



democratising access to higher education

Workshop on the LSE Graduate Support Scheme
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Project EduAccess

Access to higher education is a privilege most people from marginalised communities are systematically denied through cost, information and dispositional barriers.

Project EduAccess is a modest attempt to improve inclusivity in HEIs by removing these barriers for marginalized communities in South Asia.

We hope to achieve this by providing expert mentorship, support and guidance to learners in South Asia.

Meet your panelist



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Overview and Timeline

- The LSE Graduate Support Scheme (GSS) is financial needs based and provides funding for both UK and Overseas students.
- The value of GSS awards ranges from £5,000 to £15,000, depending on financial need.
- If you have a greater need, and you submit a personal statement with your Graduate Financial Support Application, you will be considered for other LSE scholarships as well.
- The deadline to complete the online application form for financial support is 27 April 2023 (applications close at 5pm UK time).



Eligibility

- This GSS is open to all LSE applicants for **diploma and taught master's study**, with the **exception of specific modular or executive programmes** such as the MSc Finance (Part time), the MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management and the MSc International Strategy and Diplomacy.
- **Double degree students** are also eligible for the GSS for their time at LSE. Eligible double degree programmes include: MSc in Affaires Internationales and International Relations or International Political Economy (LSE and Sciences Po); Double Degree European Studies (LSE and Sciences Po); MSc in International Affairs (LSE and PKU); MSc in Public Administration and Government (LSE and PKU); MSc International and World History (LSE and Columbia); MSc in Urban Policy (LSE and Sciences Po); MSc in Global Media and Communications (with either USC, PKU or UCT).
- In order to be considered for funding, applicants must have **received either an unconditional or a conditional offer of a place by 27 April 2023**.



Application Process

- After you submit your application for admission to LSE, you will be given access to the Graduate Application Portal. This will include a link to the [LSE Graduate Financial Support online application](#).
- If you [hold an offer of admission](#) and submit the Graduate Financial Support Application you will normally receive an instant decision via the Graduate Admissions' web tracker system.
- If you are not offered a GSS award, your responses in the Graduate Financial Support Application are also used to consider you for any [other LSE scholarships](#) for which you are eligible. Decisions on other LSE Scholarships are released throughout May, June and July.
- For more information on how to complete the Graduate Financial Support Application, head to: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/Graduate/fees-and-funding/how-to-complete-the-application>



Application Form

1. Personal details

2. Study details

You are expected to provide information about the programme(s) you have applied for and whether you intend to study full or part time. You should also give details of the degree level qualifications you hold and any degree level qualifications still pending, and details of any scholarships received for your education to date.

3. Personal statement

- While the statement is not necessary for consideration for a GSS award, it is necessary for you to be considered for other LSE scholarships.
- The statement, of no more than 8,000 characters including spaces, must explain why you applied for financial support.
- Some LSE scholarships for overseas students require the award holder to return to their country of permanent residence after the tenure of their award is finished. So, please ensure that you indicate your destination after graduation in the statement.



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4. Current personal circumstances

- In this section, you will have to indicate whether in the year before your proposed programme at LSE, you have been working or studying.
- You will need to provide your expected total net income (after tax) during the 12 months immediately preceding the start of your programme.
- List any loans you have already taken out to finance your previous or current study, including the academic year in which you took it out, the amount you borrowed, the amount you have outstanding and the period of time you have in which to repay it.
- You will be expected to indicate if you have a disability or medical condition which could affect your financial situation during your LSE programme.



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5. During your programme at LSE

- This section seeks to find out if there are any other factors which will affect your financial situation, either positively or negatively, whilst you are studying at LSE.
- If you have applied, or intend to apply for, other (non LSE) financial support in the form of non-repayable scholarships, grants or bursaries, please provide details. If you have already been successful with an application, please indicate the value of your award.
- Indicate if you intend to take out a loan to help finance your studies, and the repayment period (Duration (in years) field) for it.
- You may have some financial obligations which will affect the amount you have available for your programme. This might include medical bills, or the repayment of a previous educational loan. If you do have any such existing obligations, please give details. But note that this is not an opportunity to tell about general living cost expenditure. Any obligations listed should be exceptional.



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6. Household Circumstances

- This section is designed to know whether you will be receiving any financial support from your household. If you expect to receive household support, you will also need to give the combined net income (after tax) of your household during the 12 months immediately preceding the start of your programme, and details about all the people this income supports.
- You will also be asked whether you personally support any dependants, and if so, how many.

7. Summary of secured funding

- Most of the fields on this page are pre-populated with information you provided in response to other questions in the form.
- By deducting the amount you have secured, or hope to secure, from the costs associated with your programme, the system will calculate your current assessed funding shortfall. You are then invited to enter the minimum amount of financial support that will allow you to take up your place at LSE.



Submission

- There is **no opportunity to change information** you have entered once you submit the form.
- LSE can **re-consider your eligibility to the GSS in the event that your circumstances have substantially changed** since the submission of your LSE Graduate Financial Support Application and you are able to provide specific additional information to support this, e.g. changes to any figures that make up your secured funding. You will need to fill the Additional Information Form to report any such changes.
- When you have submitted your application, you will see an **acknowledgement screen confirming that your application has been submitted**, and the date it was submitted. If you do not see this screen, it may mean that your application has not been submitted.



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