# C:\Users\cperkins\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\AFHLJ838\RS9328_LBS_Standard_Logo_RGB_AW.jpgEntrepreneurship Summer School 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE 12th MAY 2025.

The Entrepreneurship Summer School gives you the chance to **explore a business opportunity in a practical format**. You will test the feasibility of your idea through active research in your proposed markets and learn what it takes to **turn your idea into a fundable business**.

## Why choose this programme?

During this programme you will develop the skills necessary to assess and shape an opportunity **and to present your conclusions to a panel of investors and successful entrepreneurs.**

You will work with a **mentor from the entrepreneurial community**. They will assist you in the development of your business idea, open doors for you, help you overcome stumbling blocks and serve as a sounding board.

Your experiences on this programme will help you decide whether a career as an entrepreneur is right for you.

## Who is this programme for?

* Individuals who want to research the feasibility of a new business idea.
* People who are thinking of starting a new venture within their organisation.
* Those who are trying to decide if they want to pursue the entrepreneurial life.

## Benefits

This programme aims to help participants succeed as entrepreneurs by giving them the skills they need to choose which business opportunities to pursue and how to develop those ideas into workable businesses. **How will this programme benefit you?**

* You'll develop the skills needed to assess and shape an entrepreneurial opportunity.
* You'll hone your presentation skills.
* By working under the guidance of a mentor and thorough contact with numerous panellists and guest speakers, you'll develop real insights into whether the entrepreneurial path is for you.
* The work done during the course of this programme will allow you to see whether your business idea is one that can be successfully pursued or if you may need to move on to a more promising idea.

## How will this programme benefit your organisation?

If you're researching and developing a business idea for a new venture within your company, you'll add a great deal of value to your organisation. Through your creation of a well-researched, customer-driven feasibility study, the organisation can identify and

pursue a new business activity or avoid an idea that does not present a promising opportunity.

# Brief Course Outline

(Subject to change)

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## Purpose

In the Entrepreneurship Summer School, participants will conduct mentored due diligence to carefully research and shape an entrepreneurial opportunity they have identified. The purposes of Summer School are to enable participants to:

* Develop and apply skills for assessing and shaping an opportunity through field based primary research while building a network of key contacts in the process, identify the critical success factors pertinent to that opportunity, and identify the capabilities necessary to flesh out an entrepreneurial team appropriate to its pursuit
* Familiarise themselves with the entrepreneurial way of life and develop their self- awareness about the suitability of entrepreneurship for them as individuals

## Process

Each of the Summer School sessions will engage you in learning and putting to work one or more of the skills you’ll need to assess, shape and present an entrepreneurial opportunity and to become a successful entrepreneur. For most of these skills, you’ll have multiple chances to apply them, first in a case discussion or other exercise; and then solo (or in small teams), as you work to assess and shape your own opportunity.

## Outcomes

Prior to and during the Summer School, participants will:

* Develop a personal mission statement
* Develop (working solo or in pairs) a customer-driven feasibility study for a proposed new venture of their choosing, either a start-up or a new venture within an established firm. This feasibility study will (based on primary and secondary data to be collected prior to and during the programme) assess and shape the opportunity. In doing so it will:
  + Identify, rigorously assess, and develop an informed understanding of the overall and target markets
  + Assess industry attractiveness and the likelihood that the venture can achieve sustainable competitive advantage and craft a viable business model
  + Identify the critical success factors that an entrepreneurial team must possess to successfully pursue the opportunity and assess the proposed team’s ability to meet them.

The resulting output, for opportunities judged feasible, is intended to form the basis for assembling a management team and developing a business plan (perhaps in the New Venture Development course at London Business School) and ultimately, a new venture itself. For opportunities judged not feasible, the output will provide a helpful foundation for reshaping the opportunity (perhaps to serve a different market or apply the technology differently) or for deciding to move on to a more promising opportunity.

This highly experiential programme (one week of intensive study followed by several weeks of field research) will culminate in presentations to panels of investors and successful entrepreneurs accustomed to assessing entrepreneurial opportunities.

## Application procedures 2025

Current London Business School students who are eligible to apply are first year full-time MBA, EMBA, MiF, and Sloan students from London Business School. MiM and MaM students who are taking the 4th term are also eligible. All students must submit:

* a current CV
* a personal mission statement (500-700 words)
* a 100-word biography
* an executive summary (100 and 30 word)
* a macro level market and industry analysis.

These will then be reviewed by a faculty committee. If successful, the co- directors will offer you a place, which you will have to either accept or reject. If you accept the offer the MBA office will then enrol you on the course.

All other participants Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. In order to be admitted to the programme, participants must submit an application form, a current CV, a personal mission statement, a 100 word biography, an executive summary (100 and 30 word) and a macro level market and industry analysis.

Applications should be sent to:

[ess@london.edu](mailto:ess@london.edu)

Entrepreneurship Summer School London Business School

Regent’s Park LONDON NW1 4SA

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N.B. Please see the document on the website entitled ‘Submissions Required’ for full details.

