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POSTGRADUATE
STUDY GUIDE 2024/25

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Our mission

Improving health outcomes in disadvantaged populations globally, through partnership in research and education.



Our history

Delivering global health impact since 1898.



Our community

Welcoming students from more than 65 countries.



Our impact

2nd in the UK for the impact of our research (REF 2021).



Our partnerships

Working with over 70 partners in the UK and around the world.

Welcome...

to the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine Postgraduate Study guide.

In 2023, we are celebrating our 125th anniversary and the progress that's been made since 1898, when we became the first institution in the world dedicated to education and research in tropical medicine.

Today, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine – and everyone who has studied with us – continues to work towards addressing the world's biggest health challenges.

Recent challenges including the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and environmental sustainability, along with natural disasters and ever-present global conflicts continue to underline the importance of our work.

As an LSTM student you will study at a university that is ranked in the top 6% of universities in the world (Global 2000 list CUWR 2023) and is one of 21 world-leading specialist providers of education in the UK (Office for Students). LSTM has also been shortlisted as University of the Year in the Times Higher Education Awards (2023).



You will benefit from:

- The opportunity to work with passionate and talented experts, joining a community where you are recognised as an individual.
- Access to our state-of-the-art facilities, including in Liverpool, the multi-million-pound Pembroke House, which offers innovative technology to support knowledge sharing and collaboration.
- Support to ensure you achieve your full potential – from researchers and clinical practitioners who contribute to your academic experience, to professional services staff who support your wellbeing. You will discover why we have a 90% overall satisfaction rate among our taught postgraduate students (PTES 2023).
- The opportunity to build global networks, nurture lifelong friendships and develop valuable professional relationships.

There are many opportunities to visit LSTM or connect with us through online information sessions and seminars, in-person open days and campus tours. Visit www.lstmed.ac.uk/study for more information and to register your interest.

If you have any questions about any of our programmes, or need support or advice on your application then please contact us by emailing study@lstmed.ac.uk.

I look forward to welcoming you to LSTM very soon.

Professor Isabel Lucas
Dean of Education

Why choose LSTM?

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125 years of global health impact



100% completion rate for postgraduate research*



Ranked 6th overall in the UK by our postgraduate taught students[†]



98.3% pass rate for Master's and professional diploma students[‡]



100% overall satisfaction among postgraduate research students[§]



£197m research income[¶]



Awards 2023

Shortlisted for the Times Higher Awards University of the Year**

*2021/22 | †2023 PTES | ‡2021/22 | §2021/22 LSTM Experience Survey

¶Group research income 2022 | **Times Higher Education Awards



Expertise – learn from renowned global researchers and practitioners who are among the best in their field



Choose from a range of courses – Master's, research-degrees or professional short courses, in Liverpool or online



State-of-the-art facilities including our new immersive collaboration space, Pembroke House



Join a community of people committed to making a positive impact on the health of the most disadvantaged communities



Collaboration – build your professional links through our international networks and partners in over 70 countries



Why Choose Liverpool?

Liverpool is a lively, dynamic city with a student population of over 60,000* – one of the largest in the UK. An impressive mix of cultural, historic, music, sporting and outdoor attractions means it offers an unparalleled student experience that you will remember forever.

LSTM is based in the heart of Liverpool's Knowledge Quarter (KQ), home to some of the world's most influential names in life sciences, health, technology, culture, research and education.

With over £1bn of new developments completed or underway, and a further £1bn in the pipeline, KQ Liverpool continues to attract new investment, bringing exciting research, education and collaborative opportunities.

Affordable



As the fifth largest city in the UK, Liverpool is one of the most affordable places to live in terms of accommodation and cost of living.



Welcoming & diverse



Liverpool is one of the most multicultural cities in the UK. It is well known for being welcoming and has been voted the 2nd most friendly in the UK (Explore Liverpool, 2021) and in the top 10 friendliest cities in the world (Rough Guide, 2023). Home to a wide range of religions and communities from all over the world you can be sure of a warm welcome in Liverpool.

Connected



Liverpool is well connected by intercity train and bus networks across the UK. Flights to and from Europe arrive daily at Liverpool John Lennon airport, just 30 minutes from the city centre. There is also a direct ferry service to Belfast from Liverpool.

The local train, bus and ferry network, is called Mersey Travel and offers frequent and reliable transport across the city and surrounding areas. As a student you can buy a travel pass on a weekly, monthly or termly basis.

Cultural



With more museums and art galleries than any other UK city outside London you will always find something new to do in Liverpool. Music, art, cinema, theatre, poetry and literature, as well as a thriving restaurant scene offer an exciting and diverse calendar of events.

