



Careers

# International Development

Careers information 2021/22



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# Introduction

## Welcome from LSE Careers

We are here to help you identify your career options, providing comprehensive careers advice and employment services for students seeking information on graduate employment and further study. We can support you in lots of different ways, including one-to-one careers discussions, opportunities to meet employers, sector-specific careers information, and a varied programme of careers events.

This guide outlines departmental careers events which might be of interest to you. It also contains some useful contact information to familiarise yourself with LSE Careers during your first few weeks of LSE life. We understand that students are all at different stages of career planning, so you can access any sessions you feel are relevant to you.

I hope you enjoy your course and I look forward to meeting you soon.

**Sherma Johnson-Gray, Careers Consultant**



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# Getting started with LSE Careers

Whether you have a clear idea of what you want to do after your studies or haven't started thinking about it yet, LSE Careers is here to work with and support you.

We provide a range of careers services, events, information and advice, including access to a jobs board with full-time, part-time, graduate, internship, experienced hire and volunteering opportunities both in the UK and around the world.

We know it can be a bit overwhelming to know where to begin, so this guide outlines the essentials to help get you started.



## Not sure what to do after your course?

Being unsure about what you'd like to do after you finish your degree is normal, but we realise that this can feel a bit unsettling. Our programme of events, activities and resources can help you reflect and think about the direction you might like to take your career in. You can also always meet one-to-one with a Careers Consultant to discuss your options.

## LSE Careers online

### LSE Careers website

Aside from our presence on campus, our website is our main hub of careers information. On our webpages, you'll find useful advice about career planning, CVs, application forms, interviews, and assessment centres, as well as information on searching for jobs, employment sectors, postgraduate studies, and international careers.

[lse.ac.uk/careers](https://lse.ac.uk/careers)

### CareerHub

CareerHub is your gateway to our careers events (including skills seminars, fairs and employer presentations), one-to-one appointments, the organisations we work with and our vacancy board.

First time using CareerHub?

Log in with your LSE IT account and then go to the 'Preferences' section to let us know what you're interested in. This will ensure you receive information about jobs, opportunities and events relevant to you.

[careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

# Getting started with LSE Careers

## Join our careers events

Log in to CareerHub to book your place on the majority of our events. Booking usually opens at 9.30am one week before the event is due to take place. Check out **page 6** of this guide for a taste of some of the events running during the 2021/22 academic year.

Browse our event listings: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## One-to-one appointments

We run careers advice appointments Monday to Friday and you can book these via CareerHub. You can book appointments up to seven days in advance, and for the 2021/22 academic year, we are running a blended programme of both in-person and virtual sessions.

Book one-to-one appointments: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## Stay connected with us

To keep up to date with careers news, events, opportunities and advice, find us on Student Hub, look out for our weekly newsletter, subscribe to our blog, and follow us on social media.

Instagram [@LSECareers](https://www.instagram.com/LSECareers)

Twitter [@LSECareers](https://twitter.com/LSECareers)

Facebook [@LSECareers](https://www.facebook.com/LSECareers)

LinkedIn [@LSECareers](https://www.linkedin.com/company/LSECareers)

## Services for disabled students

LSE Careers has a dedicated careers consultant whose focus is on the transition from education to employment for students who are disabled or have a long-term condition.

You can **find more information about the specialist support we offer disabled students on the LSE Careers website**, including longer and more flexible one-to-one appointments.

Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss anything with us, from understanding recruitment processes, to requesting reasonable adjustments, to disclosing a disability or understanding the law around disability in the workplace.

## Advice on getting a visa

LSE's International Student Visa Advice Team (ISVAT)

[lse.ac.uk/isvat](https://lse.ac.uk/isvat)

UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)

[ukcisa.org.uk](https://ukcisa.org.uk)

UK Visas and Immigration

[gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration](https://gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration)



## Finding work experience

### Looking for internships and part-time work?

We post lots of job opportunities on CareerHub. This includes full-time, part-time, voluntary, and internship positions.

Log in to CareerHub at [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

### LSE Volunteer Centre

Whether you have an hour or two days a week to spare, there are a range of one-off, long-term, and overseas volunteering opportunities available through the LSE Volunteer Centre. For more information or if you'd like support finding the right opportunity for you, visit the LSE Volunteer Centre website.

[info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/volunteer-centre](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/volunteer-centre)

## Other services at LSE

### LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's centre for academic, professional and personal development.

Find your own 'best' ways to study, think about where your studies might lead you, and make the most of your time at LSE through guidance, workshops and dedicated workspaces.

[lse.ac.uk/lse-life](https://lse.ac.uk/lse-life)

### LSE Generate

LSE Generate supports students and alumni around the world to build a socially responsible business. From running funding competitions and events to providing networking opportunities, LSE Generate can help you to build, develop and scale ideas.

[lse.ac.uk/generate](https://lse.ac.uk/generate)

### LSE Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre offers modern foreign language and English language programmes, as well as providing proofreading services (for a fee).

