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# Tuition Fee Policy 2025/26



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# Purpose and background

The Tuition Fee Policy forms part of the contract between you the student and the School. This Policy should be read in conjunction with the School's **Conditions of Registration and Enrolment**.

Conditions of Registration and Enrolment do not apply to Summer School students, non-degree level Language Centre students or Executive Education Course students. Regulations for those students can be found via the links below:



This policy is accompanied by a set of operating appendices which give detailed explanations of the way the School administers this policy.

Students are required to pay the fees and charges applicable to their programme. Fee levels are determined based on fee status and mode of attendance.

Tuition fees for all programmes are normally published 15 months in advance and can be found on the School website. Provisional figures are published for those fees not directly under the School's control.

Students retain ultimate liability for the payment of tuition fees, including where sponsorship agreements have been approved. The School will always seek to recover fees directly from students in cases where payment from other approved sources is not forthcoming. The School reserves the right to take appropriate action against students who fail to pay their fees, or make satisfactory arrangements to pay by the end of a set period.

Students must be in Good Financial Standing with the School throughout their period of study. "Good Financial Standing" means not owing money to the school other than by the written consent of the School. Any student who is not in Good Financial Standing will be subject to the penalties outlined in the **Credit Management Policy**.



The School reserves the right to prevent students from participating in graduation ceremonies and to withhold degree certificates, transcripts and references due to non-payment of tuition fees. Additionally students in default of payment will be unable to re-enrol or participate in subsequent academic year studies until all existing outstanding fees have been settled. In the event of any conflict between this policy and other documents or publications containing reference to fees, this policy shall have precedence. For further information please see the **Credit Management Policy**.

## Principles:

The School is committed to a fair and transparent policy in respect of the fees and charges it expects students to pay. The School has an obligation to provide upfront, clear, intelligible and unambiguous information.

This Policy applies to all students where there is a fee liability payable. Fee liability is determined by the Fees Group, they are distinguished as:

- **Standard Fee Groups:** UG Degree, UG General Course, PG Research, PG Taught, MRes, MRes PhD, Visiting Research Students, Exchange (including UG exchange, PG exchange and research exchange), Executive MSc, MBA.
- **Non-Standard Fee Groups:** Summer School, Executive Education Courses, non-degree level Language Courses/Programmes and Atlantic Fellows.
- **Intercollegiate Fees:** Students from a **University of London College**.

The School reserves the right to change, amend or alter this policy during the academic year if considered appropriate and necessary to do so.

Only Fees, Income and Credit Control (hereinafter FICC) staff are authorised to provide a definitive statement on tuition fees.

All other tuition fee information provided by non-authorised staff shall be considered advisory only and non-binding to the School. Students or staff requiring definitive confirmation of fees should contact **Fees, Income and Credit Control**.

All fees are published by the School and are payable in pounds (GBP, £) sterling, unless otherwise stated.





# Section 1: Fee setting and annual fee level increases

- 1.1 **Standard Fee Group** levels under the School's control are set by the School's Council around 15 months ahead of the academic year that they relate to.
- 1.2 Programme fee levels may be subject to change during the academic year for those Executive Master's programmes that operate a number of start dates throughout an academic year. Any changes to programme fee levels will be communicated directly to affected individuals and will be advertised in the Table of Fees. Otherwise no changes to fee levels that are under the School's control will occur mid-year for any taught programmes that operate a single start date during the academic year. Students who withdraw, interrupt or change programme will be advised by Student Services of any adjustment to their fee.
- 1.3 Tuition Fees are paid in each year (academic session) for which students are enrolled, and usually rise each year. The fees will not stay the same as the year in which students start unless specified.
- 1.4 Tuition Fees are charged for all students at the School, unless otherwise advised.
- 1.5 If the duration of a programme is more than one year, students must check information on fees payable in future years - eg, students enrolling in 2025/26 should review the 2026/27 Table of Fees.
- 1.6 The fee levels for current and the forthcoming academic years are available in advance to help students to plan their finances. Additionally fee levels from previous academic years are available on the [School website](#).
- 1.7 Overseas undergraduate fees, for entrants in 2021/22 and later, is charged at a flat rate according to the year of entry; ie, students commencing their studies in 2025/26 will be charged the same fee as that which is charged in 2025/26, in each subsequent year of study. The fee level charged for each new cohort will continue to increase.
- 1.8 From 2023/24, new Overseas Undergraduate students will pay a fee based on which tier their programme is in – see table "Overseas Undergraduate Fees by Programme for 2025/26 Entry". This fee will be fixed from the year of entry, so students will pay the same amount each year for the duration of their programme. Fee levels for each new Overseas Undergraduate cohort will rise each year.
- 1.9 Fee levels for each new Overseas Undergraduate cohort will rise each year.



**1.10 Protected Fees Policy:** Tuition fees usually increase each academic year. If the fee for a taught postgraduate programme changes above the standard increase (eg, due to a programme moving to a different fee band), then any students already registered on the programme in their first year will have their fee protected when they progress to the second year; such students will be registered on full time programmes involving more than one year of study or undertaking part time study. In such instances the lower fee level (plus standard increases) will be applied for the remaining years of study.

**1.11** The Home Undergraduate fee for a study year abroad (either as part of an exchange scheme or without an exchange) has been set by the UK Office for Students at a maximum of approx. 15 per cent of the full-time fee in the year the student starts their programme. This fee applies regardless of the year within the programme that the year abroad is taken.

For Home undergraduate students starting their programme between 2019/20 and 2024/25, the fee for the year abroad is £1,385. For Home undergraduates starting in 2025/26, the fee for the abroad year is £1,430.

For Overseas Undergraduates who started their programme in 2022/23 or earlier, the fee for the year abroad is £4,625 (50 per cent of the Home Undergraduate full-time fee of £9,250).

#### **Fees for a placement year**

The Overseas fee for placement years is determined by the School. The fee has been set at 20% of the full Overseas fee to maintain consistency with that charged to Home students. As Overseas undergraduate fees follow the cohort approach, where the year of entry fee is fixed for each year of the programme, the placement year fee will be set in the year of entry regardless of which year the placement is taken.

#### **Fees for a year abroad and exchange years**

The School determines the fee charged to Overseas students. For students taking part in a compulsory study abroad year as part of the Language Centre's BScs, the fees are set at 15% of the full Overseas fee, which maintains consistency with that charged to Home students.

For non-compulsory exchange years, where the School receives a reciprocal number of students for which it provides full tuition and services, the normal full-time fee of the programme the student is taking is charged.

Information on undergraduate exchanges can be found [here](#).

**1.12** The School has control of all other fee setting with the exception of the joint programme with the **LSHTM** which is set annually in consultation with the LSHTM.

**1.13** The School charges Home research students in line with the level of fee that the Research Councils recommend. The fees for a particular year of study are announced by Research Councils UK around 8 months prior to the start of an academic session; a provisional fee is, therefore, referenced in the **Table of Fees** until the confirmed fee is known. The provisional fee is calculated based on recent patterns of inflation applied by the Research Councils.