You can find out more at www.cultureliverpool.co.uk

Facilities

When you choose to study at LSTM you will join an institution that has been at the forefront of innovation since 1898.

Pembroke House

Our new multi-million-pound, state-of-the-art Pembroke House offers flexible study spaces and immersive reality suites, perfect for an interactive study experience.

The professional multi-use space can be used to meet academics, partners and industry teams and supports collaborative innovation, research and design. The building can be accessed between 9am and 6pm during term-time and has facilities for students and colleagues to connect online from further afield.

Laboratories

Our CITD building has three floors of laboratories and insectaries used by the Tropical Disease Biology and Vector Biology departments, where our scientists work with infectious diseases. These are up to Containment Level 3 where Hazard Group 3 pathogens are handled and we have one of the highest number of purpose-built Containment Level 3 laboratories in the country. Our Centre for Drugs and Diagnostics was used to screen validate potential drugs, and develop new diagnostic tests, as part of the Covid-19 response.

Our Clinical Diagnostic Parasitology Laboratory (CDPL) is a UKAS accredited pathology laboratory that provides a diagnostic parasitology service for the NHS and other users in the UK and Europe. The CDPL examines different samples to aid clinicians and health professionals with their patient management.

CREATOR

The Clinical Research and Training Open Resource Programme (CREATOR) is a partnership between the College of Medicine at the University of Malawi, University of Liverpool and LSTM, with funding from the Wellcome Trust. Based in the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi CREATOR will expand the training of doctors and scientists and the building is expected to have facilities including laboratories, collaborative spaces and innovative teaching and learning facilities.

The library

The library team support students and staff in all areas of research and study. We also welcome independent researchers and visitors. It is open 24/7 for studying and staff are available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Our collections include access to specialist databases, the LSTM Online Archive and historical archive as well as an extensive collection of eBooks, journals and print books. You can access a range of specialist databases containing academic research from the Web of Science, PubMed, the Cochrane Library, CINAHL Complete, MEDLINE Complete, Global Health, Global Health Archive, Altmetrics and SciVal.



The Weston Active Learning Lab



The Weston Active Learning Lab is a cutting-edge multifunctional learning environment offering you a unique on-and offline teaching and collaborative experience.

Virtual Learning Environment

Our online learning platform, Brightspace, provides a personalised space where you can access teaching and learning content and support as well as tools to help you communicate and collaborate with staff and other students.

Through Brightspace you can access assessment information and submit your work. It also offers a space for personal reflection to help you grow and develop throughout your studies.

Entry Requirements

All courses are subject to specific entry requirements for academic experience and English language proficiency.

Details of the academic entry requirements for each of our courses can be found on the LSTM website study pages:

lstm.ac.uk/study

English language requirements

All our courses are taught in English. If English is not your first language, you will need to take an approved language test and provide evidence of an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of at least 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in all components.

Other English language tests and country specific English language qualifications are also accepted.

Full details of the English language requirements can be found online: lstm.ac.uk/study

How to Apply

You can apply online for all our courses through the MyLSTM student portal. You will need to register for a MyLSTM account to be able to apply.

To register for a new MyLSTM account or log into an existing account go to: myLSTM.com/apply.

With your MyLSTM account, you can:

- + Apply for courses
- + Upload supporting documentation
- + Save or submit your draft application
- + Accept an offer to study with us
- + Keep your account information up to date

If you have low bandwidth or are unable to access the online portal, paper application forms are available on request from MyLSTM@lstm.ac.uk



Fees

Tuition fees for taught **Master's programmes** for 2024 entry are:

	Home fees	International fees
On campus	£11,200	£23,000
Online/distance learning	£13,800	£13,800

Tuition fees for PgCert and PgDips are priced pro rata.

Tuition fees for our professional diplomas and short courses vary. For up-to-date costs please check our website at: www.lstmed.ac.uk/study-4

Fees for our research programmes on and off-site with full- and part-time options can be found here www.lstmed.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-fees-funding

For some courses you may need to cover additional expenses such as accommodation, travel and bench fees (where these apply), which are not included in your tuition fees. Please see our website for anticipated additional costs: lstmed.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply/tuition-fees

Funding

You may be eligible for a loan or other funding to support your studies. You can find the most up-to-date information about funding options on our website: lstmed.ac.uk/study/finance-and-funding

Scholarships & Discounts

We offer several scholarships and discounts and there are also many external sources of funding. More details can be found on our website: lstmed.ac.uk/study/finance-and-funding

Student support

Once you become a student at LSTM, you can access our student support services.