[lse.ac.uk/language-centre](https://lse.ac.uk/language-centre)

### LSE Alumni

As an LSE alum, you'll have access to LSE Careers for up to five years after course completion. You can also join 80+ regional and 10+ special interest alumni groups.

Find out how to make the most of the LSE Alumni network, benefits and services after graduation, and follow LSE Alumni on social media to get the latest information and advice.

[lse.ac.uk/alumni-friends-and-partners](https://lse.ac.uk/alumni-friends-and-partners)

# LSE Careers events

Across the academic year, LSE Careers coordinates a wide range of events to help you develop your professional skills and understand what types of careers might be right for you. Some events involve group activities while others allow you to meet with alumni or employers.

Together with the Department of International Development, LSE Careers also offers several tailored skills events in Lent Term specifically for International Development students, and the main Discover International Development events programme (see below) runs across the year.

You can book onto the majority of our events via CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## Discover International Development events programme

Discover International Development (DiscoverID) is our flagship events programme that focuses on the international development sector. The programme begins in Michaelmas Term with our 'How to' series, focusing on different areas from development banks to think tanks.

In Lent Term the emphasis shifts towards sector themes and 'Spotlight' sessions looking at new or emerging trends. 'Insight' sessions offer the opportunity to hear directly from LSE alumni or experienced development professionals about their personal experiences or the specific work of their organisation.

As well as supporting your career learning, Discover ID aims to help you access opportunities to build your experience and expand your networks through events such as breakfast events and employer panels.

Find out more: [bit.ly/lse-discover-id](https://bit.ly/lse-discover-id)

## Applications Day 2021

On Saturday 2 October 2021 we will be delivering a number of virtual sessions throughout the day to help you prepare for job applications.

Topics will include CVs, cover letters, application forms, LinkedIn, preparing for numeracy tests, and part-time work.

Find out more about Applications Day online:

[bit.ly/applications-day-lse](https://bit.ly/applications-day-lse)

## International Organisations Week (IOW)

From **1 to 6 November 2021**, join us for International Organisations Week, where you can attend dedicated events all about working in an international organisation.

Across the week, you'll hear from major UN organisations, development banks and other agencies about a range of opportunities that could ignite an international career.

Discover more about IOW at:

[bit.ly/lse-iow](https://bit.ly/lse-iow)



## September to December

LSE Careers offers a wide central events programme and all events can be viewed on CareerHub. Below is a small selection of events to give you an idea of what is available.

### October

- Applications Day (2 October 2021)
- Careers in public policy panel event
- DiscoverID: launch event (29 September 2021)
- Meet an alum: international development
- DiscoverID: How to get into international development

### Examples of other events during Michaelmas

- How to master presentations
- How to use LinkedIn in your job search
- Simple techniques to improve your networking skills
- DiscoverID: How to get into development consulting
- DiscoverID: How to get into iNGOs and think tanks

### Careers fairs and events

Through September and October we run a number of careers programmes including:

- Consultancy careers fair
- Public sector and policy careers programme
- LGBT+ networking

### Coffee mornings

Meet and chat with employers in sectors such as:

- PR and Comms
- Policy
- Political comms
- Health
- Charity
- International development

Remember this is only a small selection of the events open to you.

Browse and book our full listing of events on CareerHub:

[careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)



## January to March

### January (example events)

- Discover ID: how to get into International Development
- Discover ID: panels and insights talks
- DiscoverID: skills seminars
- DiscoverID: company/organisation presentations
- CVs and cover letters for international development students

### February (example events)

- Thinking of doing a PhD? event
- Using LinkedIn for international development students
- DiscoverID: panels and insights talks
- Meet an alum: international development

### March (example events)

- Careers in political risk, security and conflict panel event

*Please note exact dates are to be confirmed and are subject to change.*

*Visit CareerHub for the latest event information: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)*

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- International development consultancy, charities and NGOs
- Political risk, conflict and security

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## Careers destinations and LSE alumni

Students from the Department of International Development move into diverse areas of work in a range of locations. Graduates are working in government, development consultancy and within the NGO sector to name a few. Take a look at what students who studied with the department have gone on to do using our graduate destinations tool. The graduate profiles section also provides a more in-depth look into how alumni got into their current careers.

### Meet an Alum

Get an insider's view and expand your network with this series of small group discussions. Bringing together alumni and current students, these events allow you to find out what it's really like to work in a particular industry or role. Sessions take place throughout Michaelmas and Lent terms and you can browse the dates and sign up on CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

*We hope this has been a helpful introduction to LSE Careers. Good luck, enjoy the coming year, and we look forward to seeing you soon!*

### Examples of employers graduates work for:

- Adam Smith Intern
- Aga Khan Foundation
- Boston Consulting Group
- CARE International
- Care for Peace and Conflict
- Civil Service
- DAI
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Inter-American Development Bank
- Water Aid
- Overseas Development Institute
- Red Cross
- International Labour Organisation
- UNDP



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