



Early Career Researcher
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Application Submission Guidance for LSE ECR Network Steering Committee Recruitment 2026-27

Early Career Researcher Network

The LSE Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network is open to all staff who identify as early-career with regards to their research and are typically within 10 years of their PhD award date. The aims of the ECR Network are to:

- Build a community for peer-to-peer learning, support and interaction
- Empower ECRs to co-develop training and events
- Amplify ECR voices and representation to represent ECRs at the School-level

We are currently recruited for **5 roles** in the Steering Committee including:

- **Events Manager**

Lead on the creation, planning and delivery of Network events and activities, with support from the wider Steering Committee.

- **Communications Manager**

Managing the communications strategy for the Network including the Microsoft Teams channel and LinkedIn Group.

- **Policy and Advocacy Manager**

The Policy and Advocacy Manager represents the interests of early-career researchers on the Steering Committee, ensuring their voices are heard within LSE and beyond. The postholder will help the Network identify and respond to issues affecting ECRs, build relationships with relevant stakeholders, and champion the needs of the community in institutional conversations and wider sector debates.

- **Research-informed Teaching Manager**

The Research-informed Teaching Manager will bring a pedagogical perspective to the Steering Committee, championing the link between research and teaching for early-career researchers at LSE. The postholder will help the Network engage with teaching-related opportunities, facilitate conversations around research-led teaching, and connect members with LSE's learning and teaching initiatives.

- **Internal and External Relations Manager**

Establishing and sustaining links with other staff groups internally including the LSE Fellows Network and the Research and Policy Staff Association among others. In addition,



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building and strengthening connections with external networks and organisations such as the British Academy ECR Network and other London-based ECR networks (e.g. [Imperial](#), UCL).

What Does It Involve?

- Attend and actively participate in monthly one-hour Steering Group meetings
- Set priorities for the upcoming academic year
- Maintain effective two-way communication between the ECR community and LSE

Why You Should Apply

Joining the Steering Committee is a great opportunity for you to gain School-wide experience and exposure, develop your professional and leadership skills, and join a group of dedicated colleagues.

- Raise your profile at LSE
- Gain experience of committee and decision-making structures at LSE
- Improve strategic planning and administrative skills including delivering training and events
- Meet colleagues from across the institution and share knowledge
- Contribute to a positive research culture and environment at LSE

Assessment Process

The applications will be reviewed by the ECR Network Co-Chairs (Dr Paroma Bhattacharya, Dr Jasmine Virhia, Dr Magdalena Walbaum) and the Senior Research Culture Manager (Nathalie Van der Elst) from the Research and Innovation Division.

The number of applicants invited to join the Steering Committee will depend on the suitability of applications and will be subject to the outcome of the peer review process

The deadline for application is **Wednesday 30 September 2026**. If you would like more information – please contact Nathalie Van der Elst at n.van-der-elst@lse.ac.uk.



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A full list of question fields to be completed as part of the application can be found in the following table. Each box in the table represents a page of the application form: the left-hand column contains the questions within each of these pages as set out in the form; the right-hand column contains useful guidance on its completion. All fields are mandatory and therefore must be complete before the application can be submitted.

Please note that each field on the MS Form has a 4,000-character limit per box. If you are copying text from Word, it may exceed this limit.

LSE ECR Network Steering Committee Application Form 2026-27

1.	Full Name	Enter your full name.
2.	Job Title	Enter your job title.
3.	Department / Centre / Institute	Enter your academic unit.
4.	Research Area	Enter your disciplinary focus.
5.	Email	Enter your email address.
6.	How did you find out about this opportunity?	Please select one of the options below. • Direct email • ECR Network Teams or webpage • Research and Policy Staff Induction and Refresher Event • Staff News • Other Staff Networks (i.e. EmBrace, LSE Power, Gender Equality Forum, DAWN, LSE Fellow Network) • LinkedIn • Word of mouth • Other
7.	Please explain your early career status (100 words)	Please provide a short explanation outlining why you consider yourself as an early career researcher.



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8.	Why do you want to join the ECR Network Steering Committee? (200 words)	Please provide a short explanation outlining your motivations for joining the ECR Network Steering Committee.
9.	Are there any particular roles on the ECRN Steering Committee that you are interested in?	Please select one of the options below. • Communications Manager • Events Manager • Internal and External Relations Manager • Policy and Advocacy Manager • Research-informed Teaching Manager
10.	Please note any relevant experience (200 words)	Please provide a short explanation outlining your experience and skills that you bring to the ECR Network Steering Committee.
11.	How did you envision the Network could add value to the ECR community at the School? (200 words)	Please provide a short explanation outlining your ideas for how the ECR Network can benefit the LSE ECR community.
12.	Will you be on an LSE contract for the full academic year 2026-27?	Please select one of the options below. • Yes • No
13.	Please insert link to your LSE profile	Please insert a webpage link to your profile.

SUBMIT (LSE ECR NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE)

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