

Postgrad Study Guide 2025/26

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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 90 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.

Our commitment

To develop the next generation of global health leaders, researchers, scientists and clinicians.

Welcome

to the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine Postgraduate Study Guide.



The past year has been one of celebration for our 125th anniversary and an acknowledgement of the progress 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 here – continues to work towards addressing the world's biggest health challenges.

As an LSTM student you will study at a university that is ranked in the top 5.3% of universities in the world (Global 2000 list CUWR, 2024) and is one of 21 world-leading specialist providers of education in the UK (Office for Students).

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, offering 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 94% overall satisfaction rate among our taught postgraduate students (PTES, 2024).
- 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 online and on-campus.

Visit [lstmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study) for more information.

I look forward to welcoming you to LSTM.

Professor Isabel Lucas
Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education

Why choose LSTM?

Expertise

Learn from renowned global researchers and practitioners who are among the best in their field.

Choice

A range of courses including master's, research degrees, diplomas or professional short courses online or in Liverpool.

Community

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.

Facilities

Study collaboratively using our state-of-the-art immersive technology and connectivity.

100%
completion
rate for
postgraduate
research¹

94%
overall
satisfaction
among postgraduate
taught students⁴

**Ranked
2nd overall
in the UK**
by our postgraduate
taught students²

95%

pass rate

for master's and
professional diploma
students³

125 years of global health impact

£197m

research

income⁵

1. 2023/24
2. 2024 PTES
3. 2023/24
4. 2024 PTES
5. Group research income

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 and diverse

Liverpool is one of the most multicultural cities in the UK. It is well known for being safe and 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.



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 Merseytravel 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 and a thriving restaurant scene offer an exciting and diverse calendar of events.

You can find out more at 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

Pembroke House is our cutting-edge, multi-million-pound teaching facility designed to elevate your learning experience. With flexible study spaces and an immersive reality suite, you can engage in dynamic, interactive learning.

This professional, multi-purpose space is perfect for collaborating with academics, industry leaders, and research partners. Open from 9am to 6pm during term-time, Pembroke House is fully equipped with online connectivity, making it easy for international students and colleagues to join from anywhere in the world.

Mary Kingsley Building

Thanks to support from the Office for Students, we are transforming the Mary Kingsley Building to place the student experience at the heart of campus life. The exciting upgrades include a complete refurbishment of the Nyankunde social and study space, as well as a reimagined library and entrance, all designed to enhance accessibility and create an inviting atmosphere for all.



The Library

The library supports students and staff in all areas of research and study and welcomes independent researchers and visitors. It is open and staffed Monday-Friday (9am-5pm) for studying and access to resources.

Library resources include access to specialist databases, the LSTM Online Archive and historical archive, and an extensive collection of eBooks, journals and print books. You can access a range of specialist databases containing academic research from EBSCO Discovery Service, Scopus, PubMed, the Cochrane Library, CINAHL Complete, MEDLINE Complete, Global Health via EBSCO, GreenFILE, Altmetrics, Overton and SciVal.



CREATOR

The Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Research (MLW) programme officially opened the CREATOR building in Blantyre Malawi in 2024. CREATOR is a multi-million-pound investment that will contribute to MLW's ambition to be the leading research institute based in a low-income country and will transform the future of medical research and training in Malawi and the wider region. The 30-year partnership between Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, The University of Liverpool and Wellcome has addressed regional and global health priorities with great success.



The Weston Active Learning Lab

The Weston Active Learning Lab has been enhancing collaborative learning for over five years, offering a state-of-the-art, multifunctional environment. This dynamic space enables seamless content sharing across single or multiple screens, making it ideal for interactive teaching and group collaboration and presentations. It is where innovation meets education, empowering students to engage in learning both on- and offline.

Virtual Learning Environment

Brightspace, our innovative online learning platform, provides a personalised hub for all your academic needs. Access course content, assessments and collaboration tools with ease, all while staying connected with staff and fellow students.

We have also introduced Padlet – an interactive online whiteboard – to enhance your learning journey and support seamless collaboration, whether you're on campus or studying remotely.

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: [lstmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.lstmed.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:

[lstmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study)

How to apply

You can apply online for all our courses through the MyLSTM student portal. You must register for an MyLSTM account before you apply.

To register for a new MyLSTM account or log into an existing account go to:

[myLSTM.com/apply](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/myLSTM.com/apply).

With your MyLSTM account, you can:

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

If you have a low bandwidth or are unable to access the online portal, paper application forms are available on request from

MyLSTM@lstmed.ac.uk

Fees

Tuition fees for taught master's programmes for 2025 entry are:

	Home fees	International fees
On campus	£11,760	£24,150
Online/distance learning	£14,490	£14,490

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](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply/tuition-fees)

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:

[lstmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study)

Fees for our research programmes on and off-campus with full-and part-time options can be found on our website:

[lstmed.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-fees-funding](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/postgraduate-research-fees-funding)

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](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/study/finance-and-funding)

Scholarships and Discounts

We offer scholarships, bursaries and discounts and there are many external sources of funding. More details can be found on our website:

[lstmed.ac.uk/study/finance-and-funding](https://www.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, and 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 skill building opportunities, networking and social events.

