



ESRC and LSE Studentships in Demography/Population Studies

at the London School of Economics

The Population Studies group at London School of Economics is now welcoming applications for **four studentships** in Demography/Population Studies for entry in October 2015. The studentships cover the full fees and a stipend.

Career prospects: Recent graduates from Demography/Population Studies PhD programmes have gone on to 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 Excellence Framework studies carried out in the UK. Academic personnel come from a range of disciplines and include an expanding group of demographers and population scientists. PhD students in Demography/Population Studies will join a thriving group of research students, with an excellent research environment, including fortnightly research seminars organised by PhD students.

Details are given below.

ESRC Studentships (1+3 and +3) for UK and EU students. (Three Studentships available)

We are now accepting applications for the 1+3 and +3 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) studentship schemes.

- **1+3** [MSc Social Research Methods \(Population\)](#), followed by [MPhil/PhD in Demography / Population Studies](#).

The 1+3 scheme provides funding for a one year research training MSc linked to a three year PhD and is designed for students who have not already completed an ESRC-recognised programme of research training.

- **+3** [MPhil/PhD in Demography / Population Studies](#)

The + 3 scheme provides three years funding for the MPhil/PhD programme for students who have already achieved an ESRC recognised 'research training' MSc in the relevant field or have undertaken equivalent research training. ESRC awards comprise of tuition fees plus a stipend for living expenses.

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

Entry requirements:

1+3 Studentships - 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. 1+3 candidates for the MPhil/PhD Demography/Population Studies programme should apply for the [MSc Social Research Methods \(Population\)](#) and include an outline research proposal of up to 1,500 words. All completed applications will be sent to the Department of Social Policy to be considered by the Population Studies PhD Committee.

+3 Studentships – For those wishing to apply for the +3 studentship, the Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good ESRC-recognised MSc degree or comparable research training in the relevant field, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad.

Applicants will normally need MSc 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.

LSE Studentship (4 years) for UK, EU and Overseas students. **(One studentship available)**

The LSE PhD Studentship is open to students from the UK, EU and overseas and covers fees plus a stipend for living expenses each year for four years and is for direct MPhil/PhD entry.

The awards will be made on the basis of academic merit and research potential.

Entry requirements: The Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good MSc degree in the relevant field, together with an upper second or first class honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent abroad. Applicants will normally need MSc 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.

Are you interested in either scheme?

1. Send an email to register your interest to Dr Arjan Gjonça (a.gjonca@lse.ac.uk) and Sarah Helias (S.Helias@lse.ac.uk), the Research Programmes Administrator.
2. Send your CV including results of previous degrees and your outline research proposal to a potential supervisor (list available [here](#)) or to Dr Arjan Gjonça who will advise if the topic matches the expertise of academic staff.

3. Submit your completed application for the relevant programme including all supporting documentation such as references and transcripts no later than **12 January 2015**. See [Social Policy webpages](#) for details of the application process for ESRC schemes and LSE Studentship.
4. All **completed applications** received by the deadline will be considered for funding. If your application (including previous qualifications, research proposal and references) is identified to be of high quality by the Population Studies PhD Committee, you could be nominated for funding following an interview carried out in the first two weeks of February.
5. Nominations of successful applicants will be forwarded to a School Panel for a final decision in early March.

For more information on applications please visit the [Social Policy webpages](#).