 

# **LSE ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships (PDF)**

**Application Form 2025**

**Applicant Information**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** (please provide an email you can be contacted on throughout the entire application process) |  |
| **Organisation where you studied for the PhD** this opportunity is open to applicants who have completed their PhD at a UK research organisation (RO) |  |
| **Division or Department where you studied for the PhD** |  |

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Summary Information**

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| **Organisation where the Fellowship will be held** | The London School of Economics and Political Science  |
| **Name the proposed host department** (one of the LSE 19 ESRC accredited departments) and**Name the ESRC Research Environment / Subject Area** to which your application is aligned. LSE [ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships webpage](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/esrc-doctoral-training-partnership/postdoctoral-fellowships) provides a link to [a document](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/assets/documents/ESRC/RPM-DTP2-Research-Environments-24-25-web.pdf) listing both | Department:Research Environment / Subject Area: |
| **Project title** (up to 150 characters *including* spaces) |  |
| **Provide the name of your proposed mentor** (you will need to identify and contact a suitable mentor prior to your application submission)  | Name:  |
| **ESRC permits fellows to have a secondary mentor. Do you have a secondary mentor?**  | Yes / NoIf yes, Name: |
| **Have you applied to any other DTPs in this Scheme?** If yes, please list. | Yes / No  |
| **Are you applying for full-time or part-time?** You can apply for a fellowship on a part-time basis if that reflects your usual working hours. | Full-time / Part-time |
| **If part-time, what is the proposed duration of the fellowship (in months)?** Fellowships should last for 12 months full-time, or up to two years part-time. The start date is **01 October 2025** |  |
| **Did you complete your PhD on a part-time or full-time basis?**  | Full-time / Part-time  |
| **Will your project generate any new datasets?**  | Yes / NoIf yes please include a data management plan as a separate attachment to your application. |
| **Do you intend to visit an overseas institution?**  | Yes / NoIf yes please include an overseas institution letter of support as a separate attachment to your application |
| **Will your project involve direct engagement with a project partner?**  | Yes / No If yes please include a project partner letter of support as a separate attachment to your application |

**Eligibility**

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| **To be eligible for this scheme applicants must:** Have been awarded a PhD or have passed their viva voce with minor amendments by the application deadline of 25 March 2025 and have been awarded their PhD by the fellowship start date of 1 October 2025 |
| **Will you have been awarded a PhD by the application deadline of 25 March 2025?** | Yes / No |
| **If you answered no to the above, then please provide the date & result of your viva and expected PhD Award Date**  | Date of Viva:Result of Viva: Not yet known / Passed without corrections / Passed with minor correctionsExpected PhD Award Date |
| **To be eligible for this scheme applicants must:**Have no more than 12 months\* of active postdoctoral experience\*\*. This is measured from the applicant’s viva voce pass date to the application deadline of 25 March 2025 Permanent members of staff in an academic position with a research component are not eligible for this scheme.\*At full-time equivalent and allowing for career breaks\*\* The ESRC regard ‘active postdoctoral experience’ as research experience |
| **Do you have more than 12 months of active postdoctoral experience from passing your viva to the closing date of 25 March 2025**Please refer to the ESRC Call Specification & Frequently Asked Questions document if you require further information to answer this question | Yes / No |
| **Have you been employed on a fixed term contract since your PhD Viva date?** | Yes / NoDates of appointment: |
| **Have you had a post-doctoral position since your PhD Viva date?**  | Yes / NoDates of appointment: |
| **Have you had a career break** (e.g. maternity, paternity, unemployment, sick leave) since your PhD Viva date? | Yes / No Please give details:  |

**Please tell us about your project**

**Objectives** (mandatory)

List the main objectives of the fellowship (up to 4000 characters *including spaces*)

Please specify concisely the aims and objectives that should be achieved by the end of the fellowship. These **could** include, but are not limited to:

* Produce publications in order to help establish track record
* Engage with a range of different audiences to communicate your research findings
* Build networks to develop impact opportunities and inform and support your further development
* Collaborate with users through an internship or placement to help develop your professional and transferrable skills and understanding of users’ organisations
* Further training to improve your research and related skills
* Developing funding proposals
* Carry out further limited research **(up to 25% of the programme work)** related to your PhD
* Teaching, if in alignment with the wider purposes of the fellowship (up to a maximum of six hours per week)
* Research visits to internationally leading research organisations – either in the UK or abroad – for the purposes of research collaboration, training, and/or access to data or other resources not available at your host organisation.

**Summary** (mandatory up to 4000 characters *including spaces)*

Describe the proposed research in simple terms in a way that could be publicised to a general audience.

You should summarise the aims of the fellowship. The summary should be written in a style that is accessible to a variety of readers, including the general public. In the event of a successful award, the ESRC may publicise the summary to a general audience.

**Beneficiaries** (mandatory up to 4000 characters *including spaces)*

Describe who will benefit from the research.

You should list those who are likely to be interested in or benefit from the proposed programme of work, and wherever possible this should consist of a wider group than that of your immediate professional circle. If not applicable please state this.

**Ethical information** (mandatory up to 4000 characters *including spaces)*

This section should comply with the requirements of the Framework for Research Ethics: [Research ethics guidance – ESRC – UKRI](https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/guidance-for-applicants/research-ethics-guidance/)

Has consideration been given to any ethical matters raised by this proposal?

Please explain what, if any, ethical issues you believe are relevant to the proposed research project, including the impact plans and user engagement, and which ethical approvals have been obtained, or will be sought if the project is funded? If you believe that an ethics review is not necessary, please explain your view.

**The following attachments are mandatory and form your application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. ESRC requires a minimum of font size 11:**

1. LSE ESRC PDF Application Form 2025
2. Case for support *(maximum six sides of A4)*
3. LSE ESRC PDF Justification of resources form 2025 *(maximum of two sides of A4), template provided on* [*webpage*](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/phd-academy/esrc-doctoral-training-partnership/postdoctoral-fellowships)
4. Applicant CV *(maximum two sides of A4)*
5. Mentor statement and summary CV *(maximum two sides of A4)*
6. Referee statement *(maximum two sides of A4)*
7. Workplan *(maximum two sides of A4)*
8. Data management plan – mandatory where new datasets will be generated as part of the fellowship *(maximum three sides of A4)*

**Other mandatory attachments**

1. List of Publications (bibliography) – mandatory if any references are cited in the proposal *(applicant’s own publications should be included in their CV)*
2. Overseas institution letter of support - if you are intending to visit an overseas institution as part of the fellowship, a letter of support from the overseas host must be provided. (*maximum one side of A4 on headed paper)*
3. Project partner letter of support - if you are intending to work with a project partner, a letter of support must be provided by the partner confirming their contribution to the work. *(maximum one side of A4 per partner on headed paper)*

Please refer to the call specification for more details on what is required within each of these attachments.

This form, along with all required attachments must be submitted to the DTP to which you are applying by **16.00 on 25 March 2025**.

Queries about the scheme should be sent to phdacademy@lse.ac.uk with the subject ‘ESRC PDF Application Scheme Query 2025-26'. We receive a very high level of interest in this scheme and you may not receive an immediate response.

**Please note that under the LSE DTP process of recruitment candidates do not supply the following document, as this will be requested by the LSE directly and collated internally:**

* Head of Department Statement *(maximum one side of A4)*