We want you to have the best possible experience from the moment you join us. Our dedicated student support team are on hand to provide guidance on a range of issues. You will also be supported by a wider community, including your academic personal tutor or supervisor.

You can access support on mental health, wellbeing, careers, social life and accessibility adjustments. We will help you get the best from your student experience with resources such as eBooks, professional skills building opportunities, networking and social events. You will receive a monthly newsletter with updates and you can join our social media network on Discord to be the first to hear about social events and other activities.

Our Student Support team offer drop-in sessions, as well as bookable one-to-one disability support appointments and mental health counselling sessions. Most sessions can be offered by phone, email, Skype or Microsoft Teams.

Accommodation

We recognise that moving to a new city can be challenging and we work closely with Liverpool Student Homes (LSH) to make sure you receive professional guidance about accommodation options. LSH strive to ensure that you have a positive experience living and studying in Liverpool. Visit their website to see the different types of accommodation available: liverpoolstudenthomes.org



Accessibility

If you disclose a disability, you will be asked to complete and return a questionnaire that identifies the support you may need. You will be invited to discuss your requirements with us to ensure we can put the most appropriate support and reasonable adjustments in place for you.

Module leaders ensure that materials and teaching sessions are as accessible as possible and have access to a range of technology assistance tools.

If you are a UK student and require specific software and/or equipment, you should apply for Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) as soon as possible as the application process can take up to 14 weeks. Our student support team can help you with this process.

Healthcare

You should register with a GP (General Practitioner) close to where you will be living.

If you live near to LSTM and Pembroke Place, you will probably be living in the catchment area of the Brownlow Group Practice.

You will be eligible to register with the Brownlow Group Practice if:

- You are enrolled with LSTM on a course of six months or longer
- You live in the postcode catchment area

If you are an international Master's student, you must pay an NHS levy as part of the visa process, and you should register with a GP (General Practitioner) once in the UK.

If you are not eligible to register with the Brownlow Group Practice, you can search for your nearest GP practice online: nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps

Our programmes

Master's

Our Master's programmes combine core and option modules allowing you to tailor your degree to meet your personal and professional interests and ambitions.

Each programme usually starts in September and includes a research project or dissertation. If you choose to access the programme via a PgCert, PgDip or individual modules, other start dates may apply.

Most of our Master's programmes are delivered on a full-time basis over a one-year period, in-person at our Liverpool campus. Our online-only programmes are normally part-time and studied over a longer period:

In-person

- Master of Public Health (Humanitarian Health)
- Master of Public Health (International)
- Master of Public Health (Managing Health Services)
- Master of Public Health (Outbreak Control and Health Protection)
- Master of Public Health (Sexual and Reproductive Health)
- MSc Humanitarian Studies
- MSc Humanitarian Practice (LEAP Programme)
- MSc Tropical Disease Biology
- MSc Tropical and Infectious Diseases
- MSc Tropical Paediatrics
- MRes (Master of Research) Tropical Health and Infectious Diseases

Online

- PgCert Maternal and Newborn Health
- MSc Global Health



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My long-term career goal was to attain an MSc in Global Health and Public Policy. LSTM's MSc Global Health curriculum offered me an opportunity to venture into both areas in a way that can advance my professional and educational objectives.

Being part of the programme exceeded my expectations as I had to unlearn several practices, especially social determinants for health, global diplomacy, community mobilisation and how they all tie into policymaking.

The learning setup also fosters interaction between students which provides an opportunity to learn from people in different cultures.

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**Whitney Mwangi,
MSc Global Health**

Professional diplomas and short courses

Professional diplomas and short courses offer an intensive learning option and are designed to complement and fit around work commitments and career aspirations.

Our programmes are developed with international partners and recommended by global organisations such as Médecins San Frontière (MSF).

Networking is a key part of our professional diplomas and short courses, giving you the opportunity to work with medics from all over the world who can offer different perspectives and experiences.

The duration of these courses varies so please check the relevant page of our website for the course you are interested in: lstmed.ac.uk/study

Professional diplomas

- Diploma in Pharmaceutical Systems
- Diploma in Travel Health
- Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- Diploma in Tropical Nursing

Short courses

- Laboratory Diagnosis of Faecal Parasites
- Laboratory Diagnosis of Faecal and Blood Parasites
- Laboratory Diagnosis of Malaria and Other Blood Parasites

Modules

- Travel Vaccination Principles and Practice
- Malaria Prevention in Travel Health
- Hazards in Travel Health
- Governance and Safety in Travel Health



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My experience as a junior doctor in South Africa led me to want to learn more about healthcare systems in resource poor settings.

