



**LSE ECR Network Changemakers Programme 2024-25
Call Guidance**

Early Career Researcher
Network at **LSE** ■

This guidance is for:

- Colleagues who are making applications to the ECRN Changemakers Programme.
- The ECRN Steering Committee and Senior Research Culture Manager who are reviewing applications.

The LSE Early Career Researcher (ECR) Network, created in September 2022, 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 ECR Network encourages LSE Fellows, and Policy and Research Staff as well as Faculty to join.

The LSE ECR Network will: serve as a conduit to communicate School-wide opportunities (related to professional and personal development) to LSE’s diverse ECR community; communicate needs and experiences of LSE’s diverse ECR community to various LSE channels; and will promote physical and virtual spaces to support ECRs at LSE.

The ECR Network is a responsive structure, which responds to the actual needs of ECRs at the School. As part of the development of the network, the Steering Committee is seeking to understand how the network can meaningfully contribute to enhancing the ECR experience.

We are calling for applications for peer-led projects which contribute to the priority areas of the ECR Network. We will accept applications related to research, knowledge exchange and impact (including practice-based), training and network-building.

Eligibility requirements

Proposal topics
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing community: promote ECR networking across the School’s departments and research units. This priority is centred around developing networks for support as well as professional development. 2. Developing research, support, and mentorship: provide intra-School mentorship to build supportive structures between ECR Network members. 3. ECR experiences: understand ECR experience working at LSE; how intersectionality functions within LSE’s ECR community, and how to construct conduits to channel diverse ECR needs to LSE. 4. Communicating teaching practice: explore how to communicate and disseminate teaching practice among LSE’s ECR teaching community. 5. Other: contribute to LSE’s Research for the World strategy, particularly ‘enhancing research culture and collaboration’.
Applicants
<p>Early career researchers, typically within 10 years of their PhD award date, on various LSE role profiles are eligible to apply including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic staff (NAC and non-NAC) e.g. Assistant Professors • Research career track (NRSC and non-NRSC) staff e.g. Assistant Professorial Research Fellows, Research Officers and Fellows

- Policy career track staff e.g. Policy Officers and Fellows
- LSE Fellows

LSE PhD students **are not** eligible to apply.

Applicants may submit a maximum of two applications, and only one as the Lead Applicant. Please note that all LSE members of staff named on an application must have an employment contract with LSE for at least the duration of the proposed project.

If you have previously received funding from the Changemakers Programme, the final report on your previously funded project must have been submitted and evaluated before you are eligible to submit a new application.

Project duration

Projects can run for between 3 – 12 months and must end no later than 31 July 2025.

The earliest start date is 1 August 2024, and projects should begin by 1 September 2025.

We anticipate funding 4 – 6 projects. Projects must be able to spend their budget by their end date.

Budget

Between £500 - £5000 is available per project.

Applicant salaries are *ineligible costs*, and the Programme *will not* fund external collaborator or partner costs and institutional overheads.

The Changemakers Programme will support 100% of direct costs including:

- hourly-paid research and/or knowledge exchange assistance
- project materials
- costs for external training providers or consultancy fees (inclusive of VAT)
- publication costs (e.g. with the [LSE Design Unit](#), not open access fees)
- dissemination activities (workshops, podcasts, events, catering)

Application Process and Timeline

1. For the deadline on **Monday 10 June 2024**, applications should include:
 - a. A completed application form on [Microsoft Forms](#).
 - b. A [completed budget template](#) including a budget breakdown and brief narrative justification of your resources attached to the above online form.
2. Applications must be submitted by **17:00 UK time on Monday 10 June 2024**.

Application deadline	Monday 10 June 2024
Applicants notified	Friday 12 July 2024
Project start date	1 August 2024 – 1 September 2024
Projects to end by	31 July 2025

Assessment criteria

The Steering Committee will assess all applications based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to the LSE ECR community.

- Contributions to the development of the ECR Network's Cluster areas and development of the Network more broadly.
- Contribution to LSE's research culture.

Award and reporting

Successful awardees will be sent terms and conditions of the awards in line with the LSE financial regulations and must comply with these in the management of their award.

Extensions to awards will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and always subject to further review.

Successful awardees will be required to report on the activities, outputs, and outcomes of their research project not more than 6 months after the end date of the project. Full details of the reporting requirements will be provided at the point of award.

For more information, please contact the Co-Chairs of the ECR Network:

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