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LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE) – SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Bennington students with Plan concentrations in the social sciences are encouraged to apply for the [London School of Economics \(LSE\) Summer School](#) Scholarship. Each year, Bennington College offers financial support for one student's participation in a three-week summer course at LSE.

The LSE Summer School offers coursework in

- Accounting
- Business and Management
- Economics
- English Language
- Finance
- International Relations, Government, Psychology and Society
- Law
- Research Methods, Data Science, and Mathematics

Successful completion of the summer course will earn three transfer credits.

Scholarship funding includes

- LSE Summer Program tuition and registration fees
- Costs of housing in one of LSE's Halls of Residence
- airfare to/from London

Criteria

- Applicants must have an approved Plan at the time of application
- Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Students who will have completed their undergraduate degree prior to the summer session are ineligible
- Students must immediately notify the Provost's Office if they apply for a Leave of Absence or Withdrawal from Bennington College
- Summer LSE programs require a 3.3 GPA; if you do not have a GPA, please speak with Jennifer Burg prior to your application to determine an equivalency

Application information

- Email or share your complete application package as a single .pdf to Jennifer Burg at jenniferburg@bennington.edu on or before **9:00am on November 15**.
- The scholarship nominee and an alternate will be notified by the end of the term.
- The scholarship awardee should then apply directly to LSE as soon as possible; program openings often fill quickly.

Additional information about the London School of Economics and its summer course schedule can be found at: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/summer-schools/Summer-School>

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APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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Student's Full Name:

Current Term at Bennington:

Faculty Advisor:

Plan Title and Area(s) of Concentration:

Application Checklist:

Completed Application Cover Sheet (this page)

Scholarship Application Essay

A typed statement (500-1000 words) describing as fully as possible your reasons for studying at the London School of Economics. This essay should include:

- Discussion of how the program's coursework will enrich the goals of your Plan at Bennington. How will it complement prior course work? How will it prepare you for specific courses or projects you plan to pursue after returning to Bennington? Please include information on the specific courses you are considering. Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/study-at-lse/summer-schools/Summer-School/Courses/Secure>
- Evidence of your academic abilities and achievements
- Evidence of your ability to work independently
- Evidence of your ability to adapt to new cultural or work environments

Faculty Recommendation Form and Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member

Please see the Faculty Recommendation page for more information.

Faculty may email letters directly to Jennifer Burg if that is their preference.

Declaration of Agreement

Please read carefully and sign.

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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by the student

Student's Full Name:

- I waive my right to see this letter of recommendation – *faculty email letter to Jennifer Burg*
- I do not waive my right to see this letter of recommendation – *student include letter in application*

Student's Signature:

To be completed by the faculty recommender

Please check the appropriate boxes below:

- I am familiar with the student's academic standing and believe that their progress at Bennington and intellectual interests are such that they would profit by studying at the London School of Economics Summer Program.
- I recommend the applicant with respect to their character and maturity for admission to this program.
- I have spoken with the applicant and reviewed their proposed course selection, and I find it to be appropriate with respect to their fields of interest and Plan of study at Bennington.

Please attach a letter of recommendation that addresses this student's qualifications to study at the London School of Economics Summer Program. As appropriate, please address the following in your letter:

- The ways in which the program's coursework will enrich the work of this student's Plan.
- Evidence of their academic abilities and achievements
- Evidence of their ability to work independently
- Evidence of their ability to adapt to new cultural or work environments
- Assessment of this student's ability to represent Bennington College while abroad.

Faculty Member's Name (please print):

Faculty Member's Signature:

Date:

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DECLARATION OF AGREEMENT

- In selecting the recipient of the LSE Summer Program Scholarship, the Bennington campus committee will review all submitted application materials as well as each applicant's academic record. Students applying to the LSE Summer Program Scholarship should see the committee's rubric (included at the end of this application packet) for more information on the criteria by which each application will be evaluated.
- This application is an internal application for financial support. The recipient of the LSE Summer Program Scholarship is responsible for applying and gaining admission to the LSE Summer Program itself.
- Studying away on the LSE Summer Program Scholarship is a privilege that is available to students who have demonstrated the ability to adjust academically and emotionally to college, and who are ready to benefit from the challenges of off-campus study. In order for students to receive and maintain approval for study away, they must be in good academic and disciplinary standing and have approval from their advisor and the Provost's Office.
- Students who receive this scholarship are ambassadors of Bennington College and should be mindful to represent themselves accordingly in all interactions with the LSE community. Maintaining the good-faith relationship upon which this partnership was founded and ensuring the continuance of this opportunity for future students is essential.
- This scholarship will support standard tuition, housing, and airfare to/from London; students are financially responsible for all other fees, including any housing damages, late fees, or similar punitive fees charged by LSE.
- Transfer credit will be awarded for grades of C or above.

I, _____, have read and understand the above statements.

Student's signature _____

Date _____

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LSE SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP: REVIEW COMMITTEE RUBRIC

Applicants – do not complete this form. It is for informational purposes only.

Applicant Name:

Reviewer's Name:

Please evaluate the criteria listed below on the following scale:

Excellent: Criteria fully met with thoughtful and thoroughly developed ideas. Specific and complete information is provided.

Good: Criteria adequately met, but there may be minor inconsistencies and weaknesses.

Acceptable: Criteria appear to be minimally met, but limited information is provided about approach and strategies. Lacks focus and detail.

Poor: Does not meet the criteria. Fails to provide information or provides inaccurate/confusing information.

Please indicate how well the student's proposal addresses the following criteria:

Proposal	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Proposed coursework is clearly connected to the student's work at Bennington.				
Applicant demonstrates the ways in which participation in this program will prepare him/her for specific coursework upon return to Bennington.				
Applicant makes a compelling case for their candidacy through a well-written, persuasive essay.				

Please rate the strength of the supporting documentation.

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Faculty Recommendation				
Academic Record				

Final Evaluation

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Overall Strength of Applicant				