

Laidlaw Foundation and London Business School Announce Partnership to Propel Women in Leadership

London Business School (LBS) has received £3.69m from the Laidlaw Foundation to advance women in business.

The creation of the Laidlaw Women's Leadership Fund strengthens the School's ambition of moving towards 51% female representation across LBS's degree programmes, in particular the number of women from socio-economically diverse backgrounds. The fund aims to attract the highest calibre women who might not otherwise have been able to afford a top-tier business education.

Significant progress has already been made towards addressing the gender balance at LBS. With this investment, the School can further strengthen its efforts to achieve gender parity.

"With the Laidlaw Foundation we share a joint vision – to help exceptional women excel in their careers and take positions of leadership around the world," François Ortalo-Magné, Dean of LBS.

"Unfortunately, many women reach a glass ceiling, particularly in the corporate world. I am deeply committed to helping more of them break that glass ceiling through expanding access to top business education," Lord Laidlaw, Chairman, Laidlaw Foundation.

The Laidlaw Women's Leadership Fund will support 20 outstanding female scholars per year for three years in the MBA, Executive MBA and Masters in Management programmes. It will create a strong network of cross-generational peers at LBS and beyond.

"Our aim is to achieve greater gender parity on executive and non-executive boards by fuelling female scholars with the education, resources and network to drive real change," Susanna Kempe, Chief Executive of Laidlaw Foundation.

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About London Business School

London Business School's vision is to have a profound impact on the way the world does business and the way business impacts the world. The School is consistently ranked among the best business schools globally* and is widely acknowledged as a centre for outstanding research.

As well as its highly ranked degree programmes, the School offers award-winning Executive Education programmes* to business leaders from around the world.

London Business School has campuses in London and Dubai, and a presence in three additional international cities – New York, Hong Kong and Shanghai. The School equips its diverse student body with the tools needed to tackle today's business challenges and connects them with many of the world's leading thinkers.

The School has more than 44,000 alumni working in over 155 countries. Together, they are a community defined by a wealth of knowledge, business experience and worldwide networking opportunities.

London Business School's 174 faculty members come from over 30 countries. They cover seven subject areas: accounting, economics, finance, management science and operations, marketing, organisational behaviour, and strategy and entrepreneurship.

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*The Financial Times (FT) was named London Business School the top European business school for the fifth consecutive year in 2018; its Executive Education programmes were ranked in the top four overall by the FT in 2018. London Business School was awarded the 2013 EFMD Excellence in Practice Award for its 10-year partnership with Danone.

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