



## Double Degree Newsletter

December 2017



Creating brighter futures.



A warm welcome from your Double Degree team, Vali and Dan!

### Registering as an LSE Double Degree student

By now you should be registered with LSE. If you aren't it might be that there are still pending requirements that haven't been met. Please check your LSE for You account, or if you are unsure, email the [Double Degree team](#). To access all the remote facilities available to LSE students, please see below.

## Meeting English Language conditions

As a dual degree student, your current institution will report on your progress directly to LSE. However, you may have an English language condition on your offer; this will be detailed in your offer letter from LSE and reflected in your LSE for You account.

If you are required to provide an IELTS (or equivalent) score as part of an English language condition, you should arrange to take the test as soon as possible. Once you have your results, please [submit them online](#), including the TRF number detailed on your result certificate.

Official evidence of your English test scores must be received before you will be able to register with us.

## Official documents

Even if your offer is unconditional, you may be required to supply additional, official, documentation. Any such requirement is stipulated in your offer letter and LSE for You.

These documents must be received before you will be allowed to register with LSE. Full guidance on what constitutes an “official” document is detailed on pages 12 and 13 of your Offer Pack.

Please note that you should not send your original degree certificate, as we are not able to return any documents. Instead, you may submit certified copies.



## Funding and Financial support

As a dual degree student joining LSE in 2018/9, you may apply for financial support for the 2018/19 session from LSE’s [Graduate Support Scheme](#).

## Applying for Funding

If you wish to apply, please use the PDF form which will be sent to you in January by the [Financial Support Office](#) and return a hard copy before the deadline of **30 June 2018**.

Emailed versions are acceptable if they are completed on the hard copy, signed and then scanned. Detailed instructions on how to submit the form will be included in the email from the Financial Support Office in late January.

We aim to provide a decision on each application on a rolling basis and usually within 4 weeks of receipt, although it may take longer during our busier times in May and June. Supporting documentation may be requested should an award be made.

Notification will be sent by hard copy mail so please ensure you provide a reliable postal address. Unfortunately, we cannot give out decisions via the phone or email.

### **Awards**

Awards from the Graduate Support Scheme range from £5,000 to £15,000.

Please note that if your funding shortfall far exceeds the maximum award value, it is very unlikely that we will be able to offer you any support. Our awards are intended to supplement funding from other sources or to close a funding gap; we do not provide full awards. Unfortunately making an application carries no guarantee that it will be successful.

### **Columbia and LSE Joint Fee Award**

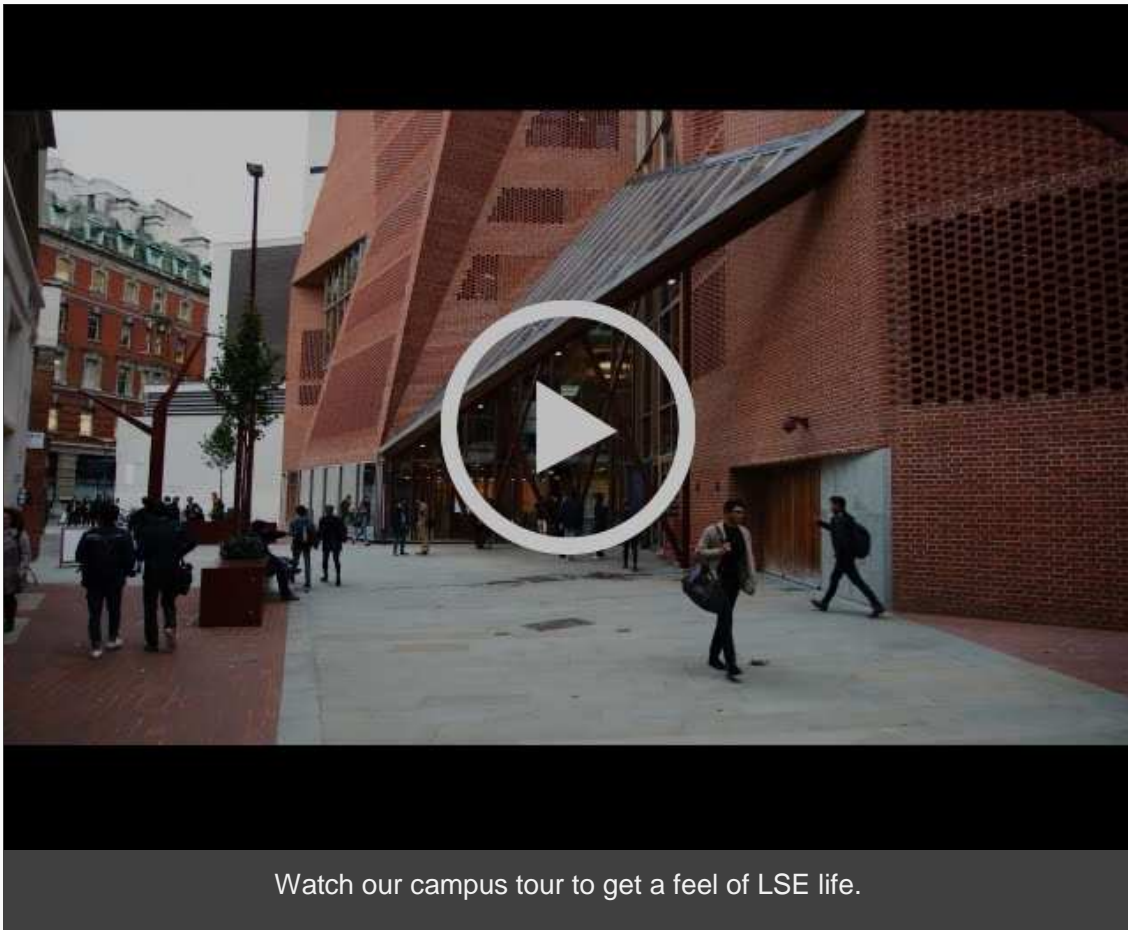
For 2018/19 there are six Joint LSE Columbia Fee Awards (TRS). We will contact the successful recipients in writing. These awards provide a 25% fee reduction at LSE. This does not preclude students from applying to the Graduate Support Scheme for further funds.

