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Offer Holder News

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Dear Offer holder,

Welcome to our January newsletter! This month we focus on sources of finance and funding. For taught masters students, (excluding Executive programmes) the main source of funding is the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS); if you completed the application for this prior to receiving your offer, you should already know if you have been awarded funding. If you haven't yet applied, you should do so as early as possible (and in advance of the 29th April 2021). Research applicants are not eligible for GSS but are considered for Studentships dependent on submitting a programme application prior to the [relevant deadlines](#).

If you are not eligible for GSS funding or awarded a Studentship, don't give up, you will find details below regarding alternative funding sources.

Kind regards,

Graduate Admissions Office

Funding and Financial Support

LSE offers several million annually in financial support for its students via a range of scholarships, bursaries and award schemes. In addition to LSE's own funds, students may be able to access scholarships and financial support from a range of governments and funding agencies around the world.

Taught master's funding

There are a range of awards available for study at this level. The value of support can range in value from 10% of the tuition fee, to a full fees and maintenance award. New scholarships and awards may be introduced throughout the year, so you are encouraged to look at the website on a regular basis.

Support is available for the majority of programmes through the Graduate Support Scheme (GSS), country and subject-based awards, Master's awards, Anniversary Scholarships, the Snowdon Scholarship Scheme, and LSE Access to Education Graduate Scholarships.

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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 **29th April 2021** (applications close at 5.00pm UK time).

News from around LSE

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You can apply for funding via the Graduate Support Scheme through your LSE for You (LFY) account – you only need to apply once to be considered for all awards. There are exceptions for some country/programme based awards, so please do check the [Fees and Funding pages](#) for full details of each award. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining GSS funding, your details will be kept on file for consideration for any other awards being offered by LSE, for which you may be eligible.

LSE Access to Education Graduate Scholarships

There are a number of awards of up to a full value of tuition fees plus maintenance of £14,400 based on financial need, to be made to offer holders who have been classified as asylum seekers, refugees, a person with humanitarian protection or who are residents of the UK but on limited leave to remain.

For 2021 entry, awards are available for offer holders meeting [these eligibility requirements](#).

External funding

There are also many external organisations that may be able to offer you funding to support your graduate studies, and we recommend that you explore as many options as possible.

There are some organisations who provide funding to overseas students, listed below, and also on [this page](#) lists of country based scholarship opportunities.

- [Association of Commonwealth Universities](#)
- [British Chevening Scholarships](#)
- [Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program](#)

Make sure you check the terms and conditions of any scholarship before you accept it. Take a look at the **External Funding Opportunities** tab on [this page](#) for advice on where to look for external funding.

PhD funding

For 2021 entry, LSE will offer over 80 major studentships to new PhD students in the form of LSE PhD Studentships, LSE ESRC Studentships and LAHP AHRC

See the links below for some of our featured content from this month:

LSE Festival: Shaping the Post-COVID World

A week of virtual events free and open to all, taking place from 1 - 6 March 2021, about the direction the world could and should be taking after the COVID crisis and how social science research can shape it.

[Find out more](#)

Podcast of the month:

[What's the point of social science in a pandemic?](#)



LSE Blogs:

[Why would passive funds invest in corporate governance?](#)

Events:

[Electoral Hostility: Is the sanctity of elections under threat?](#)

Thursday 4 February
2021 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Hosted by the Department of Government

Featured Research:

[Can we be happier?](#)

Studentships.

Except for LAHP studentships (see below), academic departments nominate students for the funding opportunity they may be eligible for. There is no separate application for LSE, ESRC and department-specific studentships. To be considered for this funding, you must submit your complete application for admission to LSE by a specific date. This date differs by academic department.

- deadline for being considered for LSE PhD Studentships and ESRC funding for 2021 entry if you apply to a programme in the Departments of Economics, Geography and Environment and Mathematics: 17 December 2020
- deadline for being considered for ESRC funding for 2021 entry: 14 January 2021
- deadline for being considered for LSE PhD Studentships for 2021 entry: this can either be 14 January 2021 and/or 29 April 2021 depending on the programme you are applying to. Details can be found on the individual programme page.

To be considered for a LAHP studentship for 2021 entry, students need to have applied for their chosen programme of studies. They will also need to submit a separate funding application to LAHP by 5pm on 5 February 2021. Details of the application process can be found [here](#)

[Read more](#)



Tuition fees

Your tuition fees will be detailed on your official offer letter.

You can choose to pay your fees in instalments; if you choose to do so the first instalment of at least 34% will be due on, or before, the 27th October 2021.

You can pay all or part of your tuition fees ahead of registration if you wish. The payment link is found in your [LSE for You](#) account.

If you are being sponsored for your studies (for example, if you are on an Executive programme), there is a separate payment portal [here](#).

Executive students who do not pay their full fees at the start of their programme (or before) will be placed on an [instalment plan](#).

Loans

If you will be using a Professional or Career Development Loan (UK/EU), or a US or Canadian loan, our Finance Division can assist you with this.

Happiness and wellbeing should be at the heart of the policy agenda, but a major rethink of the role of government is required if they are to truly take centre stage, argue Richard Layard and George Ward.

Don't forget to follow our social media channels!



Find more information [here](#).



And Finally - on February 12 we enter the Chinese Year of the Ox. May the year of the Ox bring you Good Luck Good Health and may all of your wishes come true!



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