



Welcome to the second edition of LSE's Scholarships newsletter. We hope that you have enjoyed the summer period and that you will enjoy this brief update of news from the School. In this edition we bring you an update on tuition fees, news of the School's award for its widening participation scheme, information about our work with Santander, and a round up of some of the interesting facts and figures behind scholarships in the last year.

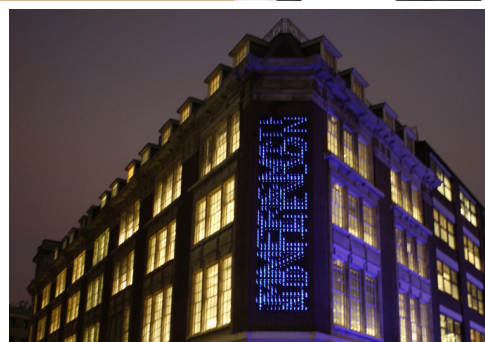
Many students will have now received notification of whether they have been awarded the scholarships they have so eagerly hoped for. The next step for our prospective scholars was to reach their required grades to take up their offers at LSE. Last year LSE was able to award philanthropically funded scholarships to over 260 talented and deserving students, and is set to award around 230 in the coming academic year.

The Financial Support Office (FSO) and the School's Scholarships Awards Panels have been working hard through the summer to

ensure each scholarship has been awarded to the right candidate according to the donor's wishes. Where students have failed to meet the conditions of their offer, they have tried to find suitable reserve candidates to take their place.

In the autumn, once the deadline for registering has passed (October 31) new and continuing scholars will write to the donors of their scholarships to introduce or reacquaint themselves. Also, save the date now for the **Donors and Scholars event on March 14 2012**, which provides an opportunity for donors and their scholars to meet face-to-face. The School is also 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 created opportunities for those who thought the prospect of an LSE education and all it could provide was unattainable. Thank you for your generous gift and loyal support.



2010-11 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 **£12 million** in scholarships, bursaries and other grants to students.

Of these, **£2.35 million** were philanthropic scholarships at LSE.

This supported **228** scholars in their studies.

There were **120 undergraduate** scholarships and **108 postgraduate** scholarships supported by donations.

Of the scholars, **56 per cent** were female, and **44 per cent** were male.

65 per cent were for overseas students, and **35 per cent** for UK students.

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Santander supports scholars and encourages entrepreneurs

LSE is proud to continue its relationship with Santander through its ongoing scholarships programme, travel grants and support for students. We are delighted that Santander is supporting a Santander mobility and scholarship award and an extra Formula Santander scholarship this year along with the postgraduate and undergraduate Santander scholarships.



Santander has also been working to promote entrepreneurship among students. Vyacheslav 'Slava' Polonski - an LSE Stelios scholar, was shortlisted from applications received from all UK Santander partner universities for the first Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Awards.

Slava's business proposal was for 'Robopitch', a fully automated guitar tuner capable of automatically tuning any type of guitar to standard or complex tuning settings. Slava made the final five in the undergraduate category and gave a presentation via teleconference from Germany. He was invited to attend the awards ceremony on Tuesday 5 July, held

at the Spanish Embassy in London, but was unfortunately unable to attend.

Another LSE student, Avinash Patchava, was long listed to the final ten contestants in the graduate category for his business proposal 'Kliqed', a calendar management application that makes social and event planning easier, less awkward and more automatic.

Santander also held a ceremony to celebrate last year's Formula Santander scholars and the launch of this year's scholarships. LSE postgraduate student and Santander Formula scholar, Samuel Jacobson, was one of the lucky students given the opportunity to met Emilio Botín, chairman of Banco Santander, and F1 drivers Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

We are grateful to Santander for their support of LSE, their generous funding of scholarships and their continuing commitment to education.



John Hedges with the Santander Scholars at last year's Donors and Scholars reception



LSE wins plaudits for widening participation

LSE's work to improve access to university has been recognised in a recent award for 'Best Widening Participation Programme' for encouraging inner-city students to go to university.

The ceremony, hosted by Lord Wei and the charity Excellence in Education, took place in July at the House of Lords. Accepting the award, Alexandra Smith from LSE's Widening Participation team said: "Inner-city pupils often face considerable barriers to higher education, so we focus on attainment and aspiration raising activities."

LSE is developing new initiatives from 2012 for pupils in years 9 to 13: a transition programme to raise aspirations and skills, a one day Introduction to Social Sciences, a three day Easter School to give a taste of university life, interactive social science

workshops in schools, and expanding the student mentoring scheme to a younger audience.

These complement existing programmes such as LSE CHOICE, which brings 180 talented students from backgrounds with no university tradition to a week-long summer school to develop skills and critical thinking.

LSE aims to increase pupils reached by over 100 a year with a goal of 2,350 a year in 2017. This is an ambitious target, but with our philanthropic partners, we will continue to make a difference to under-represented groups raising aspirations and giving them the opportunity to have an excellent university education.

2011 Donors and Scholars Reception

Over 270 donors and scholars attended the 2011 Donors and Scholars Reception at the School on 9 March in celebration of the continuing impact of LSE's scholarship programme. Some of the photographs taken at the event are shown below.



Bill Bottriell (BSc Economics 1978) and his scholars.



Brendan Barns (BSc Government 1995) and Imogen Rudkins-Stow of the London Business Forum with their Scholar, Carla Hanna.



John Howe CB OBE and Alex Armstrong of the Frederick Bonnart-Braunthal Trust with their scholars Yael Weisz-Rind and Victoria Redclift.

Tuition fees and fee status

As a result of a change in UK government policy on education funding, LSE has had to raise tuition fees for UK/EU undergraduates for 2012 entry. Despite the severe cuts in central government funding for the teaching of social sciences, LSE chose to make the smallest fee increase of any English member of the elite Russell group of UK universities. This was due to the School's commitment to ensuring that education does not become a market accessible solely for the rich.

LSE has ring-fenced one-third of student fees to be used to provide enhanced financial support and to extend the School's widening participation efforts, particularly in London's more deprived communities – see the article above for further details. The School will increase the annual amount

spent on bursaries and discounts for UK undergraduates to over £2.2 million by 2015 and on widening participation and retention measures to £665,000 by 2015. Students on a full grant will receive annual bursaries worth £3,000 or £3,500 per year, while students on a partial grant will receive bursaries worth between £500 and £2,500 per year depending on household income. In addition, English students from the lowest income backgrounds will be eligible for a further £3,000 discount from their fees or accommodation in their first year at LSE.

The School is committed to ensuring that universities continue to be a driver of social mobility for the brightest students. Thank you to our many scholarship supporters in partnering with LSE to achieve this goal.

Key dates for the 2011-12 academic year

29 September 2011	Start of Michaelmas Term
31 October 2011	Deadline for Student Registration
November - December 2011	Thank you letters sent from Scholars
9 December 2011	End of Michaelmas term
22 December 2011 - 3 January 2012	School closed for Christmas
9 January 2012	Start of Lent term
14 March 2012	Donors and Scholars Reception
16 March 2012	End of Lent term
5-11 April 2012	School closed for Easter closure
23 April 2012	Start of Summer term
29 June 2012	End of Summer term