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**GUIDANCE NOTES FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS
(Postgraduate Programmes)**

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These guidance notes outline what you need to do in order to submit an online application. Please read the details carefully.

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Section 1 - Making your application

There are two ways to make your application. You can either apply online or you can complete and return the application form which you will find in the centre of the prospectus or is available for you to download from the website. We recommend that, where possible, you apply online.

Whichever way you choose to apply, you are strongly advised to submit your application **as early as possible**. Please do not wait until the application deadline date, especially for a programme which has a limited number of registrations which can be accepted each year.

In order to ensure your application is processed and a decision taken on your application as quickly as possible you are asked to ensure that you:

- a) read these guidance notes for online applications or the notes accompanying each application form **and** that you follow all the instructions given when answering each question.
- b) please take your time completing the application. It is important that you provide all the information we require in order that full consideration can be given to your application.
- c) answer each of the questions asked. Please do not leave a question blank. If the question does not apply to you, please enter 'N/A' (ie not applicable).
- d) submit all the necessary documentation required in support of your application. Please note that failure to provide this documentation will inevitably delay the final decision being made on your application. If any item of supporting documentation is unavailable, please inform the Postgraduate Admissions Office. They will then write advising you of the steps you need to take in order for your application to be processed and a final decision taken.

Section 2 - When to apply

You can submit your application at any time of the year. However, for some programmes the number of registrations which can be accepted each year are limited, therefore you are strongly advised to apply as early as possible.

If you wish to register in this current intake of students, the latest date by which your application must be received by the Postgraduate Admissions Office is given in the relevant programme details. Please note that, whilst it is sometimes possible to consider an application received after the published deadline date, there can be no guarantee that your application will be accepted for this year. Consequently, you may be required to wait until the following year before you are able to register.

Section 3 - Online applications

You can apply online for this programme as an International Programmes student of the University of London International Programmes. Our secure online application system can be used from anywhere in the world at a time to suit you.

You do not need to complete the application in one go. You can exit and re-access your application at any time. You will also be able to return to any of the questions you have answered - either to amend or to add to the information you have given, before you submit your application.

Section 4 - Need Help?

If you need any advice or assistance on how to complete your application, which is not covered by these notes, please email the Postgraduate Admissions office at: postgraduate_admissions@london.ac.uk

Section 5 - How to use the online application process:

Please note: depending upon the amount of information you have to input in support of your application, the online application process will take around 20 to 30 minutes to complete. However, you will be able to exit the process part way through and return to it if necessary.

- 1 Click on the link for [online application](#)
2. Click on the New User button.
3. Complete the appropriate fields to create your user account and click on the Proceed button. (At this point an e-mail will automatically be sent to the e-mail address you have provided. This will include a system generated password to allow you to access your online application should you choose to complete your application at a later stage. Please note that when you do login, you will be asked to choose a new password.)
4. Complete the application and upload your certificates and supporting documents if you wish. **Please note:** if you have uploaded documents with the on-line application, it may help us to assess your application but we will not be able to issue a confirmed offer until the correct evidence as listed below has been received.

5. Read the declaration(s) and conditions of the application and tick the box to confirm your agreement.

6. Before you submit your application please ensure you have included details of all your qualifications which are relevant to this application *and* that you have provided all the information you want to bring to our attention in support of your application.

7. Submit the application.

Section 6 - Acknowledgement

When you have submitted your application you will receive confirmation, by email, that your application has been received by the Postgraduate Admissions Office and notification of your student number.

If you do not receive this email within three weeks please contact the Postgraduate Admissions office at: postgraduate_admissions@london.ac.uk

We allocate a student number to everyone who applies and it does not mean that you have been accepted onto the programme for which you have applied. That decision will be taken after we have received all the necessary documentation in support of your application (see Section 7 below).

Please use your full name, student number and the name of the programme for which you are applying, in any correspondence you have with the Postgraduate Admissions Office.

Section 7 - What you should do next

Once you have submitted your on-line application, you should complete the following:

A. References:

If the programme for which you are applying indicates that references are required in support of your application (some of them do not) you should now do the following:

Contact your two chosen referees and arrange for them to send the confidential references directly to the Postgraduate Admissions Office, at the address given at the foot of this section.

Please note that **one** of your referees should be an academic member of staff at the institution from which you graduated and who is able to comment upon your academic ability to undertake postgraduate study. The **second** reference should be work-related and come from your current or most recent Line Manager, Head of Department, Training Officer or similar (ie someone who can comment upon your current/most recent work experience and which is directly relevant to the application you are making).

If you graduated several years ago and are unable to obtain an academic reference, you may submit **two work-related references** instead.

Please note that we cannot accept references from friends, relatives, or colleagues/co-workers.

B. Print off and complete a copy of the Document Enclosure Form (pg) and send it together with all the required documents in support of your application to the Postgraduate Admissions Office at the address given at the foot of this section, ie:

B.1 Personal identification

Photocopied evidence of your full name and date of birth as stated on your application. This must be a photocopy of either your birth certificate, or passport, or national identification card (ID).

