



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

# Department of Economic History

Joining us for your PhD

Professor Patrick Wallis, Head of Department

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# The Department

## Academics:

14 full professors

13 assistant and associate professors, LSE Fellows

Visitors, post-doctoral Fellows

## Post-graduate community:

25 PhD (years 1-4)

120 Masters students

220 Undergraduate students

# Research clusters

Demography, labour and living standards

Historical economic geography and long-run economic change

Pre-industrial economic history

Firms and finance

Global economic history

Narrative science

# What is economic history?

- Distinct discipline from economics and history.
- Own methodological approaches.
- Study the success and failure of economic actors in the past, both large-scale macro-level units such as national economies and large enterprises, as well as households and individuals at the micro-level.
- Collect and analyse quantitative and qualitative primary source evidence.

# The PhD

3-4 years long

First year engage with specific courses:

- General: methodology, ethics, academic research

- Courses relevant to your own research

- Graduate Teaching Assistant course

Second year, and subsequent

- Teaching opportunities

Throughout

- Arrange and attend seminars and workshops

# Supervision

## Supervision team

- First supervisor takes prime responsibility

- Second supervisor, but can have wider influence from department

- DPD oversees

## School

- PhD Academy: regulations, requirements and support

# Support System

LSE Life – Writing center at MHC

PhD Training Workshops – Quantitative methodological training: R, STATA, GIS, Python. Qualitative Methodological trainings: ethnography, creating narrative.

PhD Academy provides 1-1 support on method training

EDEN Center: teach you how to teach. Earn Certificate in high education

# Assessment

First year review – specific research question

Outline of research and a literature review

Main review (GRC) – end of second year

one core chapter with original contribution

Final year – viva with examiners, job market

3 Paper for Quantitative method, or a monograph  
manuscript for qualitative methods (100,000 words)



# Destinations

Academic

Economics, history and business departments worldwide

Public and private sector

List from last five years on website

# Funding

In recent years had 3 or 4 ESRC/ LSE Fellowships allocated by the Department  
Home and overseas students

Self-funding  
Grants and awards from other bodies  
Own/ family resources

## How to apply

Complete application through LSE graduate applications portal

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/Prospective-students/How-to-Apply>

- Previous education and employment
- Personal statement – motivation for undertaking PhD
- Research statement – discuss with prospective supervisor if possible
- Example of previous written work
- References (academic work)

# Research proposal

- Defines clear question and approach to answering it
- Highlights originality and / or significance
- Explains how it adds to existing literature in the field
- Persuades others of importance of work and why you are the right person to do this research

3-4 pages in length

# Process

Application considered by Department committee

Those considering for offers interviewed:

research proposal, resources needed, further training

Offers of place made

Offers of funding made

# Deadlines

Funding deadline for first round of PhD studentships and ESRC funding for 2023 entry:

**13 January 2023**

Second round of PhD admissions (few studentships available in this second round):

**27 April 2023**

Thank you!

Questions in chat