**1.14** Fees charged for part-time graduate students will be half the full-time fee for each year of study. Undergraduate programmes are not available for study on a part-time basis. Part-time fees for undergraduates relate to full-time students who are allowed to repeat teaching by the repeat teaching panel, further information can be found in section 9.



- 1.15** The School reserves the right to correct administrative errors and to recover any associated shortfall in fees, but will consider exceptional mitigating circumstances on a case-by-case basis to determine a payment plan if deemed appropriate.
- 1.16** Where study is undertaken at a Partner institution conditions will be determined by the Institution of study unless otherwise specified, if not specified this policy will apply.
- 1.17 Non-Standard Fee levels** are set annually. Prior to this, the fee levels have already been through the School's Committee cycle for endorsement.
- 1.18 Intercollegiate Fee charging:** All students from other colleges of the University of London should be charged for taking courses at the School unless there are institutional agreements to the contrary or reciprocal arrangements in place.
- 1.19** Students of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) registered on the joint MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing will pay fees to LSHTM. The fees will then be split between the School and LSHTM on the basis set out in the institutional agreement.
- 1.20** Intercollegiate students will be charged a fee which is proportional to the relevant full time fee for a similar programme at the School. Thus, in the commonest example, a student taking a single full unit course would be charged one quarter of the relevant full time rate. The fees per full unit course for 2025/26 can be found in the Intercollegiate charging table (Appendix 3).
- 1.21** All intercollegiate students being taught must be enrolled with LSE through the Student Services Centre and be recorded on the School's student record system, having paid or guaranteed any fee charged. The School will invoice the college concerned and not the student. The fees are payable to the School and not to an academic department or an individual academic. In the case of default, normal fee recovery procedures and penalties will apply.
- 1.22** Intercollegiate students enrolled on any course taught at LSE will be deemed to have entered for the assessment. If they enroll after the closing date for LSE students the School does not guarantee to take account of their choice in scheduling assessment.
- 1.23** Where a pre-sessional course is required for an intercollegiate student before progression to another LSE course is permitted, a fee equivalent to a half unit for a similar programme will be charged. Students who do not progress beyond the pre-sessional course will not receive a fee refund. Those who progress to a half unit course at the School will not be required to pay a further fee. Those who progress to a full unit course at the School will be required to pay a fee equivalent to a further half unit.
- 1.24 Placement Year Fees:** The Home Undergraduate fee for a placement year has been set by the UK Office for Students at a maximum of 20 per cent of the full-time fee in the year the student starts their programme. For Home students starting the BSc Actuarial Science (with a Placement Year) in 2025/26, the fee for the placement year is **£1,905**.

The Overseas Undergraduate fee for a placement year is 20 per cent of the full-time programme fee in the year the student starts the programme. For Overseas students starting the BSc Actuarial Science (with a Placement Year) in 2025/26, the fee for the placement year is **£5,840**.



# Section 2: Fee status

The amount of tuition fees you will need to pay, and any financial support you are eligible for, will depend on whether you are classified as a Home or Overseas student, otherwise known as your fee status. LSE assesses your fee status based on guidelines provided by the Department of Education.

The **Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007** govern the definition of Home and Overseas students for the purpose of fees. These regulations enable individual institutions to classify the fee status of students. The onus is on individual students to satisfy the institution that they meet the criteria to be classified as home status for the purpose of fees.

- 2.1 Standard Fee Groups** are charged according to a student's fee status.
- 2.2** New entrants to programmes in 2025/26 or subsequent years will be eligible for either Home or Overseas fee status as outlined in Appendix 9.
- 2.3** EEA/Swiss nationals who are new entrants to LSE programmes from 2024/25 may be classified as either Home or Overseas fee payers, depending on their specific circumstances and based on meeting the criteria in the UKCISA guidance. See section 2.9 for details. Continuing EEA/Swiss students enrolled prior to 2021/22 will retain their Home status for the duration of their programme.
- 2.4** The rate charged depends on a student's nationality, immigration status in the UK and place of residence prior to enrolment at the School. For further information, please visit the UKCISA [website](#).
- 2.5** The School applies government regulations to assess which fee status is appropriate for each student. The same regulations are applied at all English universities (other UK universities use similar regulations) but each institution is expected to make its own assessment, which cannot be influenced by the decision of another institution.
- 2.6** Assessments of fee status are carried out on an individual basis and are based on the individual circumstances of each applicant. Assessments cannot be carried out until an application for admission has been processed. For further information please visit the [School website](#).

**2.7** An applicant who wishes for their fee status to be reconsidered should contact the relevant Admissions teams immediately as a fee status is not normally amended after an offer is accepted. A potential student with an offer who disputes their fee status should be aware that the School will need enough time to consider the query. A written request must be submitted to the relevant Admissions Office before an offer is accepted and no later than 1 September 2025. A definite answer from the School must be received before enrolment.

**2.8** The School reserves the right to review an offer of admission and the award of any financial aid if a fee status changes. Once registered as a student, a fee status will only be reclassified in exceptional circumstances (either a change in the law or a change to the status of the student). Any change in fee status will usually not commence until the first day of a subsequent academic year (1 September).

Requests for reclassification by registered students must be submitted before 31 October in the year they first register. If students request us to review their fee status after this deadline, any decision to change their classification will not apply until the start of the next academic year (only available for 2-year programmes or longer).

**2.9** Eligibility for Home status was revised by the UK government for new students starting from 2021/22. Students who are nationals of the EEA or Switzerland starting a course on or after 1 August 2021 will only be classified as Home if they have Settled or Pre-Settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, or other Brexit Protected Rights, and they meet the relevant 3-year residence requirement. Family members of UK citizens who have been living in the UK, and UK citizens and their families who have been living in the EEA, will also be classified as Home if they meet all the criteria. For the full eligibility criteria for these people, and the other categories of students who pay the Home fee, and for free detailed advice and guidance about fee status, see **UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA)**.

**2.10** If a student starts a new programme their fee status will be re-assessed. Further information on Fee Assessment can be found on the **School website**.

**2.11** A full list of fee statuses can be found in Appendix 9.





# Section 3: Financial undertaking and financial liability

## Standard Fee Groups:

- 3.1** Completion of the Financial Undertaking Form is a condition of your offer and is compulsory for all offer holders, you will not be permitted to enrol if you fail to submit the form.
- 3.2** By submitting the Financial Undertaking Form you confirm that you have sufficient funding in place to cover your tuition and all other costs during your time at LSE.
- 3.3** A Financial Undertaking Form must be completed even if you have paid some or all your tuition fees.
- 3.4** If there is any change to the funding situation of a student, a new Financial Undertaking Form must be submitted, for further information please refer to **Financial Undertaking and Financial Liability: Tuition Fees and Living Costs**.
- 3.5 Re-enrolment:** Students will not permitted to re-enrol if their tuition fee liability has not been paid in full. In such circumstances, students will not be allowed to attend classes or receive teaching until such time as the fees have been paid. Students who are unable to clear a historical tuition fee debt before the start of the following academic year should seek to interrupt their studies to ensure that they are granted permission to be on a break from receiving teaching (See 9.1 to 9.3).

