

# Offer Holder News March 2023

Dear Offer Holder,

Welcome to our March newsletter! here we explain the ways in which you can confirm your offer and meet any conditions which have been set. Some of you may have a **Conditional offer**, with conditions relating to achieving a certain grade on your current degree and/or Summer School or English Language test, and providing documents; whereas some of you may have an **Unconditional offer** and just need to provide official versions of documents you supplied online with your application. If you hold an unconditional offer, it is within your interest to send us your official documents now, before all those with conditional offers send their results in the summer. The <u>Graduate Applicant Portal</u> will let you know what it is that you still need to provide to us. When you send your documents, make sure you check our <u>current processing times</u>, so you have an idea of how long it may be before you hear from us.

Graduate Admissions would also like to ensure those who have emailed, submitted documents, or requested changes to their application that we are working as fast as we can to answer your queries. We are currently receiving a high volume, so we appreciate your patience. Don't forget, offer holders can contact Graduate Admissions via Livechat when we are online by logging into the <a href="Graduate Applicant Portal">Graduate Applicant Portal</a>. This is ideal when you have a quick query or you need clarification.

We hope that you enjoy this month's issue, and look forward to welcoming you later this year.

Kind regards,

**Graduate Admissions Office** 

#### **Official Documents**

The documents you supplied within your application are not considered official documents because they are not supplied directly from the issuing institution. This is why after you have been made an offer, we require you to get the same documents submitted to us officially from the issuing authority.

If your offer is unconditional, you may still be required to supply additional, official, documentation. Any such requirement is stipulated in your offer letter and on the <u>Graduate Applicant Portal</u>.

These documents must be received before you will be allowed to enrol with LSE. Full guidance on what constitutes an "official" document, or how to get a document certified, is detailed on pages 30 to 36 of the Offer Pack.

We recommend sending documents electronically wherever possible, i.e. via an electronic transcript transfer service, such as Digitary, Gradintelligence, eSCRIP-SAFE, Parchment, CHESICC etc. or via an institutional email account (for example results@youruniversity.ac.uk) to graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk.

You can find our Proof of Degree form here.



# **Quick Links**

**Graduate Admissions** 

Offer Pack

Term dates

<u>Graduate Applicant Portal</u> (GAP)

**Knowledgebase** 

Top 10 Topics of the Week

<u>Careers</u>

**Graduate Destinations** 

LSESU

**CMA** 

Programme and course information

Programme and course information UPDATES

# Notes and dates for the Diary

Apply for the Graduate Support Scheme as soon as possible. The application process will close on **27th April 2023** (applications close at 9am UK time).

#### **Meeting your conditions**

If you have received a <u>conditional offer</u> from us, we will need you to provide official proof that you have fulfilled these conditions before you enrol, and we advise that you act as early as possible to avoid running short of time later in the summer. You also need to have met your conditions before you can apply for a student visa.

If you have received your results and find that they fall just short of meeting your offer condition, still send them to us, as they will be sent to your selector for a final decision.

#### **Degree conditions**

If your offer is conditional on obtaining a particular mark in your current degree studies, you need to provide formal certification to prove that you have met the degree condition(s).

You can do this by sending us an official transcript or written statement from your university. You can send this to Graduate Admissions via an electronic transcript transfer service, such as Digitary Gradintelligence, eSCRIP-SAFE, Parchment, CHSI etc. or via an institutional email account (for example <a href="results@youruniversity.ac.uk">results@youruniversity.ac.uk</a>). The LSE email address to send your results to is <a href="graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk">graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk</a>.

Check pages 30 to 36 of your Offer pack for full details on what is acceptable evidence.

#### **English language conditions**

If you are required to meet 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 ID number detailed on your results certificate, or ensure that you tell your provider to allow LSE access to your score. We also accept other tests to meet your English language conditions. Please take a look at our English language entry requirements page for more details.

#### **News from around LSE**

Boost for Research Impact at LSE

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the funding body for social science research in the UK, has awarded LSE an Impact Acceleration Account (IAA), worth £1.25 million for the next five years.

LSE is one of 32
universities and research
organisations who will
have an ESRC IAA from
2023-2028, with dedicated
funding to support
researcher-led
collaboration with nonacademic partners to help
tackle the biggest
challenges facing society.

LSE's IAA will focus on mobilising our social science research for public good using mechanisms of the private sector. This will be through research commercialisation, promoting entrepreneurship and engagement with businesses.

Find out more here.

Please remember that if you require a student visa to study at LSE, you will not be able to apply for this visa until:

- · your offer is unconditional
- you have submitted your Financial Undertaking Form
- you have accepted your offer

We intend to begin issuing CAS statements from May, so it is in your best interests to send us your documents early to allow sufficient time to receive your CAS and for your local visa office to process your student visa.

#### **Summer School conditions**

If you have been set a summer school condition as part of your offer, you should apply to the Summer School via their <u>online form</u>. Results from Summer School are automatically sent to the Graduate Admissions team for your offer to be updated.

To request approval of an alternative programme to meet the summer school condition, please submit a request to waiver of a condition via the <u>Graduate Applicant Portal</u>. Your request will be sent to the Academic Selector for their consideration, and you will be notified by email as soon as a decision is made.

#### Video of the month:

Wages in the middle ages

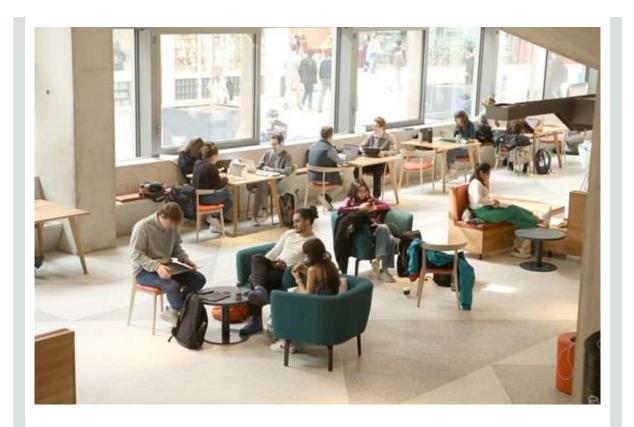
# LSE Blogs:

LSE Review of Books - find your next read

### Featured Research:

Research briefings

Matching LSE research with UK Parliament Policy



# **Tips for London Life**

Many students worry about their finances when embarking on a new programme 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 <u>TOTUM</u> card (a discount card recommended by the NUS - National Union of Students) or <u>ISIC</u> card (International Student Identity 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.

# **Discount voucher sites**

Many websites offer discounts for students, including deals on eating out, reduced accommodation and sale items. Try: <a href="studentbeans.com">studentbeans.com</a>, <a href="savethestudent.org">savethestudent.org</a>,

# myvouchercodes.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 <u>Wowcher, Living Social</u> and <u>Deal Zippy</u> to see offers.



While going through the archives, we came across this picture we wanted to share. This is Tom, with Milo the Harris Hawk, back in November 2017. They were on campus to scare away the pigeons, which are an ever present aspect of London life!









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