



## ESRC and LSE PhD 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 **three studentships** in Demography/Population Studies for entry in October 2015. The studentships cover the full fees and a stipend. Two are restricted to UK or EU students but one will be awarded to the best applicant regardless of nationality or country of residence.

**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 in all Research Excellence Framework studies carried out in the UK. Academic and research staff 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.

Details are given below.

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

#### (Two Studentships available)

We are now accepting applications for the 1+3 and +3 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) studentship schemes. ESRC awards comprise of tuition fees plus a stipend for living expenses and a research training allowance.

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

- **+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 a relevant field or have undertaken equivalent research training.

ESRC awards comprise of tuition fees plus a stipend for living expenses and a research training allowance.

**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.

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+3 Studentships –The Department welcomes applications from students who have, or expect to obtain, a good ESRC-recognised MSc degree or comparable research training in a 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.

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**LSE Studentship (4 years) for [UK, EU and Overseas students](#).**

**(One studentship available)**

The LSE PhD Studentship is open to students from anywhere in the world (UK, EU or elsewhere) and covers fees plus a stipend for living expenses each year for four years and is for direct MPhil/PhD entry.

The award 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 a 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 Tiziana Leone ([t.leone@lse.ac.uk](mailto:t.leone@lse.ac.uk)) and Sarah Helias ([S.Helias@lse.ac.uk](mailto: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 at: [Academic Staff List](#)) or to [Dr Tiziana Leone](#) who will advise if the topic matches the expertise of academic staff.
3. Submit your completed application to [the School](#) for the relevant programme **including all supporting documentation** such as references and transcripts no later than **13 April 2015**. In order to avoid delays, we strongly recommend that you submit your full application earlier, preferably by the end of March 2015. See the [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 (based on previous qualifications, research proposal and references) is identified to be of high quality by the Population Studies PhD Committee, you will be invited for an interview in early May.
5. Nominations of successful applicants will be forwarded to a School Panel for a final decision on 18 May 2015.

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