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Bloomberg Philanthropies Scholarship for Public Service



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Overview

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Scholarship for Public Service provides experienced public-sector professionals with full tuition to the Executive MSc in Cities programme at the London School of Economics, with ten scholarships available for the September 2026 cohort – five for European applicants and five for international applicants.

This scholarship is one of the opportunities offered by the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative, a pioneering program to help mayors and their teams across the continent strengthen leadership skills, drive public sector innovation, and tackle complex urban challenges to deliver tangible results for residents in new ways.

With full tuition supported by the Bloomberg Philanthropies Scholarship for Public Service, public-sector leaders can join the Executive MSc in Cities and strengthen their capacity to create more sustainable, inclusive and resilient cities.

Transform the future of cities

- Tap into LSE's globally recognised research and immerse yourself in the ideas shaping tomorrow's urban world.
- Learn from world-leading faculty and influential practitioners redefining urban policy, design and governance.
- Master the strategic tools needed to tackle the pressing environmental, economic and social challenges cities face.

Accelerate your impact with hybrid-flex learning

- Study in a flexible format that blends live in-person or remote teaching with immersive digital content tailored for working professionals.
- Tackle real urban challenges through hands-on collaboration with partners such as C40 Cities and the World Bank.
- Deliver a consultancy project that turns your learning into real organisational change.

Join a global network of diverse urban professionals

- Learn within an international, cross-sector cohort where participants share expertise and gain insight from each other's lived professional experience.
- Build lasting connections through LSE Cities' global networks of urban leaders, experts and partner organisations.
- Strengthen your long-term leadership journey through exposure to new perspectives, regions and ways of delivering urban change.

Eligibility Criteria

This scholarship aims to support exceptional professionals dedicated to improving public sector services at both national and local government levels. Applicants must have 10+ years of work experience and currently work in a public sector role.

Key Dates for Applicants

1 April 2026 – Submit your programme and scholarship applications for consideration

Late April/Early May 2026 – Interviews with shortlisted scholarship candidates

29 May 2026 – Successful scholarship applicants notified

September 2026 – Executive MSc in Cities programme commences

Interested in applying?

Schedule a conversation with one of the programme directors using this [form](#).

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship or programme, please reach out to Keenan Collett, Student and Professional Development Manager, at K.Collett1@lse.ac.uk