### **Find out more**

There is more information about the Graduate Support Scheme [on our website](#). You may also find reading the [guide for applicants using our online application form](#) useful.

**Unfortunately dual degree students cannot apply online.**

Please [contact the Financial Support Office](#) if you have any queries on the scheme.



### **Finding Accommodation**

Coming to live in London, and finding the right accommodation here, may seem daunting at first. However, once you have established what your needs are, and what options are available, it shouldn't be long before you've found a home in London with LSE.

### **LSE Residential Halls**

Halls are a great way to meet a real mix of people, from the UK and overseas. Each year we allocate over 4,000 places in Halls, across 20 different locations in central London (nearly all in walking distance of LSE!).

With a broad range of different rooms available, several factors may affect your choice. Choose between catered and self-catered, rooms with or without an en-suite bathroom, and shared rooms to studio flats. All options include utility bills, internet access and contents insurance.

Applications for places in Halls for 2018/9 open in February and will close on 31 July 2018 – remember to apply early! View and compare the options.

## Accommodation fees

Fees for LSE Halls vary depending on the particular hall you choose.

Please check our [2017/8 Fees table](#) when they are available in late January before deciding which hall is best for you.

A schedule of payment dates will be made available in your licence agreement, but generally, fees are due on a termly basis, by the end of the second week of each term.

## Private Accommodation

Many of our students choose to live in privately rented housing. It may be difficult to arrange this sort of accommodation before arriving in London, as you should inspect any property before committing to rent it. We advise you allow at least two weeks to find a suitable place to live.

[LSE Studentpad](#) allows you to conduct some research before you visit LSE, allowing you to access lists of properties, make contact with other LSE students also searching for accommodation (via message boards), and to view a wide range of advice on how to find accommodation in London.

## Contacting residential services

If you would like to get in touch with LSE Residential Services Office, they would be happy to provide you with advice on LSE Halls and searching for private accommodation.

The Residential Services Office is open from 9am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

### **In person:**

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London WC2A 2AE

**By email:** [accommodation@lse.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@lse.ac.uk) **By phone:**

+44(0)20 7955 7531

## Accessing online facilities

In order to make sure you have access, you will be required to activate your LSE IT account. Please follow the instructions carefully.



Once you have activated your LSE IT account, you will be able to access various LSE online facilities such as the Library, using your new LSE username and the password you created.

If you should experience any difficulty in accessing any resources our Library colleagues can be contacted at [library.enquiries@lse.ac.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@lse.ac.uk). When doing so, it would be helpful if you gave as much information as possible (e.g. your username, what you are trying to access (including address), a screenshot of an error page, etc).



### Tips for London life

Many students worry about their finances when embarking on a new course of study, but there are many ways to save money while you are here in London!

In addition to student discounts at high street shops and cinemas (many will offer this on production of a valid NUS or ISIC card), there are many other ways to enjoy all that London has to offer without overspending on your budget.

#### **18+ Student Oyster card**

As a student at LSE, you will be eligible for a student oyster card for travelling by public transport. This helps you save 30% off adult travel cards and bus/tram passes.

**Second-hand books** Alpha Books, based on campus, offers a range of discounted

and second-hand course books. The on-campus Waterstones offers a second-hand buy-back scheme for course books.

**Discount voucher sites** Many websites offer discounts for students, including deals on eating out, reduced accommodation and sale items. Try: [studentbeans.com](http://studentbeans.com), [savethestudent.org](http://savethestudent.org), [myvouchercode.com](http://myvouchercode.com)

**London discounts** Londoners can enjoy discounts on a range of culture, cuisine and shopping in the city. Check out daily deals websites such as [Wowcher](http://Wowcher.com), [Living Social](http://LivingSocial.com) and [Deal Zippy](http://DealZippy.com) to see offers.



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