## Non-Standard Fee Groups

- 3.6** Are not required to submit a Financial Undertaking Form, but should ensure that sufficient funds are in place prior to applying/enrolling on a course.



# Section 4: Commercial sponsorship

- 4.1** A sponsor is a company, government body, employer, charitable or third party non-domestic organisation; a relative, individual or friend is not deemed an official sponsor.
- 4.2** The School reserves the right to reject sponsorship that does not meet the categories outlined in 4.1.
- 4.3** Standard Fee Group Students: Students in receipt of full or part sponsorship must provide evidence through the Financial Undertaking Form process. You will be prompted to upload a sponsorship letter with your submission. For further details please refer to **Financial Undertaking and Financial Liability: Tuition Fees and Living Costs**.
- 4.4** In the event of a sponsor failing to pay fees on behalf of a student, the student becomes liable for fee payment. If a sponsor fails to pay and subsequently goes into liquidation or receivership, the University will try to assist students with a reasonable payment arrangement, but will be unable to waive any fees due.
- 4.5** Invoices issued to sponsors will be subject to standard payment terms of 30 days from date of invoice; payment plans are not available for sponsors.
- 4.6** Sponsors will be required to enrol and pay for student fee invoices through the **Sponsors Payment Portal**.  
Sponsors should refer to the **Payment Policy Terms and Conditions** for further information on payment terms and payment methods.
- 4.7 Non-Standard Fee Groups:** The Summer School and Executive Education Courses accept payment of tuition by a sponsor but in the event of non payment consider the student to be fully responsible and liable for tuition fees.
- For further information on the Terms and Conditions for the Language Centre please visit the **School website**.
  - For further information on the Terms and Conditions for the Summer School please visit the **School website**.



# Section 5: Awards and scholarships

## Standard Fee Group Students:

- 5.1 Scholarships/Awards:** The School offers a variety of scholarships to its students, further information can be found on the [School website](#).
- 5.2** Any scholarship or award will be automatically put towards the tuition fees unless otherwise specified by the [Financial Support Office](#).
- 5.3** It is a condition of any LSE Scholarship or award that the recipient is enrolled on a programme of study and remains an enrolled student for the duration of the academic year.
- 5.4** If the fee status, mode of study or programme of study changes, the LSE Scholarship or award will be reviewed in line with changes made and may be amended or withdrawn.
- 5.5** If the award holder interrupts their studies, the LSE scholarship or award will be reviewed and may be reduced or withdrawn.
- 5.6** If an award covers only part of tuition fees, students are responsible for paying the remaining balance of tuition fees.
- 5.7** If a tuition fee balance remains after fee scholarships have been applied a self-funded payment plan will be created. The plan will be created on the balance due.  
The calculation of your plan will be based on: Fee less Scholarship = Self-funded balance.
- 5.8** Scholarships for fees cannot be used as settlement of Autumn or Winter term Fees.

## Non-Standard Fee Groups:

- 5.9** Executive Education Courses and non-degree level Language Centre students are ineligible for awards and scholarships.
- 5.10** The Summer School offer an Academic Director's Scholarship for a limited number of courses, for further information please refer to the [Summer School webpage](#).





# Section 6: Discounts and remission of fees

## Standard Fee Groups:

- 6.1 Alumni Discounts:** Applicants for taught postgraduate or Executive MSc study at LSE who have completed (regardless of when it was completed), or who are due to complete, a three or four year undergraduate degree or the Diploma in Accounting and Finance at LSE are entitled to a reduction on their tuition fees.
- 6.2** If you complete but fail your undergraduate degree or one year postgraduate diploma you will not be eligible for the discount.
- 6.3** Discount cannot be used as payment towards self funded payment plans. If a tuition fee balance remains after discount has been applied a self funded payment plan will be created. The plan will be created on the balance due.

For eligibility criteria please refer to Appendix 1 of this policy.

## Non-Standard Fee Groups:

- 6.4 Summer School and Executive Education Course discount:** A reduction in fees is available for eligible students and an alumni discount is available for both Summer School and Executive Education Courses, further information including full eligibility criteria can be found in Appendix 1.
- 6.5 Language Centre:** Non-degree language courses are available to LSE students, staff and Alumni, for details of fees please refer to the [Language Centre website](#).
- 6.6 Staff remission:** Staff may claim remission of fees for part-time degree and diploma programmes taken at the School. Staff must have been continuously employed by the School for at least one year before enrolling as a part-time student. Full details are available here [Staff Fee Remission](#).



# Section 7: Payment methods and instalment options

## Applicable to Standard and Non Standard Fee Groups

- 7.1 A student is personally responsible for the payment of tuition fees and related charges in accordance with payment due dates.
- 7.2 In the absence of funding or designated family approved payers or commercial sponsorship, students are liable for payment of tuition fees.
- 7.3 This policy is designed to supplement and co-ordinate two important areas that relate to payment processing. These are the **School's Payment Acceptance Strategy (PAS)** and the **Payment Policy**. We provide students, sponsors and family members with effective, flexible and consistent payment options, and the worldwide initiative to safe guard security and protect against fraud; the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS). The payment terms and payment methods are in compliance with these standards and are regularly reviewed for best practice.
- 7.4 The School is required to comply with **Anti Money Laundering (AML) regulations**.



**7.5** In accordance with the Money Laundering Regulations 2018 and the Proceeds of Crime Act (2022), the School reserves the right to refuse or reject any financial transaction where the payment origin cannot be identified or traced and will aim to ensure all financial transactions and returns are issued to the original source and payment method.

**7.6** Any student attempting to make payment in a manner believed to be fraudulent will be referred for a breach of the **Conditions of Registration and Enrolment**. Any such incident or suspected incident may also be reported to the appropriate authorities. For further information please visit [info.lse.ac.uk/fraud](https://info.lse.ac.uk/fraud)

**7.7** The School accepts the following payment methods:

- Bank/wire transfers
- Open Banking
- Credit or Debit Card
- APMS/eWallet

**Note:** We do not accept cash or cheque, nor do we offer direct debit or recurring card payments.

For further information please visit [info.lse.ac.uk/payments](https://info.lse.ac.uk/payments)





## Standard Fee Group:

**7.8** The School offers an interest free payment plan option. Students who have not paid in full before or at enrolment will be placed on a termly payment plan. Students are expected to pay 1/3 of the total fee charged by or before each payment date. For payment plan options relating to Executive programmes please see **Instalment options Executive Programmes**. The School will place all self funded students on a payment plan automatically.

Payment plans are created and available to view within 10 working days of a students enrolment date unless otherwise advised.