## Submissions Required for Admission to Summer School

Admission to Entrepreneurship Summer School is done on a rolling basis beginning on **Sunday 5th January 2025**. The following items are due on or before the application deadline **of 12th May 2025 at 23:59 UK**. Submissions received after the deadline will be waitlisted, subject to space availability.

**Please ensure you include all elements in your application.**

* **Application form** (only for applicants not already enrolled at London Business School).
* **Your current CV**
* **100-word biography**
* **Personal mission statement:** Clarity about your personal mission, aspirations and propensity for risk will have an enormous influence on the nature of your entrepreneurial vision, as well as your ability to realise it. This statement (500-700 words) should set out what you would like to achieve with your life, as much on a personal as on a professional level, why you would like to achieve this, and any fears concerning what this may take.
* Remember, this is your PERSONAL mission statement, and will be uniquely special – there are no right or wrong answers. The clearer, and more honest, you are about it, the better equipped you will be to contemplate the life of an entrepreneur.
* **Executive summary:** We need two versions of this document: one of 100 words, the other a SINGLE PowerPoint slide (containing no more than 30 words in aggregate). These summaries force you to think through the essence of the opportunity and tell us what it’s about, thereby helping us to make sense of the macro-analysis. However, they serve a more important purpose:
* The **100-word** versions are compiled into a single document and used to brief mentors, speakers and participants about your opportunity and help them to spot ways in which they might help you. Take care to write with clarity and enthusiasm (no diagrams) since it’s on the basis of this summary that mentors compile their ‘shortlist’ of teams they’d like to help.
* The **30-word** PowerPoint slide is used during the mentor-matching session.
* **Macro-level market and industry analysis:** This analysis, based on the opportunity you intend to examine and develop during the Entrepreneurship Summer School (no consultancies or single-location retail businesses please), should not exceed three A4sides of paper plus one page of cited secondary data sources. It should be focused **solely** on the relevant two portions of the seven domains framework (macro market, macro industry) and should, using relevant secondary data you gather and cite: candidly assess the attractiveness of both your intended market and your intended industry at the macro level, by gathering whatever secondary data your feasibility study will require and citing each source, so that your efforts in Summer School can focus entirely on primary research.

See, [The New Business Road Test, Chapter 1](https://www.london.edu/think/what-if-my-idea-wont-work), ‘My Opportunity: Why Will or Won’t this Work?’ for further details. A copy of this book will be provided to you for the Summer School course.



**ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS**

*This application form should only be used by applicants* ***not*** *already enrolled at London Business School*

**NAME:**

After completing the application, please ensure that you have included the following:

* Application fee of £100 (payable in UK Sterling, cheques to be made out to London Business School), refundable on admission
* Originals or copies of your graduate (if applicable) and undergraduate transcripts
* If you are currently studying for an MBA and would like to count this for credit, we strongly advise you to contact your university in advance.

Please send the completed form and all relevant supporting documents to:

[ess@london.edu](mailto:ess@london.edu)

If you have any queries, please email [ess@london.edu](mailto:ess@london.edu)

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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Birth date:

Sex:

Surname:

First name(s):

(underline name known as)

Nationality:

Years of full-time work experience after undergraduate university: Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

***Please notify us of any change in address between now and the start of class.***

**CURRENT / MOST RECENT JOB**

Name of company: Address:

Nature of business:

Number of employees:

Your responsibilities:

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Please list details of all your previous full-time employment

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| **Employer** | **Location** | **Position held** | **Date of employment From To** |

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Please give details of all undergraduate, postgraduate and professional studies and qualifications

**Undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications**

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**Do you feel that your undergraduate performance is an accurate reflection of your ability?**

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**Professional qualifications**

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**GMAT score** (if applicable)

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**Non-academic interests**

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## APPLICATION ESSAYS

The Admissions Committee will consider carefully the answers to the following questions when deciding which applicants to select for admission. Please respond concisely to each question, using separate sheets of paper with your name at the top of each page.

1. Explain why you want to attend the Entrepreneurship Summer School? (Please note that this is covered by your Mission Statement – please consult the ‘submissions required’ document).
2. Please submit a macro level market and industry analysis. See the ‘submissions required’ for further information.

If you have any problems with these matters please email [**ess@london.edu**](mailto:ess@london.edu)

## I understand that the Admissions Committee decision is final and if accepted, I will abide by the rules and regulations governing visiting students to London Business School.

Signed:

Date:

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## Fees

Current London Business School students

The Summer School is covered by the MBA fees.

External participants

Fees: £7,000 including all programme materials.

London Business School alumni

All London Business School alumni will receive a 50% discount.

# Entrepreneurship Summer School 2025

## Application Deadline

**12th May 2025 by 23:59 UK time**

**Block Week**

14th – 18h July 2025

## Field Based Research

(into *your* opportunity, working solo or in small teams) Late July through to early September

## August Teaching Weekend

31st July – 2nd August 2025

## Final Presentations, Course Wrap-Up and Awards Reception

5th – 6th September 2025