



## PhD Studentships in Demography/Population Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

The [Population Studies group at LSE](#) is now welcoming applications for studentships in Demography/Population Studies for entry in September 2020.

**Career prospects:** Recent graduates from the Demography/Population Studies PhD programme are pursuing academic careers, postdoctoral fellowships, senior consultancy roles, and INGO and government jobs in the UK and overseas.

**Research environment:** The Department of Social Policy is the longest established social policy department in the UK and received the highest rating in every Research Excellence Framework evaluation. Academic staff come from a range of disciplines, including Demography and Population Science. PhD students in Demography/Population Studies join a thriving group of research students, within an excellent research environment.

### ESRC Studentships (1+3 and +3) for [UK and EU students](#)

We are now accepting applications for the 1+3 and +3 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) studentships schemes. ESRC awards include tuition fees plus a stipend for living expenses, a research training allowance, and limited fieldwork funding.

- **1+3 [MSc Social Research Methods \(Population\)](#), followed by [MPhil/PhD in Demography/Population Studies](#)**

The 1+3 scheme provides funding for one year research training MSc linked to a three year PhD and is designed for students who have not already completed an ESRC-recognised programme of research training. Transfer from the one-year MSc programme to the three year MPhil/PhD programme is dependent on achieving high marks in the MSc.

- **+3 [MPhil/PhD in Demography/Population Studies](#)**

The +3 scheme provides three years of funding for the MPhil/PhD programme for students who have already achieved an ESRC recognised 'research training' MSc in a relevant field or have undertaken equivalent research training.

### Entry requirements:

1+3 Studentship – An upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent.

1+3 candidates for the MPhil/PhD in Demography/Population Studies programme should apply for the [MSc Social Research Methods \(Population\)](#) and include an outline research proposal of up to 1,500 words. Completed applications will be sent to the Department of Social Policy to be considered by the Population Studies PhD Committee.

+3 Studentship – The Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good ESRC-recognised MSc degree or comparable research training in a relevant field, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent.

Applicants will normally need MSc degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, with an overall average of 65% in their MSc (or equivalent) and at least 65% in their dissertation (or equivalent); any conditional offer for a place on the MPhil/PhD programme will be subject to obtaining such marks.

### **LSE Studentships (4 years) for UK, EU and Overseas students.**

The LSE PhD Studentship is open to students from anywhere in the world (UK, EU or elsewhere) and covers fees plus a stipend for living expenses each year for four years and is for direct MPhil/PhD entry.

The award will be made on the basis of academic merit and research potential.

The studentships include a requirement that scholars contribute to their academic department as part of their research training, in the form of providing teaching or other work in their department, usually from year two onwards.

### **Entry Requirements:**

The Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good MSc degree in a relevant field, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent. Applicants will normally need MSc degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, with an overall average of 65% in their MSc (or equivalent) and at least 65% in their dissertation (or equivalent); any conditional offer for a place on the MPhil/PhD programme will be subject to obtaining such marks.

### **Are you interested in either scheme?**

1. For details of the formal applications process and to submit your application online, please visit [www.lse.ac.uk/graduate](http://www.lse.ac.uk/graduate). The deadline for the application *including all supporting documentation*, such as references and transcripts, is **10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**, although we recommend that you submit in advance of the deadline.
2. See [Fees and Funding](#) for details of the application process for ESRC and LSE Studentships

3. We also encourage you to get in touch before you submit your application in order to discuss your research proposal informally with potential supervisors and for us to answer your questions about life at LSE. Send an email to Abi Black ([a.a.black@lse.ac.uk](mailto:a.a.black@lse.ac.uk)), the PhD Administrator, who will advise if the proposal matches the expertise of academic staff available.
4. Please include an outline research proposal of no more than 1,500 words indicating the potential title/area, key research question(s), motivation and background, methods to be employed (analytical approach, data, other material if relevant).
5. All **completed applications** received by the deadline (10<sup>th</sup> January 2020) will be considered for funding. If your application (including previous qualifications, research proposal and references) is identified to be of high quality by the Population Studies PhD Committee, you will be invited for an interview (in person or by Skype) in early February 2020.
6. Nominations of successful applicants will be forwarded to a School Panel for a final decision. Candidates can expect to hear back in mid-March.

For more information on applications please visit the [Social Policy webpages](#).