**7.9** Only payment plans authorised by FICC will be recognised.

**7.10** Requests for bespoke payment plans must be submitted to FICC (**contact us**), consideration will be based on the individual's financial standing with the School, including any previous financial standing; the nature of the debt; the size of the debt, and the student's current proposed level of study.

**7.11** In the event of an interruption or withdrawal, any outstanding payment plan installments will become void and a new plan will need to be agreed with Credit Control unless otherwise advised.

Further information can be found on the **School website**.

## Non-Standard Fee Groups:

**7.12** Payment plans are not offered for students that fall into this category, however there may be specific fee payment arrangements made in accordance with a student's chosen course.

**7.13** Programme and course fees are payable in pounds (GBP £) sterling unless otherwise stated.



# Section 8: Deposits and Pre-registration fees<sup>1</sup>

LSE receives a significant number of applications for postgraduate study in each academic year. While the majority of individuals to whom LSE offers a place enrol at LSE, there is a minority that does not. That results in a place that could have been offered to another individual being left vacant. A list of programmes that require a deposit can be found [here](#).

The purpose of requiring Offer Holders to pay LSE a deposit towards their Tuition Fees is twofold:

- It allows Offer Holders to demonstrate their commitment to attending their chosen programme of study at LSE; and
- It gives LSE a sufficient level of certainty that Offer Holders will enrol and aids LSE in its resource and student number planning.

**8.1** LSE does not require Tuition Fee Deposits for the following programmes:

- UG Degrees
- UG General Course programme
- PG Research
- MRes, MRes PhD
- Visiting Research Students, Exchange (including UG exchange, PG exchange and research exchange)
- MBA

**8.1.1** The LSE normally requests a deposit of 10% of the published Home Tuition fee, however, the LSE reserves the right to establish a deposit on a programme-by-programme basis.

**8.1.2** Offer Holders who are required to pay a Tuition Fee Deposit will be notified in the Offer Letter. The Offer Letter will set out the Payment Deadline, the total Tuition Fee Deposit due and details on how the payment should be made.

**8.1.3** A full schedule of Tuition Fee Deposits that are payable for the academic session, detailed by programme is available [here](#).

<sup>1</sup> Please note that this Policy does not apply to deposits required by programmes offered by the Department of Finance. Offer holders for the Department of Finance will find guidance regarding deposits on their offer letter and in communications from the Department.



## Payment:

- 8.2** Tuition Fee Deposits must be paid by the payment deadline. Failure to pay the Tuition Fee Deposit by the payment deadline may result in LSE withdrawing an offer.
- 8.3** The school may at its discretion extend the payment deadline.
- 8.4** When an Offer Holder enrolls at LSE, any Tuition Fee Deposit paid will automatically be counted towards the Tuition Fees payable by the Offer Holder. The Offer Holder will only be required to pay the balance of the Tuition Fees.
- 8.5** The Payment Deadline will usually be not more than six weeks after the date of the Offer Letter but in no event will the Payment Deadline be later than the day preceding the formal start date specified in the Offer Letter.
- 8.6** The Payment deadline for Offer Holders due to start at times other than September will be as specified in the Offer Letter.
- 8.7** The requirement to pay a Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee shall only arise when the Offer Holder has accepted the offer of admission. Offer Holders will usually be required to accept the offer of admission within six weeks of confirming the date of the offer (but no later than the day preceding the teaching start date specified in the Offer Letter). If acceptance of the offer is not made through the Graduate Admissions Portal by the response date specified in the Offer Letter, the offer may be withdrawn.
- 8.8** Tuition Fee Deposits and Pre-registration fee should be made through the school's online payment portals, [info.lse.ac.uk/payments](https://info.lse.ac.uk/payments). Payment may be made in multiple instalments provided that the full Tuition Fee Deposit is paid to LSE by the payment deadline.
- 8.9** The liability to pay the Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee is owed by the Offer Holder but payment may be made by a third party on behalf of the Offer Holder. Any partial or failed payment of the Tuition Fee Deposit or Pre-registration fees by a third party for the Offer Holder will not absolve the Offer Holder of their obligation to pay the remainder of the Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-Registration fee. Students will retain ultimate liability for the payment of tuition fees.
- 8.10** If the Tuition Fee Deposit/pre-registration is not received in full by LSE by the payment deadline, LSE reserves the right to withdraw its offer in accordance with its terms meaning that the Offer Holder will not be able to enrol at LSE.
- 8.11** If LSE intends to withdraw an offer for failure to pay the Tuition Fee Deposit or pre-registration fee (in whole or in part), LSE will send the Offer Holder an email notification shortly after the Payment Deadline. The notification will give at least 5 days' notice of intention to withdraw the offer. If the Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre registration fee is paid in full during that period, the offer will not be withdrawn.



- 8.12** If an Offer Holder's fee account balance is in credit (for example, due to overpayment of tuition fees for a previous period of enrollment), LSE Graduate Admissions will confirm the credit with the Finance Division and then, if agreed with the Offer Holder, the credit amount will be counted toward the Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee. If it is agreed with the Offer Holder, any Tuition Fee credit will be stated in the applicant portal and will be reflected in the balance of any Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee payment due.
- 8.13** Payment of the deposit/Pre-registration fee, either in full or in part, does not guarantee that the Offer Holder will be able to enrol or study at LSE. The Offer Holder's ability to enrol and study at LSE is determined by **Conditions of Registration and Enrolment**.
- 8.14** If LSE agrees to an Offer Holder transferring from one programme to another, whether before or after payment of the Tuition Fee Deposit but before enrolment, and the newly selected programme does:
- 8.14.1** not require a Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee, any Tuition Fee Deposit/or preregistration fee paid prior to the transfer shall be held by LSE against Tuition Fees for the newly selected programme; or
- 8.14.2** requires a Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre pre-registration fee, any Tuition Fee Deposit/Pre-registration fee paid prior to the transfer shall, be held by LSE towards the Tuition Fee Deposit/Preregistration fee for the newly selected programme and the applicant portal will update accordingly with the amount of the Tuition Fee Deposit/pre-registration fee paid (if any) noted against the offer of admission for the newly selected programme.
- 8.15** If LSE agrees to an Offer Holder deferring their enrolment, any Tuition Fee Deposit/pre-registration fee payment made may, with the Offer Holder's consent, be held on account and form part of the Tuition Fees, once Enrolled. Where payment has been made in part or has not been made a revised payment requirement will be communicated in the deferred offer of admission. The above terms concerning full payment by the stated Payment Deadline continue to apply. Deferral of admission is only permitted once.

## Exemptions:

- 8.16** LSE may exempt an Offer Holder from the requirement to pay a Tuition Fee Deposit where the Offer Holder provides official documentary evidence to LSE Graduate Admissions that the Offer Holder has been awarded appropriate funding.
- 8.17** LSE requires evidence of funding in the form of a formal, dated letter of award from the funding body on its letterhead and signed by an authorised officer of the funding body specifying the name of the Offer Holder and programme of study.
- 8.18** We understand that in some situations you may not have finalised funding when you receive your offer from the school, the school may exempt or extend the payment due date for offers holders if they can provide evidence of an in-progress application.





