



# Department of Statistics

Careers information  
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# Introduction

## Welcome from LSE Careers

Welcome to LSE! This is an exciting time for you as you transition into university life and LSE Careers is here to help you think about how you will make the leap into the world of work or further studies. While it's important to focus on your studies, we encourage you to make the most of your time here and take advantage of the services available to you.

You can make an appointment to discuss how to get started, or attend a careers event to meet potential employers in person. This booklet highlights our services and is tailored to include a selection of events and seminars that will be particularly useful or interesting to you, so we encourage you to participate alongside your classmates.

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything related to your career, please email me at [d.gendle@lse.ac.uk](mailto:d.gendle@lse.ac.uk) or book an appointment with us through CareerHub. Good luck with your course, and I look forward to meeting you at some of our workshops, careers fairs or employer events!

**Daniel Gendle, Careers Consultant**

## Welcome from the Department of Statistics

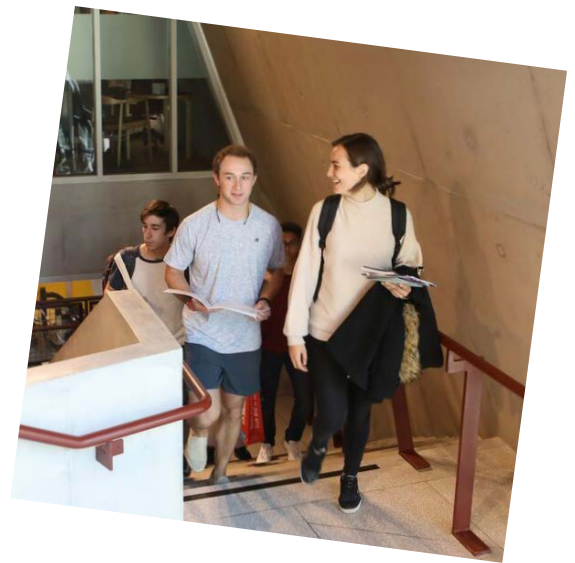
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students joining the Department of Statistics to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Your programme will provide you with the opportunity to study statistical and mathematical ideas in depth and to explore their connections with a wide range of topics in the social sciences and in the worlds of commerce, industry and government.

I expect that you will find your studies challenging, but I hope that you also find them stimulating and rewarding. We think we are a friendly department and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Welcome!

**Professor Pauline Barrieu, Head of Department, Statistics**



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Please note the information in this booklet is correct at the time of creation in September 2023.



# Getting started with LSE Careers

Whether you have a clear idea of what you want to do after your studies, or you haven't started thinking about it yet, LSE Careers is here to work with and support you.

We provide a range of careers services, events, information and advice, including access to a jobs board with full-time, part-time, graduate, internship, experienced hire and volunteering opportunities both in the UK and around the world. We know it can be a bit overwhelming to know where to begin, so this guide outlines the essentials to help get you started.

## Not sure what to do after your programme?

Being unsure about what you'd like to do after you finish your degree is normal, but we realise that this can feel a bit unsettling. Our selection of events, activities and resources can help you reflect and think about the direction you might like to take your career in.

You can also always meet one-to-one with a careers consultant to discuss your options.

## LSE Careers online

### LSE Careers website

Aside from our presence on campus, our website is our main hub of careers information. On our webpages, you'll find useful advice about career planning, CVs, application forms, interviews, and assessment centres, as well as information on searching for jobs, employment sectors, postgraduate studies, and international careers.

### [lse.ac.uk/careers](https://lse.ac.uk/careers)

### CareerHub

CareerHub is your gateway to our careers events (including skills seminars, fairs and employer presentations), one-to-one appointments, the organisations we work with and our vacancy board.

First time using CareerHub?

Log in with your LSE IT account and then go to the 'Preferences' section to let us know what you're interested in. This will ensure you receive information about jobs, opportunities and events relevant to you.

### [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)



# Getting started with LSE Careers

## Join our careers events

Log in to CareerHub to book your place on the majority of our events. Booking usually opens at 9.30am either one or two weeks before the event is due to take place. Check out page 6 of this guide for a taste of some of the events running during the 2023/24 academic year.

Browse our event listings: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## One-to-one appointments

We run careers advice appointments Monday to Friday and you can book these on CareerHub. You can book appointments up to seven days in advance, and for the 2023/24 academic year you can choose to book an in-person or MS Teams appointment.

Book one-to-one appointments: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## Stay connected with us

To keep up to date with careers news, events, opportunities and advice, find us on Student Hub, look out for our email newsletter, subscribe to our blog, and follow us on social media.

