2010	Start of Michaelmas Term
31 October 2010	Deadline for Student Registration
November - December 2010	Thank you letters sent from Scholars
10 December 2010	End of Michaelmas term
23 December 2010 - 3 January 2011	School closed for Christmas closure
10 January 2011	Start of Lent term
9 March 2011	Donors and Scholars Reception
25 March 2011	End of Lent term
21- 27 April 2011	School closed for Easter closure
3 May 2011	Start of Summer term
1 July 2011	End of Summer term

2010 Donors and Scholars Reception

Over 250 donors and scholars attended the 2010 Donors and Scholars Reception at the School on 29 April in celebration of the continuing impact of LSE's scholarship programme. Some of the photographs taken at the event are shown below.



Stelios Scholarship recipients with Tracy Ghori of the Stelios Foundation



Left to right: Donor Patrick Mears (LLB 1979) with Carol Anders Scholars, Dora Pancsoyay and Carl Singleton



Recipients of the Lord Dahrendorf Scholarship, supported by Deutsche Bank, with representatives of Deutsche Bank