Any **change of name** from that which is stated on the above document, must be accompanied by official evidence of that change, ie marriage certificate or statutory declaration.

If the name which appears on any of your certificates/documents differs from that which is given on your personal identification you will also be required to submit acceptable evidence of that **name change**.

B.2 Educational certificates

You should

- **either** submit a photocopy of these certificates which have been certified by the awarding/examining body which issued that certificate.
- **or** contact the appropriate awarding or examining body who issue your certificates(s) and arrange for them to send to us direct a certified statement or transcript giving full details of your studies and the results you have obtained.
- **or** ask the British Council if they are willing/able to verify a photocopy of each certificate as being a true copy of the original certificate. However, if the British Council is unable to provide this service for any reason (and many of them are unable to do so), you must then use one of the three previous alternatives.

Alternatively, if you are enrolled as a student at **St Martin's, Malta**, approval has been given for them to verify documents on our behalf. Therefore you will be able to submit those verified copies in support of your application.

Alternatively, if you are resident in Hong Kong or Singapore, **SPACE – Hong Kong University** and **RELC in Singapore** are also permitted to verify photocopies of original documents on our behalf.

Please note: documents certified by anyone other than those indicated above are **not** acceptable for admission purposes.

Alternatively, the **original** certificates of **all** the qualifications you have listed on your application.

B.3 Transcript

- if **either** your degree was not awarded 'with Honours' **or** if you are applying on the basis of a professional qualification, you must **also** submit the **original** of the final transcript of your qualification. The transcript must include all the subjects taken, the marks/grades obtained and the date of the final award.

If you do not possess such a document you should contact the awarding/examining body and arrange for them to send a certified transcript directly to the Postgraduate Admissions office at the address given at the foot of this section.

B.4 English Language Proficiency

- The **original** certificate/evidence of English Language proficiency in support of the information you have provided on the application form.

Alternatively, you can

either arrange for the awarding/examining body to send a certified statement confirming the award and the results obtained, directly to the Postgraduate Admissions Office

or ask the British Council if they are willing/able to verify a photocopy of the certificate as being a true copy of the original. If the British Council are unable to provide this service for any reason (and many are unable to do so), you must then use one of the two previous alternatives.

If you have not taken/passed an examination in English language you must arrange for the following evidence to be provided and submitted in support of your application:

either arrange for evidence to be provided that you have been educated in the medium of English for at least 18 months.

or arrange for evidence to be provided from your employer that you have worked in the medium of English for at least 18 months.

Please note:

- Documents certified by anyone other than those indicated in sections B2, B3 and B4 above are **not** acceptable for admission purposes.
- The University of London International Programmes reserves the right to ask for further or alternative evidence of your qualifications, if required.

C. Supporting statement/reason(s) for applying to register for this programme.

- You must submit a supporting statement - in a minimum of 100 words - giving your reason(s) for applying to this programme, together with any details of your background, work experience and your current or most recent responsibilities, which you consider relevant to this application.

D. Full employment curriculum vitae (cv)

E. GMAT

If you are applying to the International Management or International Business programmes will also ask you to submit the original of the GMAT (Graduate Management Admissions Test) if you have taken it. A GMAT test is not required if you are applying to any other programme.

All the above documents should now be sent, together with the completed Document Enclosure Form (pg), by post or by courier, to the following address:

Postgraduate Admissions Office,
University of London International Programmes
Ground Floor,
Stewart House,
32 Russell Square, London
WC1B 5DN
UK

Email: postgraduate_admissions@london.ac.uk

Section 8 - What happens when we receive your documents and the references in support of your application?

8.1. We will also inform you, by email, of any outstanding documents or of any additional documents/information that may be required before we are either able to process or take a decision on your application.

8.2. When all the necessary documentation has been received in support of your application, your application will be processed and the decision taken.

Section 9 - The decision

We will inform you whether, or not, your application has been accepted.

If you are accepted, we will send you an offer letter for the programme for which you are eligible and have been approved, together with a registration form and any additional information you may require in order for you to register. This will include the deadline date by which the registration form and fee must be completed and returned in order for you to register and the date the study/course will commence.

If you are NOT accepted, (ie because you do not satisfy the entrance requirements for the programme to which you have applied), we will send you notification.

Please note: Every application we receive is considered in full taking account all the information provided and documentation submitted in support of that application. If you do not satisfy the entrance requirements for the programme to which you have applied and we are therefore unable to accept you for admission to that programme (eg the Masters programme), we will automatically consider you for admission to a lower level qualification (eg Postgraduate Diploma or, if it is available, the Postgraduate Certificate) and give an offer if/where appropriate.

Alternatively, you may be given an offer to register for a Short course(s) in the

first instance.

If, however, you are not eligible for admission to any level of the programme for which you have applied, you will be informed of that decision.

FINAL NOTE:

We hope these guidelines are helpful, but please contact us if anything seems unclear at: postgraduate_admissions@london.ac.uk.

Good luck with making your application. We hope to welcome you as one of our International Programmes students in the near future.