

PhD Studentships in Accounting

The Department of Accounting at the London School of Economics and Political Science runs a well-established 4-year full-time doctoral programme that has received recognition from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Our PhD programme enables students to develop the technical, methodological and intellectual skills needed to pursue top quality doctoral research in accounting and related areas (www.lse.ac.uk/accounting). Graduates from the Department's doctoral programme have successfully secured positions at Harvard Business School, Copenhagen Business School, Imperial College London, King's College London, Oxford University, University College Cork, HEC Paris, University of North Carolina and many other renowned academic institutions.

Programme structure: We offer an MPhil/PhD Accounting programme with two tracks. The aim is to ensure the highest quality in the development of research students, in their research skills and to support their progression to the completion and defence of high quality theses in their respective specialisms. Track 1 is devoted to the study of interrelationships between accounting, organisations and institutions. Track 2 primarily examines accounting and financial reporting issues from an Economics perspective. To be considered for admission, you should have a substantial academic background in accounting or a cognate area (for example, sociology and economic history for track 1, or economics and quantitative methods for track 2). When making an application PhD students will choose to follow either Track 1 or Track 2. Both tracks follow a similar programme structure with students taking taught courses in their first year with further courses taken in the second year as necessary. Full details of the programme structure can be found here: www.lse.ac.uk/accounting/prospectiveStudents/research/Home.aspx

Research environment: Doctoral students benefit from access to a wide range of taught courses and research seminars in the Department and in related departments and research centres within the School (such as the Departments of Economics, Finance, Management, Sociology and LSE Health). The Department has a very strong research culture that includes an active seminar programme and a programme of distinguished visitors. Doctoral students become members of an integrated community of researchers, interacting and working with some of the leading academics in Accounting. Our research seminars and workshops, visitors and visiting research students, together with our links with professional and practitioner communities ensure that our faculty continue to work at the cutting-edge of their fields and that their output is widely disseminated. Doctoral students are encouraged, at an early stage in their research training, to participate in appropriate international workshops and colloquia.

Funding: LSE's Department of Accounting doctoral programme grants a full cost of living scholarship of at least £18,000 per year, guaranteed for four years, subject to a student's continued satisfactory performance in the programme. The scholarships also cover full fees and are available to Home UK/EU and Overseas students.

Eligibility and applications: Entry to the programme is conditional on a candidate having obtained strong marks at master's level or other degree accepted as equivalent in Accounting or a related discipline. Applications should be accompanied by a research proposal outlining a student's provisional research topic and area of interest. Any offer of a place would depend on the quality and feasibility of your research proposal, your academic qualifications and excellence, and an interview with the department. Demonstration of proficiency in English by IELTS test score of 7 or higher is required if the previous degree was not taught in English. Applications for the PhD in Accounting programme can be made online through LSE's Graduate Admissions Office www.lse.ac.uk/study/graduate/. The application deadline for October 2017 entry is 30 June 2017. However please note the funding deadlines: 9 January (LSE PhD Studentships & ESRC) and 26 April 2017 (LSE PhD Studentships). Selection for funding is based on receipt of an application for a place – including all ancillary documents. Early applications are encouraged.

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