



SPE GRADUATE BROCHURE
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Why Join the SPE as a new Graduate?

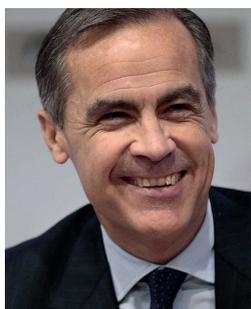
The Society of Professional Economists is Europe's largest network of professional economists in Europe outside of academia/government, with over 1400 members. Members are drawn from all areas of the profession including finance and commerce, industry, government departments, private sector consultants, business schools and universities.

The Society very much welcomes graduates as they leave university and look to embark on their economics career. Joining us can help develop your network in the profession, help you settle into your new career and stay up to date with career and learning opportunities.

Graduate membership includes regular monthly seminars from leading researchers to ensure members are at the forefront of knowledge; professional development opportunities; job postings for economists and free access to our annual conference. In recent years this has been held at Bloomberg's flagship offices in the City of London.

The Society offers a wide range of benefits to its graduate members:

- Our Society includes many young economists in the first few years of their professional career.
- The SPE is also a recruitment hub for economics jobs and has partnered with Economistjobs.com to send out a round-up of vacancies once a month that has been specifically tailored for members. This is very useful for graduates beginning their job search.
- Networking is a key part of the Society, with most meetings including networking and an annual reception held in conjunction with King's College London on the iconic Bush House roof top terrace. Graduate members also receive and appear in the SPE members' Yearbook.
- A world-class speaker event series, in which leading economists and policymakers discuss and debate current issues. The in-person evening meetings typically involve presentations by our guest speakers for 45-60 minutes, followed by questions and networking. On some occasions these are held at lunchtime or early morning. Where possible meetings are filmed, allowing members who are unable to attend to view a recording of proceedings on our website.



The Society attracts speakers of the highest calibre. Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, was keynote speaker at the 2018 Annual Dinner, followed by George Osborne, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 2019.

Other speakers have included Fed policy-maker Loretta Mester, current BoE governor Andrew Bailey, and the ECB's Phillip Lane and François Villeroy de Galhau.

- Opportunities for professional development: the SPE runs a Continuous Professional Development Programme and a series of master-classes presented by leading lights in their field. Addressing both micro and macro economics issues, the SPE speaker programme offers graduates the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice. SPE Courses, run externally, ensure that economists stay up-to-date with the latest theoretical and empirical developments.

Who can join?

Graduate membership of the SPE is for those who have recently graduated in economics and is discounted to just £40 pa (a 60% discount on the Full membership fee of £100 pa). Membership applies to all graduates for up to 3 years post-graduation – offering a significant saving over this period.

How to apply

You can join via the SPE website www.spe.org.uk or contact the SPE on 01264 737552 or email admin@spe.org.uk