



THE LONDON
INTERDISCIPLINARY
SCHOOL

For those who want to shape the world, not just fit in.

Interdisciplinary Faculty

London, United Kingdom

Intro to LIS: A new university to tackle real-world problems



At LIS, we're building a new, world class university that prepares students to tackle global challenges whilst challenging the status quo of higher education in the UK. We are the first university in fifty years to start with its own UK degree awarding powers.

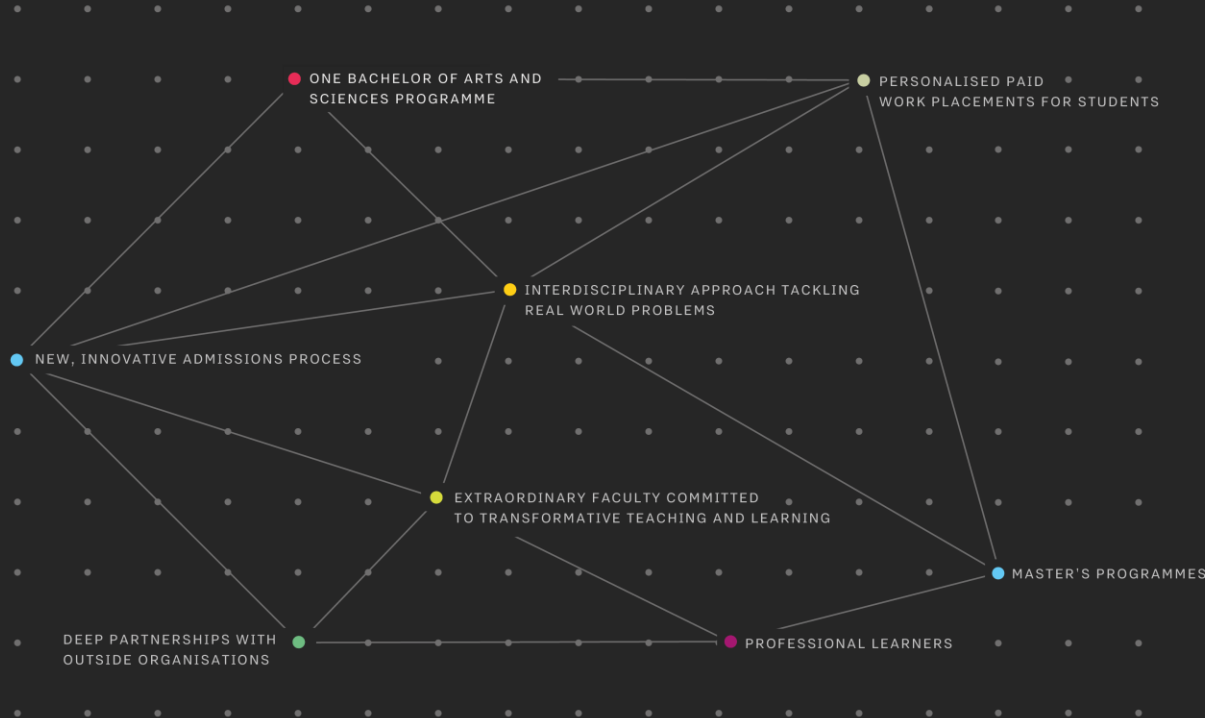


We are building an exceptional faculty of teachers, practitioners and academics, and building close partnerships with world leading organisations (e.g., KPMG, John Lewis, Gates Foundation, Olio)



Our doors opened in September 2021, when we welcomed 65 students as our founding cohort, and we have ambitious plans to grow our impact

How we are doing this...



The Role: Assistant/Associate Professor in Materials/Materials Science

- You will be an early joiner of our founding faculty of 10 academics and practitioners, building a world-class university for interdisciplinary study
- This is a unique opportunity to shape the curriculum and institutional thinking on Materials and Materials Science and their applications in an interdisciplinary context
- There is the potential to build and establish an LIS lab for Materials Science/making of material products
- We are open to enquiries from people with unusual hybrid combinations of expertise and creative ideas for teaching Materials/Material Science

Description of successful candidates

You should be:

- highly focussed on teaching/learning – with ambition to create the best interdisciplinary learning possible, for our undergraduates, new master's programmes and professional learners;
- interested to work on a real-world, problem-based curriculum with external partners;
- experienced in working effectively in teams;
- interested to challenge yourself and to model this as a co-learner with students;
- interested to take on a variety of administrative and extra-academic roles in a new university, such as student outreach and recruitment, pastoral support etc;

You should have:

- a PhD in a relevant area, although proven expertise, e.g. in industry or government, would also be of interest
- experience of working in an interdisciplinary context
- proven teaching experience in the relevant areas - but we are also open to considering new talent who can convince us through the interview process that they are the right person
- experience of managing complex administration and multiple deadlines

The package

- LIS is committed to diversity, equality and inclusion in the hiring of its staff, and in all aspects of staff training, remuneration, development and performance management
- We are looking for the successful applicant to join our curriculum development and teaching team from January 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter
- This position is a permanent contract. We are happy to consider flexible working arrangements
- Holidays are typically 25 days per year, pro rata
- Salary will be favourable in comparison to the wider university sector and may depend on experience

Approach to research

- We are building an academic community on interdisciplinary principles and we are therefore open to ideas regarding your research
- LIS is dedicated to outstanding teaching but we recognize and promote the importance of research in higher education. Generous research time is therefore allocated to staff

Location

- Our campus is at 20-30 Whitechapel Rd, London, E1.
- You will need to live at a commutable distance to central London. We regret that we cannot offer relocation packages

The Founders

Ed Fidoe

Co-founder of School 21.
McKinsey & Co.



Chris Persson

Co-founder Bookatable.
Investor in new technologies.



Academic Lead

Carl Gombrich



Carl has degrees in Maths, Physics and Philosophy, and a further professional background in music. He was a Professorial Teaching Fellow of Interdisciplinary Education at UCL and is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

He was previously Programme Director of the pioneering interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (BASc) programmes at UCL and led the design, development, launch and implementation of the degrees, from a first cohort of 84 students in 2012 to a steady state of over 450 students in 2018.

Carl was a member of the British Academy Working Group on Interdisciplinarity and a core member of the NVAO accreditation panel for the Liberal Arts and Sciences Colleges of the Netherlands.

Our world-class faculty



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The London Interdisciplinary School wants its students to be problem solvers with a wide range of academic interests

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Polymaths at the London Interdisciplinary School plan to teach universities a thing or two

Students are signing up for an interdisciplinary approach to solve the world's big issues

Next steps

1. To apply, [please visit this link](#) where you will be asked to summarise your interest in the role and upload your contact details and CV. All applications must be submitted by the end of Monday 1st November, 2021
2. If you are selected, we will invite you to teach a short lesson to groups of students and LIS colleagues
3. Following this, successful applicants will be invited for a further assessment, including face to face interviews and team-working tasks

