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Recruiter & Employer Introduction to The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is one of the foremost social science universities in the world. With the school's global reach and international reputation for academic excellence, LSE graduates are highly regarded and sought after. Since its 1895 founding, the LSE has produced 29 world leaders and heads of state, 15 Nobel Prize Winners from faculty and graduates, and close to 90,000 registered alumni with over 15,000 in North America alone.

Located in the heart of London, England in the United Kingdom (U.K.), the LSE is the #1 U.K. University for social sciences (ahead of Oxford University and Cambridge University) and #4 for social sciences in the entire world (U.S. News and World Report's 2009 World's Best College rankings). Additionally, the prestigious U.K. 2008 Research Assessment Exercise ranked the LSE with the highest percentage of world-leading university research in the U.K.

LSE's research and teaching spans the full breadth of the social sciences, including accounting, anthropology, economics, finance, history, international relations, politics, law, math, and sociology, among other subjects. Teaching is carried out through academic departments, interdisciplinary institutes and in partnership with internationally known higher education institutions.

The school offers competitive undergraduate and graduate degrees that are internationally recognized (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, LLM, MPhil and PhD), as well as diplomas and General Course, a year-long undergraduate study program. General Course alumni include U.S. President John F. Kennedy (1935). Other well-known alumni include Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Mark Kirk, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Paul Volcker, former Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin, former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, and the Rolling Stones lead singer, Mick Jagger.

The LSE has around 8,700 full-time students, a figure that is expected to rise to 9,000 by 2012, and over 800 part-time students. The student body represents 140 countries and is composed of 45% undergraduate and 55% graduate students. The school has over 1,460 full-time and 1,320 part-time members of international staff.

Over 90 per cent of the academic staff are actively engaged in research, and regularly advise policymakers, non-governmental organizations and businesses around the world. Many LSE academics maintain a high media profile, influencing opinion-formers, commenting in the global media, and ensuring that the insights from cutting-edge research undertaken at LSE feed into public debates. Additionally, the school's relationship with global leaders is long-standing through initiatives such as the prestigious public events program, which has attracted speakers such as Nelson Mandela and Bill Clinton.

LSE Graduates earn globally competitive undergraduate and graduate degrees. The degrees are awarded in the U.K. Degree Classification System based on percentages from 0 to 100 that correlate to a degree class: First Class Honors (1st), Upper Second Class Honors (2.1 or 2A), Lower Second Class Honors (2.2 or 2B), Third (3rd), Pass (P) and Fail (F). Certain degrees have Distinction (DI) and Merit (M) added onto the final degree classification. For a full explanation of the classification system, see the back of LSE transcripts or contact the Student Registry.

To obtain a verification of qualifications of a current or former student, employers, prospective employers, screening agencies and other organizations need to submit the request by email (preferred method) registry@lse.ac.uk, mail, addressed to Registry, Student Services Centre or by fax +44 (0) 20 7955 6099 (Attention: Registry). Note that the disclosure cannot be obtained over the phone. Appropriate requests via email will be processed within 3 business days. Requests sent by fax or post will be replied to within 5 business days.

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