Completing the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at LSTM allowed me to learn both the practical and theoretical ways to address many of these challenges. LSTM continues to attract and produce leaders in the field of global health, and learning from them as a student was a fantastic privilege.

The highlight of the course was the diverse range of students and the high quality of lecturers which made my time unforgettable.

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**Justine Fargher,
Diploma in Tropical
Medicine and Hygiene**

Intercalated degrees

We welcome intercalating medical and veterinary students to our programmes.

While intercalation is not always compulsory, it helps to broaden your skills and knowledge and explore a new subject in depth.

As an intercalating student, a Master's degree can have a positive impact on your future career demonstrating motivation to study and commitment to self-development. It also shows you can work at a higher level, developing useful research skills in an academic environment.

You can apply for an intercalated degree after the third or fourth year of your undergraduate programme.

As an intercalating student you may be entitled to a tuition fee discount.

We accept intercalation on the following programmes:

- Master of Public Health (International)
- Master of Public Health (Humanitarian Health)
- Master of Public Health (Managing Health Services)
- Master of Public Health (Outbreak Control and Health Protection)
- Master of Public Health (Sexual and Reproductive Health)
- MRes in Tropical Health and Infectious Disease Research
- MSc Humanitarian Studies
- MSc Tropical Disease Biology

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Intercalating at LSTM was a remarkable year of broadening my knowledge and research proficiency with amazing colleagues and staff.

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Victoria Simpson,
Intercalating Master of
Public Health (International)



Research degrees

Our postgraduate research degrees enable outstanding and highly motivated individuals from across the globe to work with world-leading experts at the forefront of new research.

We will help you develop the skills you need to translate your research into activity that will have a positive impact on the health of the world's most vulnerable people and communities.

We offer the following postgraduate research degrees:

MD – minimum two years (part-time)

MPhil – one-two years (full-time) or two-four years (part-time)

PhD – two-four years (full-time) or four-seven years (part-time)

You can study full- or part-time in Liverpool or off-campus – giving you the flexibility to integrate your research with an existing career or work in the field. You can apply at any time, and we offer three intakes a year, in February, August and October.

We offer supervision in the following research areas:

- Clinical Sciences
- International Public Health
- Malaria and other Vector-Borne Diseases
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Snakebite and Venom
- Tropical Disease Biology
- Vector Biology

Becoming part of LSTM's dynamic, innovative research environment will allow you to realise your potential as a researcher; make a significant contribution to your field of research; and prepare you for a wide range of careers in academia and beyond.



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LSTM was a vibrant melting pot where I enjoyed my interactions with academic and laboratory staff, and fellow postgraduates. I made friends from all over the world.

I also met world-renowned scientists at LSTM and worked under Professor Marcel Hommel and Professor Julian Crampton who instilled the importance of conducting quality research. I was trained in molecular techniques at LSTM and used these tools to study the epidemiology of malaria upon my return to Malaysia.

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**Professor Balbir Singh,
MRes Tropical Health and
Infectious Disease Research**

Meet us



If you are interested in studying at LSTM there are different ways to explore what is on offer.



In person events

At LSTM
At other venues



Online events

Information, advice and
guidance sessions run by
LSTM

Seminars and lectures run
by LSTM and our partners



Campus tours

By appointment

Meet our inspiring alumni

When you join LSTM, you will be joining a community.

LSTM staff and alumni are making a difference across the world. Our alumni have:

- contributed to the Ebola Response in West Africa
- treated patients in Haiti after the earthquake
- been on the first flights to Thailand after the Tsunami
- negotiated aid in war zones
- advised the UK government on its response to tropical and infectious diseases.

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Having completed my Master's at LSTM, I already knew Liverpool and the high-quality research conducted here. I decided to apply to the studentship to complete my PhD with the REACHOUT consortium, which gave me an excellent opportunity to pursue my interests in health systems, community health and equity. It has provided me with knowledge and skills I will need for the future, not to mention the friends and colleagues I have made.

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Dr Rozi McCollum

**Master of Public Health
(International), PhD**

Sign up for alumni updates: lstm.ac.uk/sign-up-to-receive-regular-updates

Important Information

Our printed Postgraduate Study Guide is intended to provide an overview of our programmes of study and the services available at LSTM. It is developed before the start of the academic year and its content reflects information that was accurate in September 2023.

Please check lstm.ac.uk/study for the most up to date information. All applicants will receive information throughout the year regarding deadlines, events and registration.

Alternative formats

If you require a copy of this Postgraduate Study Guide in alternative formats such as large print please email: study@lstm.ac.uk

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