



14th August 2026

Dear DrPH candidate,

Congratulations on your acceptance as a research degree student at LSHTM and welcome to the programme. Like other students, you will probably find it challenging as well as inspiring. We hope you will also enjoy yourself, make new friends and learn new skills during your time at the School.

Welcome Week runs from Monday 21st to Friday 25th September 2026. During Welcome Week you will meet the DrPH team and have the chance to meet your supervisors and other LSHTM staff, as well as learning more about the School and the programme of study you will be following.

Please join us for a DrPH 'meet and greet' on **Tuesday 22nd from 10:00-11:00 UK time** in room EC-212, at the [LSHTM Education Centre, Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SH](#). Following this, DrPH students are expected to attend the Doctoral Degree Orientation for all new doctoral students on **Tuesday 22nd September from 11:00-15:00 UK time** in room EC-311M in the Education Centre.

On **Wednesday 23rd September** you are warmly invited to our DrPH welcome lunch **from 12:00-14:00 UK time** in EC-G31. This will be followed by the DrPH Induction **from 14:00-17:00 UK time** in room EC-212. The DrPH Induction is designed to be in-person but zoom links are available [on this link](#).

You will need to register as a new student on **Tuesday 22nd September from 15:30-16:30 UK time in the LSHTM Library in Keppel Street, WC1E 7HT**. At registration you will find out how to access your security pass and, if you don't have an LSHTM laptop, you will be given one. Once you have registered, you will be able to access [Moodle](#), the online platform where all teaching materials, reading lists, information and notices will be available for the Core Modules. We suggest you register on Moodle as soon as you can, locate the Moodle DrPH 2026-27 site, and make sure you give yourself enough time while you are at the School to familiarise yourself with the key aspects of Moodle.

DrPH classes start on **Monday 28th September**, with the two core modules running in parallel throughout term 1. These modules will be run on-line only. Unlike other doctoral degree programmes (where students can ease into the first term), you will need to be focused on your studies right away. This is important, because the grades you receive for your first term assessments will count towards your degree. Written assessments for these modules will be due in January 2027.

During the first term, the Evidence Based Public Health Policy (EBPHP) module is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday each week with contact hours from 14:00-17:00 UK time while the other module, Understanding Leadership, Management & Organisations (ULMO) runs on Thursdays and Fridays with contact hours from 14:00-16:30 UK time. The contact hours include live synchronous sessions online. For planning purposes students should consider Mondays and Tuesdays as their EBPHP study days and Thursday and Friday as their

ULMO study days. This is to allow sufficient time for reading and preparation for the live sessions. There may be optional sessions or activities taking place on Wednesdays. When there are no scheduled sessions, Wednesday should be considered a private study day.

Part-time students should work out a schedule of study with their supervisor before the start of term. Both core modules are compulsory and part-time students can either:

- (a) complete one module in the first year and the other in the second year, or
- (b) take both modules in the first year.

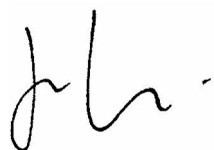
This choice has implications for timetabling the rest of your studies, so if you would like additional advice on this matter, please get in touch with us. It is particularly important that part-time students who are taking only one module in 2026 keep the study days for the relevant module clear of other commitments, as full participation in the taught modules is a requirement of the programme.

You will learn more about the EBPHP and ULMO modules at the DrPH induction session on 23rd September and the module outlines, timetables and suggested preparatory readings are available [here](#).

There will be an opportunity to book a short one to one Welcome meeting with us, the Programme Directors on Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th September. We will schedule these during the DrPH induction session.

Whether you are a full- or part-time student, your first term will be busy and, we hope, exciting. We look forward to meeting you in Welcome Week and wish you the very best with your studies.

Best wishes,



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