- 8.19** Should LSE agree to extend the Payment Deadline, full payment must be made by this extended Payment Deadline or exemption agreed. If this does not happen, the school may withdraw the offer.
- 8.20** Exemptions will be considered for students who have funding which will cover either their deposit in full or their tuition fees in full.
- 8.20.1** Sponsored by a company, government body, employer, charitable or third-party nondomestic organization. Please be advised that a relative, individual or friend is not deemed an official sponsor. Please refer to Section 7 of this policy.
- 8.20.2** Bank or equivalent loan.
- 8.20.3** Private loan (Prodigy finance, Sallie Mae, earnest loans, Lendwise)
- 8.20.4** Government loans (U.S. Federal Loans, Canadian Loans, UK PG loan).
- 8.20.5** Military funding (ELCAS, U.S. Veterans)
- 8.20.6** Employed by LSE and entitled to apply for LSE Staff fee remission.
- 8.21** Exemptions may also be considered for categories not illustrated above; you will be required to document your reason in the Extenuating circumstances form found on the Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP). Students should avoid submitting multiple extension requests and requests should not be later than a month prior to enrolment.
- 8.22** LSE will consider all requests for exemption from the Tuition Fee Deposit requirement [at its absolute discretion / acting reasonably].
- 8.23** Exemption requests that have not been submitted via the Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP) will be deemed invalid and will be rejected.







# Section 9: Loans and funding

## Standard Fee Groups

- 9.1 U.S. Federal Aid (Title IV):** The School is registered to accept funding and payment arrangements for students borrowing via the Federal Loans scheme; students funded via this method will need to comply with the U.S. Department of Education's legislation regarding the scheme. The School will accept and administer funds received in accordance with the legislation governing fund distribution. In the absence of funding evidence, funds not materialising through the scheme, or where there remains a balance due after funding has been received, students will be liable for payment and required to conform to the terms and conditions of this policy. For further information please refer to the **US Federal Loans Guidance**.
- 9.2 U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs:** The School is registered to accept funding and payment arrangements for students who qualify for education benefits in accordance with post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33). The School will accept and administer funds received in accordance with the legislation governing fund distribution. In the absence of funding evidence, funds not materialising through the scheme, or where there remains a balance due after funding has been received, students will be liable for payment and required to conform to the terms and conditions of this policy.
- 9.3 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award:** The School is registered to accept funding and payment arrangements for students who qualify for education benefits from completing national service in AmeriCorps programmes. The School will accept and administer funds received in accordance with the legislation governing fund distribution. In the absence of funding evidence, funds not materialising through the scheme, or where there remains a balance due after funding has been received, students will be liable for payment and required to conform to the terms and conditions of this policy.
- 9.4 Canadian provincial student aid:** The School is registered to accept funding for students borrowing via provincial aid schemes. The LSE code for all provinces is **PUEQ**, with the exception of Quebec which is **H8522A**. The School does not process loans, however we will assist with enrolment confirmations and tax related enquiries.



**9.5 SLC Tuition Fee Loans/Grants:** Eligible Home/UK, Home/EU\* undergraduate students may apply for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of tuition. Tuition Fee loans are paid directly to the School, application is made through the Student Loans Company (SLC)/ Student Finance not the LSE. For further information please visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

The School receives direct updates from the SLC of students who have applied for or have been granted funding by the SLC and uses this information to establish fee liability on a student's behalf prior to or at enrolment. If funding evidence is not available or has not been confirmed, students will be personally liable for their tuition fees until evidence of funding has been provided. If funding is provided after enrolment, students are required to notify the School and provide evidence of the funding to ensure fees are amended.

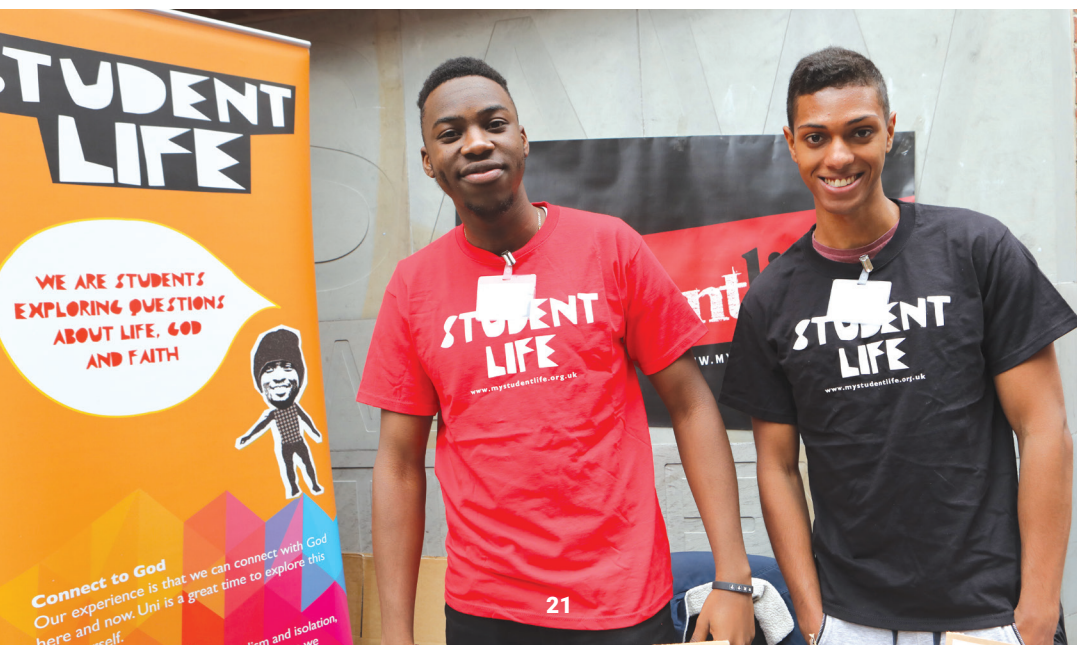
**9.6 Postgraduate Loan scheme:** Eligible Home/UK, Home/EU\* Taught Masters and Research students may apply for a loan to cover the cost of living. The loans are not paid directly to the School; application is made through Student Loans Company (SLC)/Student Finance not the LSE. For further information please visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

**9.7 Private loans:** The School will accept funding from private loan providers; however this does not constitute an agreement between the School and the lender.

For further information please visit [lse.ac.uk/privateloans](https://lse.ac.uk/privateloans)

For further information and eligibility criteria for loans and funding please visit the [School's website](#).

\* Continuing EU students enrolled prior to the Academic Year 2021/22 will retain their Home/EU fee status and be eligible for funding via SLC/SFE.