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 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 not eligible to register with the Brownlow Group Practice, you can search for your nearest GP practice online:

nhs.uk/nhs-services/gps

Our courses

Master's courses

Our master's courses combine core and optional modules allowing you to tailor your degree to meet your personal and professional interests and ambitions.

Each course starts in September and includes a research project or dissertation. If you choose to access the course via a PGCert, PGDip or individual modules, other start dates may apply.

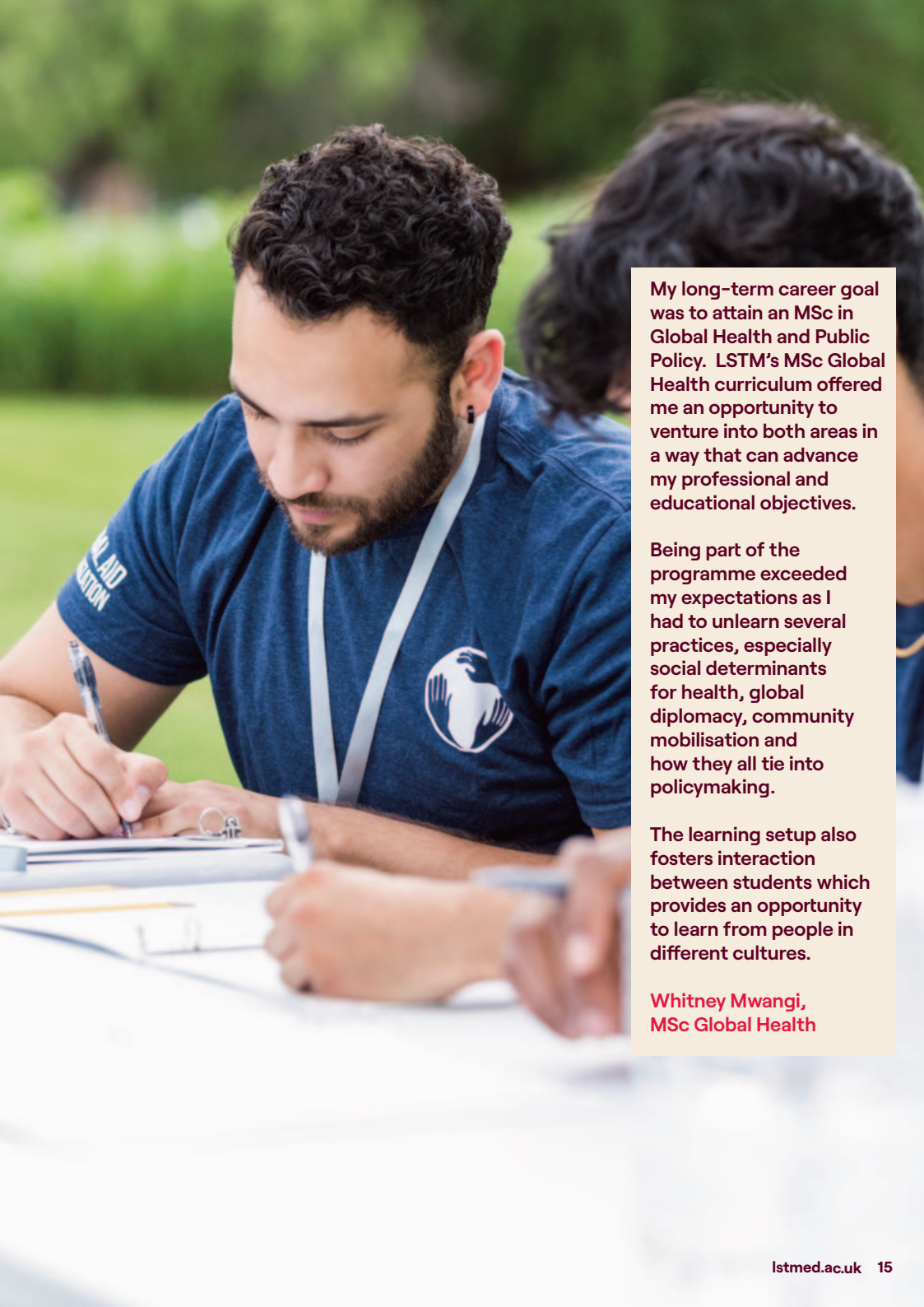
Most of our master's courses are delivered on a full-time basis over a one-year period, on-campus at our Liverpool site. Our online only programmes are normally part-time and studied over a longer period.

On-campus

- 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 One Health in Tropical Disease
- MSc Tropical Disease Biology
- MSc Tropical and Infectious Diseases
- MRes Tropical Health and Infectious Disease Research

Online

- MSc Global Health



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.

