

ESRC Studentships (1+3 and +3) in Population Studies/ Demography at the London School of Economics

We are now accepting applications for the 1+3 and +3 ESRC studentship scheme. The 1+3 scheme provides funding for a one year research training Masters linked to a three year PhD and is designed for UK and EU students who have not already completed an ESRC-recognised programme of research training. Students with appropriate research training at standard entry requirement may proceed directly to the three-year MPhil/PhD programme on the +3 scheme. These studentships provide fees and a stipend of £15,726 per annum for UK and EU students (for guidance on residence requirements please see the ESRC page).

Transfer from the one-year MSc programme to the three-year MPhil/PhD programme is dependent on achieving standard PhD entry requirement marks in the MSc.

For entry in 2014/15 there will be up to 3 studentships available for either +3 or 1+3 study in Population Studies / Demography. The following programmes are eligible for funding:

- +3 MPhil / PhD in Demography / Population Studies
- 1+3 MSc Social Research Methods (Population), followed by MPhil/PhD in Demography / Population Studies

Career prospects: Recent graduates from Population Studies/Demography +3 and 1+3 programmes have gone onto pursue academic careers, postdoctoral fellowships, senior consultancy roles and government jobs in the UK and overseas.

Research environment: The Department of Social Policy is the longest established in the UK and has received the highest possible rating in all Research Assessment Exercises carried out in the UK. Academic staff come from a range of disciplines and include an expanding group of demographers and population scientists PhD students in Population Studies / Demography will join a thriving cohort of research students, with an excellent research environment, including fortnightly research seminars organised by PhD students. European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD): It is possible for ESRC-funded students at the LSE to participate in the EDSD.

Entry requirements

For those wishing to apply for a 1+3 studentship an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad is required. For +3 applicants the Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good master's degree, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad. Applicants will normally need master's degree marks equivalent to an LSE high merit grade, with an overall average of 65% in their MSc (or equivalent) and 65% in their dissertation (or equivalent); any conditional offer for a place on the MPhil/PhD programme will be subject to obtaining such marks.

Part-time registration is available to students who need to spread their studies over a longer period because of outside commitments, and can provide documentary evidence of this need.

Are you interested?

- Send an email to Dr Arjan Gjonça (a.gjonca@lse.ac.uk) to register your interest.
- Send an email to a potential supervisor, (<u>See population at LSE for a full list of potential supervisors</u>) with your CV and draft research proposal.

If your research interests are a suitable match to those of population cluster members, you will then be asked to submit an application.

If you wish to be considered for either a 1+3 or +3 programme, you must send an outline research proposal of 1500 words.

Applicants wishing to be considered for ESRC funding should send their 1500 word research proposal to Arjan Gjonca by the 2nd of January 2014. Final nominations will be made the week beginning the 20th of January.

Please refer to LSE's Financial Support Office **ESRC Funding web** page for guidance.

For more information on applications please the **Social Policy webpages**