- Instagram @LSECareers
- TikTok @LSECareers
- X @LSECareers
- Facebook @LSECareers
- LinkedIn @LSECareers

## Services for Disabled students

LSE Careers has dedicated careers consultants whose focus is on the transition from education to employment for students who are Disabled or have a long-term condition.

You can find more information about the specialist support we offer Disabled students on the LSE Careers website, including longer and more flexible one-to-one appointments.

Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss anything with us, from understanding recruitment processes, to requesting reasonable adjustments, to disclosing a disability or understanding the law around disability in the workplace.

[careers@lse.ac.uk](mailto:careers@lse.ac.uk)

## Getting a visa

Find resources and information about applying for a visa on the LSE website: [Student Advice and Engagement team webpages](#)

# Finding work experience

It's a great idea to get experience in the field you're interested in, whether that's to add to your CV or to help you decide your next steps.

Work experience enhances your prospects for future employment and helps you develop skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving and leadership. When planning work experience, consider your motivation, interests, skills you already have and skills you wish to develop. Be proactive as opportunities often arise from speculative applications.

## Looking for internships or part-time work?

We post lots of opportunities on CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## LSE Volunteer Centre

Whether you have an hour or two days a week to spare, there are a range of one-off, long-term, and overseas volunteering opportunities available through the LSE Volunteer Centre.

For more information or if you'd like support finding the right opportunity for you, visit the LSE Volunteer Centre website: [info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/volunteer-centre](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/volunteer-centre)

## Other services at LSE

### LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's centre for academic, professional and personal development.

Find your own 'best' ways to study, think about where your studies might lead you, and make the most of your time at LSE through guidance, workshops and dedicated workspaces.

[lse.ac.uk/lse-life](https://lse.ac.uk/lse-life)

### LSE Generate

LSE Generate supports students and alumni around the world to build a socially responsible business. From running funding competitions and events to providing networking opportunities, LSE Generate can help you to build, develop and scale ideas.

[lse.ac.uk/generate](https://lse.ac.uk/generate)

## LSE Language Centre

The LSE Language Centre offers modern foreign language and English language programmes, as well as providing proofreading services (for a fee).

[lse.ac.uk/language-centre](https://lse.ac.uk/language-centre)

## LSE Alumni network

As an LSE alum, you'll have access to LSE Careers for up to five years after course completion. You can also join 80+ regional and 10+ special interest alumni groups.

Find out how to make the most of the LSE Alumni network, benefits and services after graduation, and follow LSE Alumni on social media to get the latest information and advice.

[lse.ac.uk/alumni-friends-and-partners](https://lse.ac.uk/alumni-friends-and-partners)

## Digital Skills Lab

Make sure to use the Digital Skills Lab to develop the skills most in demand from employers. You can join short courses to help you develop skills in Excel, Office, Stata, Python, R and much more.

[info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/digital-skills-lab](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/digital-skills-lab)





# LSE Careers events

## Applications Day

On the last Saturday in September, we run sessions throughout the day to help you prepare for job applications. Topics usually include CVs, cover letters, application forms, LinkedIn, preparing for numeracy tests, and part-time work.

If you are applying to internship and graduate programmes in the banking and finance and consultancy industries, we advise you attend this event due to the rolling applications within those sectors. Employers with rolling applications suggest students apply early, as they review applications as and when they are submitted, instead of waiting for the deadline date.

Find out more about Applications Day online: [bit.ly/applications-day-lse](https://bit.ly/applications-day-lse)

## Discover | International Development (DiscoverID)

Our series of DiscoverID events is aimed at students interested in careers in international development. Full details for the 2023/24 careers programme will be announced closer to the time.

Browse and book all LSE Careers events on CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## Other flagship events

- Banking and financial services fair (3 and 5 October 2023)
- Consultancy fair (10 and 12 October 2023)
- Discover | Public sector and policy programme (throughout Autumn Term)

## Careers programme for statistics students

Outlined on the next page, the statistics careers programme is scheduled around your key lectures and includes a range of seminars and networking opportunities to give you advice to succeed in the jobs market - in the UK or further afield. There are interactive sessions which we encourage you to come to, ready to ask questions and participate to get the most from them.

You also have the chance to drop in for informal sessions, and for you to practise skills essential for success including interviews, presentations, and group exercises in a safe environment with your peers.

# Careers events to note

## Coming up in Autumn Term...

### **Introduction to LSE Careers and CareerHub (Week 2)**

Learn about how we can support you and how to access CareerHub.

