**MPhil/PhD Psychological and Behavioural Science**

# Pre-Interview Questions 2025/26

Applicant’s name:

Applicant’s ID number:

Motivation for doctoral study:

1. **Why do you want to do a PhD?**
2. **Why at LSE PBS?**
3. **Why this particular topic?**
4. **Why these supervisors?**
5. **What do you want to do after the PhD?**
6. **Do you have any further relevant information to add?**

Readiness for doctoral study/feasibility of research proposal:

1. **What is your academic history - GPA / Honours level for Masters or 4-Year Undergrad with Honours (e.g. 4.0; 1st)?**
2. **What was your most recent subject of study (e.g. Psychology, Economics)?**
3. **Other relevant prior skills (e.g. work experience, statistical training, interview experience)?**
4. **Do you have funding for your research project?**
5. **Do you already have access to required participants or data?**
6. **Can the project be completed on time given access to participants, data, funding, and prior training?**
7. **Are there any risks of failure to submit your dissertation/ thesis to journal quality on time?**
8. **What is your plan if things go wrong?**
9. **What is your intention and feasibility of study - full time vs part time?**
10. **Do you have any further relevant information to add?**

Understanding of doctoral study requirements/practicalities:

**1a. Have you discussed mentorship style with your intended supervisor(s)?**

**1b. Do you prefer to be highly independent vs close collaboration in lab style?**

**2a. What is your understanding of the difference between a PhD and other forms of study and research eg, Pre Doc-Training, Masters and Undergraduate honours?**

**2b. What do you know about the length and expectations of a PhD at LSE PBS?**

**2c. Are you aware that the skills required for your PhD research will primarily come from optional courses, time with supervisor, and independent study?**

**3a. Have you spoken to previous students or collaborators of the intended supervisor(s)?**

**3b. Have you spoken to previous or current PhD students in the department?**

1. **How do you plan to fund your PhD study? Eg department studentship, alternative studentship or whether you are self-funding your study. Please indicate if you would be able to self-fund your PhD if unsuccessful for a studentship if applicable.**
2. **Do you have any further relevant information to add?**