Joint Ph.D. Programme at London South Bank University for
BUE Teaching Assistants

The BUE and LSBU have embarked on establishing a full partnership that includes research and enterprise collaborative activities in addition to validation of BUE programmes. One of the main pillars underpinning such research collaborative activities is the joint supervision of PhD students. It is envisaged that BUE teaching assistants could benefit from a joint PhD framework that allows them to study at LSBU, on a part-time basis, while being engaged in their teaching responsibilities at BUE. Such an opportunity shall provide BUE TAs with the necessary training, as future module leaders in a UK education system, in addition to the needed resources and access to the state of the art facilities that might be required for completing their research.

Specialty areas that are expected to support BUE TAs shall be identified in light of mutual research interests and ongoing collaborative research activities.

General Framework

- Students will enrol on the LSBU PhD programme on part-time basis.
- LSBU will employ their normal admissions criteria to determine whether to accept BUE TAs as PhD students.
- Academic staff from LSBU and BUE will jointly supervise students.
- Students are normally required to spend one semester the first year during the Ph.D. programme at LSBU. The duration of stay, for the following years, will be determined based on the nature of specialization and progress by the two supervisors.
- LSBU & BUE will identify programme coordinators who will be responsible for managing all aspects of the programme at their respective institutions.
- LSBU’s part-time tuition fees apply at the home fee (GBP 2150).
- LSBU shall subsidise accommodation fees at LSBU dormitories during the summer by 50%.
- BUE to finance 50% of the approved expenses for students enrolled in this programme, subject to preset ceilings.
- BUE teaching assistants enrolled in this programme will be on paid leave while at LSBU.
- LSBU will not employ former BUE TAs who have been sponsored to study for a PhD by BUE without BUE’s final approval.
- The progress of students will be reviewed annually by both LSBU and BUE supervisors and continuation in the programme will depend upon the successful assessment.
- Selection of potential applicants shall be done at BUE.
- Strategic specialty areas shall be identified by both institutions in light of joint research collaborative activities.
General Requirements

- Applicants holding an undergraduate degree with a minimum of ‘very good’ cumulative grade.
- Applicants who are 35 years of age or younger.
- Applicants should be able to finance 50% of the approved expenses.
- Applicants must work at BUE for five years after earning the Ph.D. degree; otherwise they will be obliged to pay all expenses related to their education under this programme.
- Applicants will sign appropriate legal documents to guarantee the university’s rights. The embodiment of that will include the availability of the nearest kin as collateral.
- Candidates for the programme must have at least one year of working as a TA at BUE.
- A limited number of applications will be approved annually.
- Faculties shall nominate and rank their potential applicants to be sent to the research committee.
- Nominations of the research committee will be forwarded to the president for awarding.