

Offer Holder News March 2025

Dear Student,

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 assure 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 access answers to many queries on the Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP), via the website, or on the Knowledgebase. If you can't find an answer to your query you can contact Graduate Admissions via Livechat when we are online by logging into the <u>Graduate Applicant</u> <u>Portal</u>, or can use the Admissions Triage phone line on +44 (0) 2079557160 between 10:00am to 4:00pm. 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</u> Portal.

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 35 of the Offer Pack.

You should send 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 qraduate.documents@lse.ac.uk. You can also send a secure, digitally signed PDF or a PDF that can be verified via the institution's online platform such as a via a QR code.

If you are unable to send (or get your previous institution to send) electronic versions, please email us at graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk to explain the situation. We will look individually at your case, and will approach your previous institution to verify that they have no means of providing verifiable electronic documents before we will accept hard copies.

You can find our Proof of Degree form here.

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.

Quick Links

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Term dates

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

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Notes and dates for the Diary

Apply for the Graduate
Support Scheme as soon
as possible. The
application process will
close on **24th April 2025**(applications close at 5pm
UK time).

News from around LSE

LSE Announces new centre to study animal sentience

Our understanding of animal feelings, and the impact of human actions, policies and behaviour on them, will be transformed

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 results@youruniversity.ac.uk). The LSE email address to send your results to is graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk.

Check pages 30 to 36 of your <u>Offer pack</u> 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.

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 online

through a new centre being launched at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

The Jeremy Coller Centre for Animal **Sentience**, made possible through a multi-year commitment of £4 million from the Jeremy Coller Foundation, will develop new approaches to studying the feelings of other animals scientifically and use the emerging science of animal sentience to design better policies, laws and ways of caring for other animals.

Featured Event:

Waste land: a world in permanent crisis

Thursday 3 April 2025 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Hosted by the School of Public Policy

LSE Blogs:

We must tackle the
"Western bias" of
misinformation and
disinformation research

Featured Research:

Is AI really taking our jobs?
The future of work
explained

LSE Research

<u>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 the extenuating circumstances form via the <u>Graduate Applicant Portal</u> and choose the option to change or waive a condition. We will send your request to the Academic Selector for their consideration, and we will notify you by email as soon as a decision is made.



Thinking about fees?

Our Fees, Income and Credit Control team have put together a handy guide to advise you on how to pay, when to pay, and who to contact for help.

Take a look at the guide here. We'd like to draw your attention to page 7, "GBP Card Payments with Non-UK Issued Cards" — as many of you will be making your payments from non-UK cards and converting currency, we have included important information for you to be aware of.



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: studentbeans.com, savethestudent.org, 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</u>, <u>Living Social</u> and <u>Deal Zippy</u> to see offers.









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