

LETTEN VISITING PHD STUDENTSHIP

Call for applications

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Letten Visiting PhD Studentship is aimed at capacity-building for PhD students whose research concerns any aspect of Indian equality and anti-discrimination law. Applications are invited from advanced stage PhD students at any university anywhere in the world (except the LSE) to spend [Winter Term 2025](#) or [Autumn Term 2026](#) at the London School of Economics & Political Science's [Law School](#) (LSE).

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

During their time at LSE, the visitor will be expected to finalise a 10,000-word PhD chapter on any aspect of Indian equality or anti-discrimination law in English, under the mentorship of [Professor Tarun Khaitan](#).

FELLOWSHIP PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS

Funding for the visitorship is provided by [the Letten Prize](#) awarded to Professor Tarun Khaitan in 2018. The successful candidate will be reimbursed for the economy class return flight to London from their place of ordinary residence, and visa & accommodation costs. A contribution towards basic living costs will also be made.

The visitor will be based at LSE and will benefit from a research-intensive environment. They will be expected to be involved in all academic activities by attending relevant seminars, workshops and reading groups during their time at LSE.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The Letten Visiting PhD Studentship is designed for advanced-stage doctoral students (i.e. students in their second, third, or final year. At the time of the visit, students may have submitted their thesis, but must still have PhD status). Candidates from under-represented backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the programme please submit the following as one PDF document:

- CV (no more than 2 pages)
- Cover Letter explaining why a term at LSE would help the visitor's PhD project. Please specify whether you are able to visit in Winter Term 2026 or Autumn Term 2026, or whether you are flexible
- Contact details of two academic referees (including their institutional affiliations, email addresses and telephone numbers)
- PhD outline (up to 1,000 words) clearly outlining the research hypothesis, research questions and structure of arguments (focussed, clearly written, original and feasible proposals will be preferred)
- Outline of the chapter the visitor plans to finalise during their time at LSE (500 words)
- An email from the lead supervisor giving permission for the visit

Please send enquiries and completed applications to law.school.manager@lse.ac.uk by 23rd June 2025 at 5pm (BST).

Late applications cannot be accepted.

NEXT STEPS

In mid-early, shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit a piece of written work and their referees will be contacted. Referees must supply references within a week in order to meet the final selection deadline.

Shortlisted candidates may also be asked to undertake a virtual interview.

The successful candidate is expected to be notified in late July.