



Offer Holder News January 2025

Dear ,

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 \(GSS\)](#), which is available for you to apply for by completing the Graduate Financial Support Application (GFSA) on the Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP). You should do so as early as possible (**and in advance of the 24th April 2025 deadline**). Applicants that complete a GFSA application will automatically be considered for other financial awards in the late Spring/early Summer.

If you have not activated your Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP), make sure you do so as soon as possible. Help can be found [here](#).

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 millions of pounds 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 \(A-C, D-K, L-Q, R-Z\)](#) and [subject-based awards](#), [Master's awards](#), [Anniversary Scholarships](#), [Donor funded awards for Home fee status students](#), and [LSE Access to Education Graduate Scholarships](#).

You can apply for funding via the Graduate Financial Support Application on your Graduate Applicant Portal – 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.

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For 2025 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 (open the tab entitled "Funding from LSE for taught master's and diploma programmes").

- [Association of Commonwealth Universities](#)
- [British Chevening Scholarships](#)

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 2025 entry, LSE will be offering studentships to new PhD students in the form of LSE PhD Studentships, LSE ESRC Studentships and LAHP AHRC Studentships.

These awards are open to high calibre students of all nationalities studying across all research areas at the School.

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 have submitted your complete application for admission to LSE by the relevant funding [deadlines](#).

To be considered for a LAHP studentship for 2025 entry, students need to have applied for their chosen programme of studies. They will also need to submit a separate funding application to LAHP. Details of the application process can be found [here](#)

[Read more](#)

Podcast of the month:

[Why are our rivers and seas polluted by sewage?](#)

LSE Events:

[Power to the People](#)

Monday 27 January 2025
6:30pm to 8:00pm

*Hosted by the
International Inequalities
Institute and Atlantic
Fellows for Social and
Economic Equity*

In 2024, two billion people headed to the polls in some 50 countries around the world. But the drama of these elections risks obscuring just how fragile the foundations of democracy have become. A political system that is geared towards short-term wins, run by politicians that few of us trust, is failing to address complex global problems. Many of us feel disempowered, disillusioned and distrustful.

Featured Research:

Meet early career researchers | [Understanding the gendered dimensions of toxic contamination in coca farming and gold mining in Colombia](#)



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 28th October 2025.

You can pay all or part of your tuition fees ahead of registration if you wish. The payment link is found [here](#). You can also pay via the Graduate Applicant Portal.

If you are being sponsored for your studies (for example, if you are on an Executive programme), you can reach your 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.

Find more information [here](#).

Stop, Challenge and Protect – Fraud and Payment Security

Fees, Income and Credit Control have launched a new service to support and educate offer holders, students, and staff. [Info.lse.ac.uk/fraud](http://info.lse.ac.uk/fraud)

We have published a helpful fraud guide with essential hints and tips, this short guide highlights the Dos and Don'ts, when making payments [Student Guide](#)

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with money or sharing information will help keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It is ok to reject, refuse or question authenticity, the LSE will never try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Access our fraud webpage for helpful hints on how to prevent and report fraud.



Virtual Graduate Open Events coming up

Attend our [Virtual Graduate Open Events](#) from **17-21 February** – a series of live online events giving you the opportunity to find out more about life at LSE through sessions with our student ambassadors, LSE LIFE and the PhD Academy, along with sessions on Careers and Funding your studies at LSE and an Information session for Offer Holders covering the next steps in your application and enrolment journey. You can also access our [on-demand recordings](#) from academic departments.

If you'd like to visit the LSE campus, we'll be running additional [campus tours](#) in February – a great opportunity to visit some of LSE's facilities and as they're led by LSE students, you can get a real feel for what it's like to be a student at LSE. If you can't visit LSE in person, you can also [chat to our students through Unibuddy](#).

We look forward to meeting you in-person or online!





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