# Section 10: Interruption, repeat tuition, withdrawal, programme transfer

## Standard Fee Groups: Interruption/resumption of studies

- 10.1** An undergraduate or graduate student wishing to interrupt study at any given point during their programme with the intention of returning to study at some future point, must obtain formal approval from Student Services or the PhD Academy for MPhil/PhD students (Provided fees have been paid in full, no additional fee will be payable in the year in which they resume study, unless the fee applicable to the new year is higher, in which case an additional fee equivalent to the difference between the two fees is payable. For further information on how to interrupt please visit the [School website](#).
- 10.2** Home/UK and Home/EU\* undergraduates who interrupt will be charged a fee in line with the Access Agreement which applied when they originally started their programme when they resume studies; this may include annual inflation if stated in the Access Agreement. Overseas undergraduates and taught postgraduate students who interrupt will be charged fees at the rate for the academic year when studies are resumed: eg, a student who interrupts in 2024/25 and returns in 2025/26 will pay fees at the 2025/26 rate upon return.
- 10.3** PhD Students can interrupt with permission of the Research Degrees Subcommittee Chair and fees are not charged for any approved periods of interruption. The regulations for interruptions can be found [here](#).

Students in receipt of Federal aid are only permitted to take a break for a maximum of 180 days in one academic year. Please note that the 180 rule is a U.S. Department of Education regulation. If a student borrowing Federal aid takes leave for more than 180 days in a calendar year and/or cannot resume their studies at the point they left off, they will be deemed withdrawn for the purposes of Federal Student Aid. This means that they will not be able to borrow any further federal aid for the duration of their programme of study.

For a student on an approved interruption, Title IV loans remain in “in-school” status for the period of the Interruption, if a student does not return from an interruption, part or all the loan grace period could be used impacting when a student will go into repayment on their loans.

\* Please refer to Appendix 9 for further information.

## Standard Fee Groups: Withdrawal

- 10.4** Before withdrawing permanently from a programme of study, students are advised to meet with an Academic Mentor or Supervisor to discuss options available.
- 10.5** Students contemplating withdrawal are recommended to discuss any fee implications with the Fees, Income and Credit Control and any wider implications with the Student Services Advice and Engagement Team.
- 10.6** PhD Students can withdraw from their programme by submitting a withdrawal form to the PhD Academy. Fees are charged pro-rata up to the date the withdrawal notification is received by PhD Academy.
- 10.7** If a student registered on a taught programme makes the decision to withdraw and fully understands the possible implications, a completed Withdrawal form should be submitted to Student Services.
- 10.8** Students **will not** be charged tuition fees if they withdraw by the Friday of the fourth week after their enrolment date in their first year of study. After this period, students are liable to pay fees up to the Friday after the last day of attendance. Fees will be calculated pro rata on a weekly basis based on 29 weeks of teaching/academic support/assessment in each academic year. Charges are not applied for weeks where teaching/academic support/assessment is not provided, for example vacation periods or where the School is officially closed. This applies to full-time and part-time students in this category, other calculations may apply for Non Standard Students. Once withdrawal has been processed, students will be notified by email once fee liability has been calculated.
- 10.9** First year students on executive programmes who withdraw on or before the fourth day of teaching during their first module **will not** be charged fees. Students who withdraw after this date **will be** charged pro-rata according to the amount of teaching they have taken.





**10.10** Students who withdraw from their programme permanently after having being granted an interruption of study in the same or previous academic year(s) will have fees recalculated at the time of withdrawing in accordance with points 10.8-10.9. Students who withdraw permanently after having previously interrupted might be charged a different or higher tuition fee than they were charged when they interrupted if the final charge takes place in a later year.

Further detail on how fees are calculated can be found in Annex 8.

**10.11** Students in receipt of funding from the **Student Loans Company (SLC)** will be charged a fee in line with the schedule of loan payments from the SLC (ie, up to 25 per cent of the fee if the withdrawal applies before the end of Autumn Term, up to 50 per cent of the fee if the withdrawal applies before the end of Winter Term and up to 100 per cent of the fee if the withdrawal applies before the end of Spring Term)

#### **10.12 Official Withdrawal for the purposes of Federal Aid**

Official withdrawal will be the student's Last Date of Attendance as signed off by the Academic Department and recorded in the School's record system, tuition fees will be calculated accordingly. The University will also report the withdrawal via the National Student Loan Database (NSLDS).

#### **Unofficial withdrawal for the purposes of Federal Aid**

Students who have stopped attending classes and did not follow the official withdrawal process of the School or made contact with their Academic Department to confirm reason for nonattendance are considered as being on an "unauthorized break" from their studies for the purposes of Federal Aid. At this stage, the student record will be updated, and the last date of attendance recorded in the School's system. The same date will be used to calculate any outstanding fees for the relevant academic year and in conjunction with U.S. Federal regulations, a calculation of Return to Title IV funds will be undertaken using the last date of attendance during the Academic Semester.

Please refer to the Schools **RT24 Policy** for further details.

**10.13** For further information on how to withdraw please visit the **School website**.

## **Standard Fee Groups: Repeat tuition:**

**10.14** An undergraduate student returning to repeat a year of study must pay the required repeat teaching fee appropriate to the number of course units being taken, as published in the **School's Table of Fees** for that academic year.



## Standard Fee Groups: Transfer of programme or change of mode of study:

**10.15** Students who wish to transfer programme or change their mode of study must obtain prior academic agreement, including discussion of: (1) any academic implications with their Academic mentor or Programme Director and the Student Services Advice and Engagement Team or the PhD Academy for MPhil/PhD students. (2) Any fee or funding arrangements with FICC. For more information on transferring programmes or changing mode of studies please see the School website ([programme transfer; change of study mode; PhD change of study mode](#)).

If a change of circumstance results in a credit balance on a student's fee account, contact should be made with Fees, Income and Credit Control to request a refund.

## Non-Standard fee Groups: Interruption/resumption of studies/transfer/repeat

**10.16** Non-Standard fee groups students are not permitted to interrupt or repeat programmes. Summer School students can transfer between Summer School courses, subject to authorization by the LSE Summer School Office. For further information please visit the [Summer School website](#).

## Non-Standard fee Groups: Withdrawal

**10.17** A student wishing to withdraw from a Summer School programme may terminate the contract and withdraw from the programme within 14 calendar days from the date on which the offer of a place was accepted.

**10.18** For full information in withdrawal from Summer School Programmes and Executive Education Courses please see Annex 6.

