



Thinking about doing a PhD in International Development

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What?

Our MRes/PhD programme offers you the chance to undertake a substantial piece of work that makes an original contribution to International Development.

- Begin on the MRes, and will need to meet certain course requirements to progress to the PhD.
- Interdisciplinary research on a wide range of development issues.
- From aid and poverty issues, and comparative politics of development to conflict and peacebuilding, global health, and the informal economy and digital transformations in developing countries.
- [Previous PhD placements](#)

Who?

Meet our faculty



Why?

Motivation

- Career
- Job drought
- Project

Realities

- Time (4 years)
- Finance
- Work (intense, self-directed)



Prospectus and entry requirements

- Taught master's degree with 65 or above
- Competition is high
- If you are coming from outside the UK, check information for international students regarding fees, language requirements, visa requirements
- **ACE Initiative (Attaining Comprehensive Equality in Postgraduate Research)**
 - Contextualised admissions for UK BAME students (self-identified)
 - Pre-interview session with an academic staff member
 - Tailored feedback on your application if unsuccessful

How much does a PhD at LSE cost?

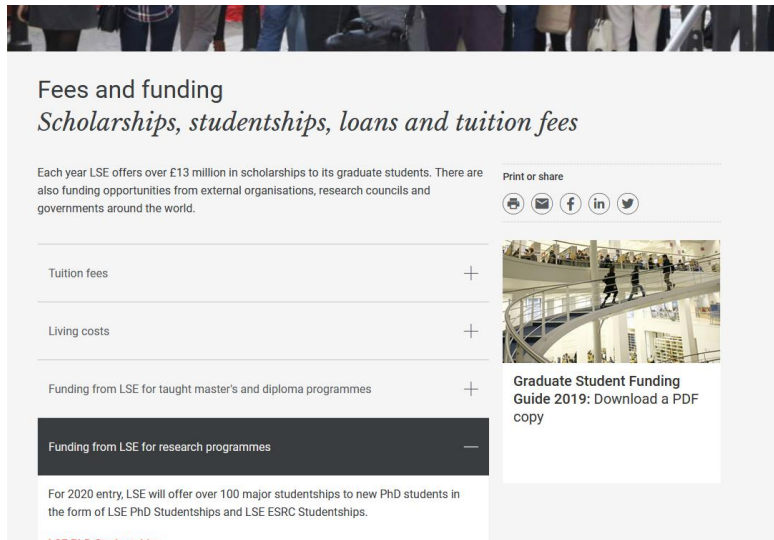
- **Course fees**
 - Home students: £4,704 for the first year (provisional)
 - Overseas students: £21,768 for the first year

The fee is likely to rise over subsequent years of the programme

- **Maintenance (living costs):** Allow £16 - 17,000 per year in London
- **Research costs:** Allow £500 per year although this can be much higher if the costs of fieldwork are high.

Funding

- **LSE or ESRC** Studentships (4 years, covers fees and stipend)
- **External:** Commonwealth Scholarships, Rhodes Scholarships, etc.
 - Country/nationality specific, subject specific, or other criteria
 - UK Government Loan (postgraduate doctoral loan) or loan schemes from other countries.



The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Fees and funding" with the subtitle "Scholarships, studentships, loans and tuition fees". The page contains a table with expandable sections for "Tuition fees", "Living costs", "Funding from LSE for taught master's and diploma programmes", and "Funding from LSE for research programmes". There is also a section for "Graduate Student Funding Guide 2019: Download a PDF copy" and a note about 2020 entry studentships.

Fees and funding
Scholarships, studentships, loans and tuition fees

Each year LSE offers over £13 million in scholarships to its graduate students. There are also funding opportunities from external organisations, research councils and governments around the world.

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Tuition fees	+
Living costs	+
Funding from LSE for taught master's and diploma programmes	+
Funding from LSE for research programmes	—

Graduate Student Funding Guide 2019: Download a PDF copy

For 2020 entry, LSE will offer over 100 major studentships to new PhD students in the form of LSE PhD Studentships and LSE ESRC Studentships.

LSE PhD Studentships

Start here: **Graduate Student Funding Guide**
[lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/fees-and-funding](https://lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/graduate/fees-and-funding)



When? **Deadline to apply this year: 13 January 2023**

Overview	When
1. Choose topic and write research proposal	As early as possible
2. Gather documents and prepare the rest of your application	November, December
3. Apply by the deadline	Mid January
4. Shortlisting of applications by the department. Interviews held.	January – February
5. Find out whether you've been offered a place	Early March
6. <i>Offer-holders considered for internal funding. Two main types:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>LSE PhD studentships</i> ▪ <i>ESRC studentships</i> 	Late March

How?

1. Choose topic and write research proposal

[Research proposal pointers are on the Graduate Admissions website](#)

- Research proposal length approximately 2000 words.
- Consider a prospective supervisor you would like to work with.
- [Academic staff](#) who **can't** supervise PhD students: Fellows, Visiting Fellows, affiliated staff, guest lecturers.
- Assistant Professors can co-supervise as part of a team with a more experienced supervisor.

2. Gather documents and prepare the rest of your application

We look at your:

- Existing and pending qualifications
 - CV
 - Statement of academic purpose
 - Research proposal
 - Sample of written work (3000 word essay, or an extract from a longer piece)
 - Any relevant supplementary application materials (GRE/GMAT where relevant)
 - References
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- Familiarise yourself with the [online application system](#) early
 - Contact referees in good time and make them aware of the deadline
 - Read up about the [Supporting documents](#) you'll need to submit
 - Read the guidance on what to include in your 'statement of academic purpose' and under 'programme specific information'.

3. Deadlines and Application Processing

- The deadline is **13 January**. Complete applications received by this date will be given full consideration for i) a place on the programme and ii) funding.
- Applications are received by the Graduate Admissions office who check that they're complete, and pass them on to the department.
- Incomplete applications are held in Graduate Admissions and only passed to the Department when they're complete (including reference letters).
- Interviews will be held for shortlisted candidates. These can be in person or via Zoom or Teams.

4 & 5. Find out whether you've been offered a place

- Department aims to consider all candidates within 6-8 weeks.
- The decision will be communicated by Graduate Admissions. You can also check the status of your application at any time via the online application system.
- If you've been successful, you will receive an email from the department around the same time explaining the next steps.
- Offer types: Conditional / Unconditional
- Funding decision-making process and release of funding award news: LSE and ESRC Studentships



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