### **Thinking of doing a PhD in Statistics? (Week 3)**

We'll consider why, where, and when to do a PhD and approaching applications.

### **Job search strategy for postgraduate students (Week 4)**

Come along to these virtual sessions to ask your questions and learn how best to approach your job search strategy.

### **Making the most of your time at LSE (Week 4)**

Are you a first or second year undergraduate? Join LSE Careers and a panel of current students to discuss how you can make the most of your time at LSE.

### **Department of Statistics careers panel (Week 4)**

Ask a panel of LSE Statistics alumni questions about their careers as an audience member or during informal networking. Many sectors are represented during this popular event so you can learn about the variety of careers available to you.

### **Informal drop-ins for undergraduates and postgraduates (Weeks 6 and 7)**

Meet careers consultant Daniel Gendle, ask any questions regarding applications, upcoming interviews and assessment centres, LinkedIn, or your career options.

### **Assessment centre and interview skills practice (Week 8)**

A chance to practise your technique with your peers and ask questions about the interview process, including what constitutes a good answer.

**Browse full event listings and book on CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)**

## Other events of interest

- Mock Assessment Centre (Throughout the term)
- Using LinkedIn in your job search (Throughout the term)
- Discover International Organisations Day (Sat 11 November 2023)

## In Winter Term...

We run a number of events as part of our Discover | Tech and Discover | Data programmes that may be of interest to you.

To stay up to date with all upcoming events, check your emails regularly and keep an eye on CareerHub: [careers.lse.ac.uk](https://careers.lse.ac.uk)

## Employer events

- Employer numeracy test practice and Q&A (throughout the term)
- Employer Recruitment and Networking Events (various sectors throughout the term)



## Meet an alum events

Get an insider view and expand your network with LSE Careers' Meet an alum series.

These smaller, group discussions bring together alumni and current students so you can find out what it's really like to work in a particular industry or role.

Find out more at:

**[info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/careers/events/meet-an-alum](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/careers/events/meet-an-alum)**

# Destinations and deadlines

## Graduate destinations

Our alumni go into pretty interesting careers and work in a variety of sectors. You can view graduate profiles from your department to get a more in-depth look into how alumni got into their current careers. Popular sectors for graduates from the department include insurance and brokerage, accounting and auditing, investment banking, actuary, asset management, consulting and the public sector and government. Students also entered sectors such as information and digital technology and education and teaching. Whatever you are interested in, LSE Careers can support you in achieving your aspirations.

We also have lots of blogs all about preparing for different sectors. For example: check out our blog on preparing for a career in data and tech.

Discover more about the destinations of LSE graduates: [lse.ac.uk/graduate-destinations](https://lse.ac.uk/graduate-destinations)

## Careers in data and careers in tech

The data sector is extremely dynamic, quickly evolving, and impacting and shaping many aspects of the world we live in. The key to interpreting this data is having professionals with the curiosity to do it accurately and take meaning from the numbers.

**Find out more about careers in data, information and technology using our sector guides online.**





## Rolling deadlines and what they mean for you

Internship and graduate recruitment in the banking and finance and consulting industries often uses rolling deadlines. Employers give you a deadline date but check applications as they come in, inviting successful applicants through to the next stage immediately. Look up 'recruitment timelines' in the employment sectors you are interested in, on our website.

You should also get your application in as soon as you can but don't rush it; make sure it's of a high standard to be in with a good chance of proceeding. Book an appointment with LSE Careers and one of our advisers can provide feedback on your CVs, cover letters and application forms.

## Destinations and deadlines continued...

### What can you do with your statistics degree?

Your degree and the skills and knowledge you gain are transferable to a number of roles, in a range of sectors.

Check out the following resources find out more about some of your options:

- Stats Life by the Royal Statistics Society [rss.org.uk](https://www.rss.org.uk)
- [Actuaries.org.uk](https://www.actuaries.org.uk)
- The Operational Research Society [theorsociety.com](https://www.theorsociety.com)
- Promoting Statistical Insight (in the pharmaceutical industry) [psiweb.org](https://www.psiweb.org)
- Market Research Society [mrs.org.uk](https://www.mrs.org.uk)
- The Society of Professional Economists [spe.org.uk](https://www.spe.org.uk)
- Department for Education: **Get into Teaching**

### Get in touch

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Good luck with your course, and we look forward to meeting you!

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We hope this has been a helpful introduction to LSE Careers.

Good luck, enjoy the coming year, and we look forward to working with you.

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**Blog:** [blogs.lse.ac.uk/careers](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/careers)

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