**10.19** For further information on liability in the event of a change of circumstance for **Non-Standard Fee Groups** please refer to the School website

- [Summer School](#)
- [Language Centre](#)
- [Executive Education Courses](#)



# Section 11: Refunds

## Standard refund policy

- 11.1** All refunds will be returned to the original payer by the original payment method; this is known as “return to source” and is in accordance with money laundering regulations. Refunds are not transferable to third parties.
- 11.2** The LSE are not liable for any currency fluctuations when returning payments.
- 11.3** If we are unable to return funds to the original source we will collect bank details from you. The bank account must be in the name of the original payer, we will ask for a copy of your bank statement so we can validate that we are returning the funds to the correct recipient.
- 11.4** Refunds are processed by our Partner, Convera. For further information visit **[‘About Convera’](#)**
- 11.5** For further details on the Schools policy on refunds please refer to the **[Compensation and Refund Policy](#)**. The purpose of this Policy is to set out the circumstances in which the School will pay compensation and provide refunds, as well as the members of staff who have the authority to decide such payments.

## Deposit/Pre-registration refund policy<sup>1</sup>

- 11.6** Deposits fees are generally not refundable if the Offer Holder chooses not to enrol or is otherwise unable to enrol for reasons within the Offer Holder’s reasonable control. LSE has absolute discretion in considering and applying refunds of Tuition Fee Deposits other than in the circumstances set out in section 10.7
- 11.7** Subject to section 10.6, Tuition Fee Deposits are refundable in the following circumstances:

<sup>1</sup> Please note that this Policy does not apply to deposits required by programmes offered by the Department of Finance. Offer holders for the Department of Finance will find guidance regarding deposits on their offer letter and in communications from the Department.





**11.7.1** An Offer Holder fails to meet the conditions related to academic entry requirements set out in the Offer Letter and is not admitted (this excludes conditions relating to English language proficiency. Payment of the deposit, either in full or in part, does not guarantee that the Offer Holder will be able to enrol or study at LSE. The Offer Holder's ability to enrol and study at LSE is determined by **Conditions of Registration and Enrolment**

**11.7.2** An Offer Holder fails to secure the necessary clearance to enter the UK and undertake the programme.

**11.7.3** LSE is unable to admit an Offer Holder due to the programme of study or specific mode of attendance previously agreed with LSE ceasing to be available;

**11.7.4** if admission is deferred to the subsequent academic session and the Offer Holder requires the Tuition Fee Deposit to be refunded;

**11.7.5** if the Offer Holder has paid the deposit in full or in part and has subsequently, but before enrolling, received full funding for the programme of study and is able to provide appropriate evidence (in accordance with section 5)"

**11.7.6** An Offer Holder GAO which will be acknowledged within 10 working days of receipt. Authority to approve refund of Tuition Fee Deposits rests with the GAO LSE will return any Tuition Fee Deposit to the same individual and using the same method of payment as used to pay the Tuition Fee Deposit.

**11.7.7** Following Enrollment, refund requests are subject to the policy concerning tuition fee refunds for current students, as detailed in the schools **Tuition Fee Policy**.

**11.7.8** LSE will not refund the exact amount of Tuition Fee Deposit that it receives. If the Tuition Fee Deposit is being refunded to a non-Sterling bank account where a currency conversion is necessary, any exchange rate fluctuations shall be at the risk of the Offer Holder. LSE shall also be entitled to deduct any bank charges directly connected to the refund of the Tuition Fee Deposit.

**11.7.9** Refunds are at the discretion of LSE and are subject to an administration fee of £250.

**11.8.1** Following the refund of your deposit, your offer will be withdrawn.

## Standard Fee Groups:

**11.6** Full or part payments made in advance for fees may be eligible for a refund when a student overpays, withdraws, interrupts or changes their study programme or mode of study, or subsequently receives full or part sponsorship/funding for their fees.

**11.7** A formal request for refunds should be submitted to Fees, Income and Credit Control. For further information please visit the **School website**.





- 11.8** In instances where a student with a fee loan from the Student Loans Company/Student Finance withdraws or interrupts and fee liability changes the School will complete a change of circumstance form. If the School has received a Fee loan in excess of the fee liability this value will be returned to the SLC/SFE. Note: Fee loans will not be refunded to students directly.
- 11.9** Where a student's university fees (Tuition and Residential) are paid in full or in part by a U.S. Federal student loan, the refund will be governed by the provisions of the U.S. student loan programme. Where the student loan covers only part of the university fees, any refund due on the balance paid directly by the student will be subject to the standard refund provisions set out above. For details about U.S. loan refunds please visit the [LSE U.S. Federal Loans webpage](#).
- 11.10** If you have borrowed a Private Loan, the School will process a refund based on the Terms and Conditions of the lender.

## Non-Standard Fee Groups

- 11.11** For refund entitlement in the event of a change of circumstance for Non-Standard Fee Groups please refer to the School website
- [Summer School](#)
  - [Language Centre](#)
  - [Executive Education Courses](#).

## Complaints

**Any student uncertain of the meaning of any part of this Policy should contact Fees, Income and Credit Control. Our [Customer Charter](#) details how to contact us, our commitment to you and how escalated enquiries and informal complaints will be handled.**

In the event of any matter of interpretation or application of this Policy, students may bring a formal complaint under the School's Complaints Procedure. Information regarding the student complaints procedure can be found [here](#).

## Your consumer rights as a student

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) guidance sets out your consumer rights as a student, for further information please visit the [School website](#).



# Appendix 1: Discounts

## Standard Fee Groups:

Applicants for taught postgraduate study at LSE who have completed and passed (regardless of when it was completed) a three- or four-year undergraduate degree or the Diploma in Accounting and Finance are entitled to a reduction on their tuition fees.

Applicants for Executive MSc programmes who have completed and passed a taught postgraduate programme are entitled to a reduction on their tuition fees.

Eligibility:

- Three or four year undergraduate degree at LSE
- Taught postgraduate
- General Course
- Exchange Programmes
- Open to all students regardless of fee status
- You do not need to claim the discount, this will be applied automatically.

**Note:** Executive MSc Programmes including MSc Finance (part time) are eligible for discount.

Exclusions:

- First year of MRes Economics (Track 1)
- First taught year of MSc (Research) programmes
- Visiting Research, MPhil/PhD or other MRes/PhD programmes
- Intercollegiate, LSE External Programme and occasional students
- Undergraduate students who did not complete or pass their full three year undergraduate programme
- Double Degree for year spent at the partner institution.
- Executive Master's in Public Policy (EMPP)



## Non-Standard Fee Groups

Summer School:

Students taking more than one course will be eligible for discounted rates as outlined below

Rate		Total 2025 fee
Student	1 session	£3,100
	2 sessions	£5,200
	3 sessions	£6,000
Standard	1 session	£4,150
	2 sessions	£7,300
	3 sessions	£9,000

Prep English is £1,005 this year.





# Appendix 2:

## Financial support

**LSE Scholarship** – any funding allocated pre-enrolment to a programme of study at LSE.

**Fee only Award, Top up Award, Partnership Award** – all of these terms relate to funding that is allocated on the basis that you have a scholarship from an external funding body that LSE has a partnership agreement with.

Examples of external funding bodies

- Commonwealth Scholarships
- Chevening Scholarships
- Colfuturo
- Conacyt
- Conicyt
- Fiderh
- Funed.





