Dear reader,

One month down, here’s our progress so far:

- **Recruitment**// We are currently recruiting for all positions for the 2016/2017 team. Our new recruits will be shown the ropes by working alongside the current team for 5 weeks this term. This overlapping will ensure that when we pass the baton over at the end of Summer term the new editors will be well-prepared to build on what has already been achieved.

- **Editorial Board**// I would like to thank all of the members of academic staff at LSE who have joined our Editorial Board. I’m thrilled to have you all as part of the team. In the space of just over a month we have brought together academic staff from right across the LSE departments behind our mission to provide a platform for the very best undergraduate scholarship in the social sciences. [http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lseupr/lseupr-advisory-board/](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lseupr/lseupr-advisory-board/)

- **LSE UPR Journal**// We aim to solicit submissions to the journal from students currently writing their third year dissertations. To this end, we are organising a Tea and Cake (...and dissertation) gathering in week 6 for all dissertation writing students. We will use this meet up to encourage students to submit their dissertation to the UPR journal later in the year.

- **LSE UPR Course**// We’ve had a hugely exciting and busy start to Lent term. We’ve just launched the LSE UPR Course, a 9 week student-led, student-designed course that seeks to give fellow undergraduate students an introduction to statistical research methods. We held the first lecture this week to a full classroom of students. Here is our motivation for setting up this course: [http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lseupr/lseupr-course/](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lseupr/lseupr-course/). We will post last week’s recording on our website next week.
• **Outside interest//** We were approached over the Christmas break by a researcher from the University of Edinburgh who was really interested in a blog post that introduced an undergraduate student’s research project. We’ve put them in touch. A small success, but one that I think encapsulates the power of this platform and what we are trying to achieve with the LSE UPR project.

Thank you for your support of the UPR project. I’m always open for suggestions on how we can keep this project moving forward, please do get in touch!

Best regards,

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