



21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

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 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-11:00 UK time in room G07** if you are available. DrPH students are expected to attend the Research Degree Orientation on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 11:00-15:00 UK time in the Manson Theatre** and the DrPH induction on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 14.00 – 17.00 UK time in room G24**. These sessions are designed to be in-person but zoom links are available and the password is LSHTM2025:

- Research Degree Orientation:  
<https://lshtm.zoom.us/j/87006409922?pwd=LhWGnuiJEcZryl7ULn5mNKacAu96PH.1>
- DrPH Induction:  
<https://lshtm.zoom.us/j/84925631752?pwd=ncMVHr23O8JZvaghAmiks3eRoMxGGg.1>

You will need to register on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 15:00-16:00 UK time in the Library**. 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 throughout the programme. We suggest you register on Moodle as soon as you can, locate the Moodle DrPH 2025-26 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 29<sup>th</sup> September**, with the two core modules running in parallel throughout term 1. These modules will be run *on-line only*, except for week 1 when we will 'test' a hybrid approach offering the EBPHP classes in person in room LG8 as well as online (zoom links will be available on Moodle). Unlike some other research 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 2026.

During the first term, the Evidence Based Public Health Policy (EBPHP) module is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday each week from 14:00- 17:00 UK time while the other module, Understanding Leadership, Management & Organisations (ULMO) runs on Thursdays and Fridays from 14:00 – 16:30 UK time. Although live synchronous sessions will not take up full days each week, 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 and then continue with part-time study in term 2.

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 2025 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.

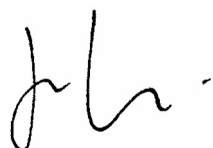
You will learn more about the EBPHP and ULMO modules at the DrPH induction session on 24<sup>th</sup> September and outline information and suggested preparatory readings are available here:

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/new-students/msc-research-students/pre-course-information/research-degrees>

There will be an opportunity to book a short one to one Welcome meeting with us, the Programme Directors on Thursday and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September. We will schedule these during the DrPH induction session. In addition, you are warmly invited to come to a small lunch in Room G05 in Keppel Street on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 12:00-14:00.

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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