# Appendix 3:

## Intercollegiate

### Fee charging table

**Table 1: Undergraduate students**

Fee Status / Course Prefix	Full Unit	Half Unit
Home students	£2,380	£1,190
Overseas students taking courses prefixed AN, EH, GV, HY, LN, MC, MY or SP	£6,875	£3,437.50
Overseas students taking courses prefixed AC, DS, GY, IR, PH, PB, SO or ST	£7,300	£3,650
Overseas students taking courses prefixed EC, FM, LL, MA or MG	£8,500	£4,250

**Table 2: Postgraduate students**

Fee Status / Course Prefix	Full Unit	Half Unit
Home students taking courses prefixed AN, DV, EH, GI, GY, HP, HY, LL, PB, PH, SO or SP	£4,575	£2,287.50
Home students taking courses prefixed EU, GV, IR, MA, MC or ST	£7,225	£3,612.50
Overseas students taking courses prefixed AN, DV, EH, EU, GI, GY, GV, HP, HY, IR, MA, MC, PB, PH, SO or SP	£7,225	£3,612.50
Overseas students taking courses prefixed LL or ST	£9,500	£4,750
Students on both fee statuses taking courses prefixed AC, MG, MY or PP	£9,500	£4,750
Students on both fee statuses taking courses prefixed EC	£9,750	£4,875
Students on both fee statuses taking courses prefixed FM	£12,125	£6,062.50





# Appendix 4: Language Centre terms and conditions

Full terms and conditions relating to the following Language Centre non-degree programmes can be found [here](#).

- **English for Academic Purposes Pre-sessional programme**
- **Non-degree modern language programme**





# Appendix 5: Sponsorship agreement template

The sponsorship letter should be on official headed paper and include:

- Student Name
- Student Number (if known)
- Academic year(s) of study or confirmation that funding is for the duration of the programme
- Course or Programme Details
- Amount of sponsorship provided in GBP £
- Purchase or Order Ref No (if applicable)
- Name of person authorising sponsorship
- Signature of person authorising sponsorship
- Position Held within the organisation of the person authorising the sponsorship
- Address for invoicing purposes.

Note: Sponsorship letters will not be accepted by email, they must be submitted with your Financial Undertaking Form.





# Appendix 6: Summer School

## Cancellation Period for withdrawals

As you have agreed and entered into the contract with us by means of distance communication, you may terminate the contract and withdraw from the programme within 14 calendar days from the date on which you accepted the offer of a place.

You must notify the Summer School by writing to [summer.school@lse.ac.uk](mailto:summer.school@lse.ac.uk). They will issue a refund for tuition fees which you have paid to us within ninety (90) calendar days of such cancellation.

**Full terms and conditions.**







# Appendix 7: MPhil/PhD and MRes/PhD

MPhil/PhD programmes are four years in length and full fees are charged for the first three years of study. In the fourth year no fee is charged. If an extension is granted to the submission deadline by the Chair of the Research Degrees Subcommittee students will recommence paying fees.

MRes/PhD programmes are 5 or 6 years in length depending on the duration of the MRes and PhD elements of the programme. Further information on the fee structures for both programmes can be found [here](#).

The link also outlines exceptions to the fee policy for students going into a fifth year.





# Appendix 8: Change of circumstances

Please note: The figures used in the table below is an illustration, if your circumstances change you will be contacted and advised of your new fee liability

- a Research students who interrupt or withdraw part-way through term will be liable for fees if they are enrolled for more than 50% of the calendar days in that term.
- b In practice, research students means all MPhil/PhD students and MRes/PhD students who have upgraded to PhD status. MRes/PhD students in the MRes phase are governed by the rules for postgraduate taught programmes.

	HUK/HEU* UGrad SLC Funded	All fee status (see appendix 9) – UGrad Self-Funded or Sponsored	PGrad and Taught	Executive MSc Students
Interruption or application occurs				
T1 Term 1, Autumn Term	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	Charged up to the instalment plan due date which the interruption falls in
T2 Term 2, Winter Term	25% Fees Due	1/3rd Fees Due	1/3rd Fees Due	
T3 Term 3, Spring Term – Executive Students only	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	
T1 Term 1, Autumn Term	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	Charged up to the instalment plan due date which the interruption falls in
T2 Term 2, Winter Term	25% Fees Due	1/3rd Fees Due	1/3rd Fees Due	
T3 Term 3, Spring Term – Executive Students only	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	
Withdrawal Occurs in				
Within 4 weeks of enrolment	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	See Note**
T1 Term 1, Autumn Term	25% Fees Due	Weekly Pro Rata based on enrolment status	Weekly Pro Rata based on enrolment status	Charged in accordance with the number of modules started
T2 Term 2, Winter Term	50% Fees Due			
T3 Term 3, Spring Term	100% Fees Due			
Within 4 weeks of enrolment	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	No Fees Due	No Fees Due
T1 Term 1, Autumn Term	25% Fees Due	Weekly Pro Rata Fees Due	Weekly Pro Rata based on enrolment status	Charged in accordance with the number of modules started
T2 Term 2, Winter Term	50% Fees Due			
T3 Term 3, Spring Term	100% Fees Due			
Return in Autumn Term	75% Fees Due	2/3rd Fees Due	2/3rd Fees Due	Based on modules taken
Return to Study (Following year)				
Return in Winter Term	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	100% Fees Due	
Repeat Study	Based on element of study or duration repeated in accordance with above.			

\* Continuing EU students enrolled prior to the Academic Year 2021/22.

\*\* Students who withdraw on or before the 4th Day of teaching during first module will not be charged fees.



# Appendix 9: Fee status categories

Fee Status Category	Category explained	Fees charged as
HUK	Home Students paying fees at <b>Home rate</b> .	Home
HEU	<b>Continuing EU</b> Students enrolled prior to the Academic Year 2025/26 will retain their Home/EU status and pay fees at the <b>Home rate</b> for the duration of their programme.	Home
HEUS	EU students with settled/pre-settled status who will pay fees at the <b>Home rate</b> .	Home
HRI	Students from the Irish Republic, who will pay fees at the <b>Home rate</b> .	Home
OS	Overseas Students paying fees at the <b>Overseas rate</b> .	Overseas
OEU	EU students who have enrolled on a <b>new programme</b> in 2025/26 will pay at the <b>Overseas rate</b> .	Overseas
OUK	UK national who have lived outside the UK for more than 3 years and has not maintained links with the UK so is no longer regarded as normally resident in the UK, students are not eligible for Home fees and will pay at fees at <b>Overseas rate</b> .	Overseas
HCI	Category explained: Home Channel Islands will pay fees at the <b>Home rate</b> .	Home
OCI	Overseas Channel Islands will pay fees at the <b>Overseas rate</b> .	Overseas

Please note that your fee status will be dependent on whether you meet the criteria for the individual fee categories stated above. Please check your eligibility on the [UKCISA website](#).



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