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By attending the IIS, our students are making a considerable investment in their future that benefits society at a local, national and global level. We have a diverse, largely international, student body.

The IIS has long term stable funding sources and it does not receive public funding. In order to advance our mission, students are given full scholarships and are not charged tuition fees. Good governance, including financial oversight, ensures that the IIS' finances are managed effectively.

The IIS has a partnership with University College London (UCL) and validation arrangement with the SOAS University of London which creates value for our largely international students, and the Higher Education sector and economy. Students on the GPISH programme also study at a UK university for a Master's in their third year. Among the universities students have attended in recent years are the University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, King's College London, LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science), the University of Oxford and SOAS University of London, which are all globally recognised institutions.

By including the opportunity for overseas fieldwork and teaching in the UK and abroad, the students and the Institute promote the IIS as a centre of educational excellence, creating connections and networks around the world. By providing quality education, we ensure that their time at the IIS enables them to achieve excellence. IIS graduates reap the educational and skills development benefits of their study through gaining employment in a range of different sectors, including development and non-profit organisations, media and communications, diplomacy, public policy, education and teaching, academia, the Aga Khan Development Network and Ismaili community institutions. IIS graduates also contribute to the public good by devoting their time and knowledge in a voluntary capacity both locally and globally.



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The student experience at the IIS is key; with an exciting curriculum taught by leading scholars, cultural trips, field research, and opportunities to present and participate at graduate conferences locally and internationally. Students study and reside in award winning state-of-the-art facilities and accommodation in a vibrant area of London. They also benefit from being part of the Knowledge Quarter (located in a small area around King's Cross, the Euston Road and Bloomsbury) which is a focal point for one of the greatest knowledge clusters anywhere in the world.

All graduates of the IIS become part of a strong Alumni network which consists of several hundred individuals across the world who are supported through the IIS' Alumni Relations Unit. Our Alumni Association offers graduates a number of benefits, including: opportunities to participate in academic seminars, access to research and conference participation, networking opportunities at Annual Chapter Group meetings, an annual Alumni Newsletter and regular bulletins advertising conferences and professional opportunities, access to an online community portal which serves as a professional network, and opportunities to share news and publish research via a dedicated domain on the IIS website. GPISH graduates enrolling in 2019 and thereafter will also be SOAS alumni; the STEP graduates will be SOAS and UCL alumni.