Whitney Mwangi,
MSc Global Health

Professional diplomas and short courses

Professional diplomas offer an intensive learning option and are designed to complement and fit in around work commitments and career aspirations. Our programmes are developed with international partners and recommended by global organisations such as Médecins Sans Frontières (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.

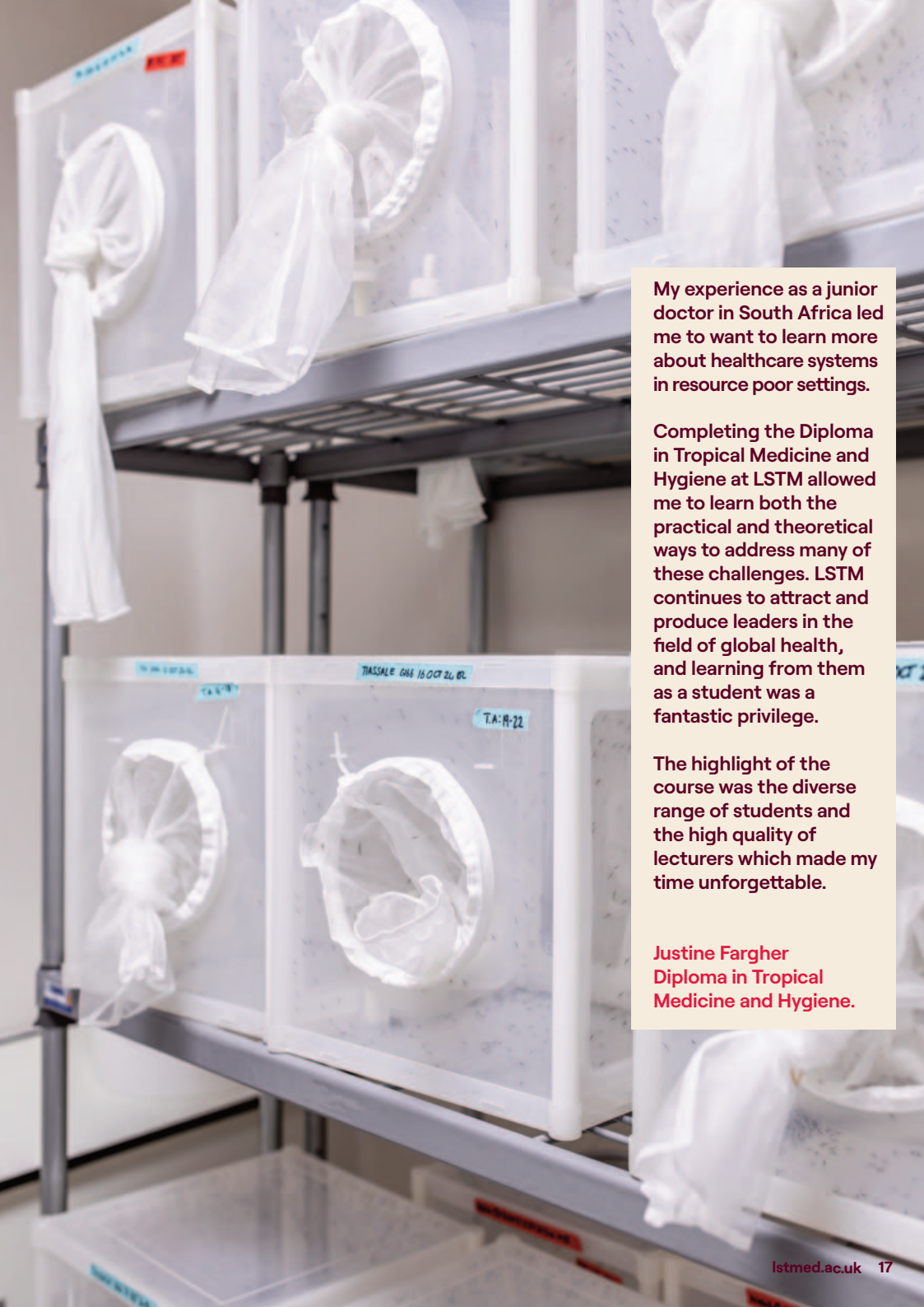
The duration of these courses varies so please check the relevant page of our website for the course you are interested in: [Istmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.istmed.ac.uk/study)

Professional diplomas

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

Please visit our website for an up-to-date list of short courses and stand-alone modules currently available at:

[Istmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.istmed.ac.uk/study)



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.

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

Intercalated degrees

We welcome intercalating medical, dental and veterinary students to our courses.

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 degree.

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 One Health in Tropical Disease
- MSc Tropical Disease Biology



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

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-Bourne Diseases
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD)
- Snakebite and Venom Research
- 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.



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 Himmel 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.

**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.

On-campus 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



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 the knowledge and skills I will need for the future, not to mention the friends and colleagues I have made."

Dr Rozi McCollum
Master of Public Health
(International), PhD

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.

Sign up for alumni updates:

[lstmed.ac.uk/alumni](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/alumni)

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 January 2025.

Please check [lstmed.ac.uk/study](https://www.lstmed.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 or braille, please email:

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