



Dear offer holder,

We hope you're finding the information we've been sending you useful and informative. This email focuses on the various opportunities offered by the Department of Social Policy and LSE to help you build on your existing skills and develop new ones — skills which will serve you not only during your time as an LSE undergraduate, but long after you graduate.

We'll also take you through some of the fantastic opportunities our department and LSE have for you to get involved in your community.



Skills development opportunities for Social Policy students

As a member of our Social Policy community, you'll have access to department-led opportunities for professional and academic growth, designed to support your journey through your undergraduate programme.

Academic and professional skills

We offer many opportunities for you to gain practical skills and knowledge, promoting academic and professional success at LSE and beyond. From workshops and networking events to dedicated sessions aimed at enhancing your academic studies and professional future, explore our [Academic and Professional Skills Development](#) page to find out more!

In your first year of study, you'll have specific academic skills workshops timetabled as part of your SP100 – Understanding International Social and Public

Policy core degree course. Previous workshops have included sessions on reading, note-taking, and essay-writing skills.

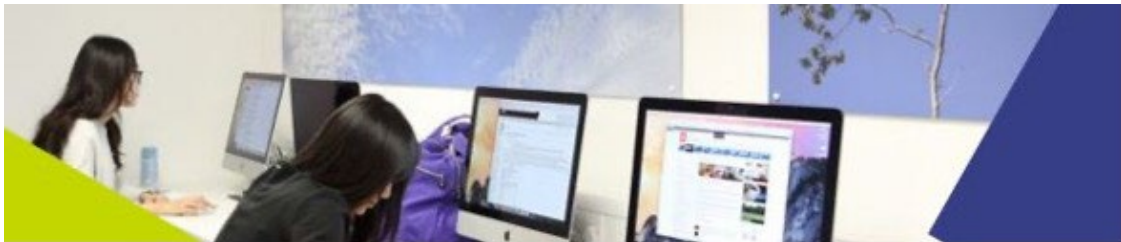
Language bursaries

Learning a language is a great opportunity for personal, professional, and academic development. For this reason, the department provides a limited number of part-funded bursaries to Social Policy students, which you can apply for to take non-degree modern foreign language courses at LSE's [Language Centre](#).

Research skills and opportunities

We know that many of our students are interested in increasing their research skills and in gaining research experience. Not only do you learn how to become a Social Policy researcher throughout your degree, via the SP101, SP201 and SP399 core courses on your programme, but there are also opportunities provided across LSE for you to engage with research-related activity!

Look at the [Undergraduate Research Portal](#) to find out about activities you can engage with such as one-off projects and competitions.



Get involved in your department: Social Policy student voice

Our department values student insight, and there are lots of ways for you to take part and contribute your voice to the Social Policy community during your time here.

Student Academic Representatives

[Student Academic Representatives](#) (or "reps") are very important for our department and across LSE. They ensure that your concerns are addressed and that students have a say in the running of their programme. Student Academic Representatives help the department work to improve the student experience, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Reps attend department meetings and offer feedback about the quality of their programme their student experience, including the things they love and the things

that could be improved. An election for each programme takes place at the start of the year and training is provided by the [Students' Union](#).

Social Policy Green Team

Are you interested in sustainability? Keen to promote green practices and initiatives? Then get involved with the [Social Policy Green Team](#)! As part of the team, you'll have the opportunity to create, initiate and lead on green themed projects throughout the year with involvement from staff, faculty, and students in the department.



Opportunities from around the School

Alongside your department, all LSE students have access to a range of support to pursue their interests, upskill in key areas, and start preparing for the world of work. Below are some of the many options you'll have available to you during your time at LSE.

English language skills

If English is not your first language, LSE offers [bespoke academic writing courses and one-to-one English language support](#) to help you improve and practise for your academic work.

LSE careers and volunteering

Make sure you check out [LSE's Careers Service](#). From helping you to find part-time work and internships, to providing opportunities to explore different sectors and connect with employers and alumni, the Careers service is there to support you throughout your LSE journey and beyond.

You may also be interested in the [LSE Volunteering Centre](#), providing volunteering opportunities which not only help you to make a difference to the local community but also allow you to upskill, network, and learn about areas of work along the way!



Other opportunities

[LSE Generate](#) supports students and alumni who want to build a socially responsible business, in the UK and beyond. Their year-round programme is packed with funding, competitions, events, and networking opportunities, supporting LSE innovators at each stage of the entrepreneurial journey.

[The Digital Skills Lab](#) equips you with essential tools to help you with your coursework and your future career. The Digital Skills Lab offer workshops and online self-study in Microsoft Office, web design, coding, and more. A vital resource for an increasingly digital world!

Look out for further information on how to take part in any of the fantastic [student opportunities](#) during Welcome, and once you've fully registered with us in September.



Next steps and reminders

Here are your most important tasks and to-dos right now.

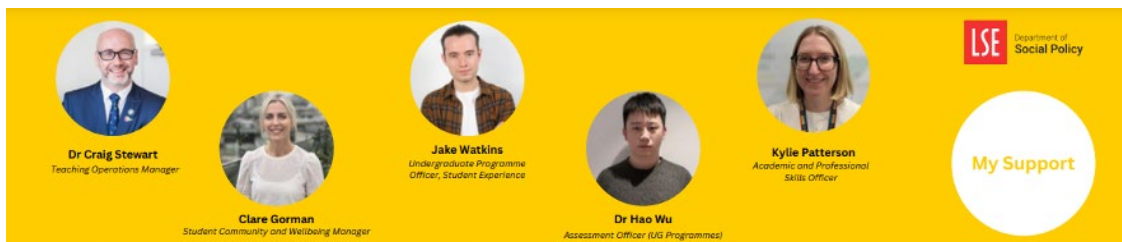
- Familiarise yourself with the information on the programme webpage for your specific programme:
 - [BSc International Social and Public Policy](#)
 - [BSc International Social and Public Policy with Economics](#)
 - [BSc International Social and Public Policy with Politics](#)
- Read your [Undergraduate Offer Guide](#) for information on visas, fees, accommodation, what to do before you arrive at LSE, and general information about student life and London.

- Browse our [department webpage](#), [LSE LIFE](#), [Student Services Centre](#), and [funding information](#) for more insight into life at LSE.
- Follow us on [social media](#) to get updates on all things Social Policy!

Watch your inbox for your next email from us in early June on the topic of 'My Skills and Opportunities,' where you'll find information about opportunities within the department and the School.

Best wishes,

The Department of Social Policy



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