

# SLA NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE SLA COMMUNITY



## Welcome back!

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Welcome back to this month's edition of the SLA Newsletter.

Exam season is slowly creeping upon us and that means you and your wellbeing should be top of your priority list. For some these may be a new or unfamiliar mode of assessment, and for others you may be well into the swing of things. Either way, it is important to create an revision and exam environment. The ideal environment will be a private space. However, everyone's situation is different: If you are working in a shared space, headphones or earplugs may help to muffle distracting noises. If you are unable to access a table, but need a flat surface to work on, consider other pieces of furniture e.g. bed, cabinet, garden furniture, or even a deep window ledge or floor. Let everyone in the house know when you are studying or taking your exam, to try and limit interruptions, or choose times to study and take your exam when it is quieter in the house.

If there is anything the university can do to guide you in this process - laptop loans, access to the hardship fund - please let one of us know before the exam season starts to ensure it goes as smoothly as possible.

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## Updates

### *General updates on the SLA scheme and your studies*

As you know, your SLA contract terminates at the end of the academic year. We have received lots of questions about how you can continue the role. Unfortunately, it is not automatically renewed - you must be recommended by their academic tutors. For potential Business programme candidates, you undergo an internal SLA recruitment process whereby all Business students are invited to apply for the role from Learning Week 20. This has already started.

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*Working as an SSLA has given me the chance to improve myself both professionally and personally!*

We have also started looking to recruit Senior SLAs from the SLA Pool which closes on the 28th May 2021 which you would have seen from Dhanda's email. Please only apply if you are a current MDX student. This role applies to returning SLAs who are currently in their 1st or 2nd year undergraduate. If you are a current 3rd year SLA, then you may apply if you are enrolled on a 4-year programme or if you have been offered a place on a Master's Programme at Middlesex University. You can find the application form [here](#).

If you wish to know more about the role, please visit our virtual Q&A sessions arranged by the current Senior SLAs this month or you can contact me by email: [JH1523@live.mdx.ac.uk](mailto:JH1523@live.mdx.ac.uk).

Good luck!



## SLA Award Ceremony

*Your chance to celebrate yourselves and your fellow SLAs*

You would have read in the newsletter last month, and on email correspondence by Cris - a fellow SSLA - that the rewards ceremony is taking place on the 26th March. You may have realised that this is THIS FRIDAY!

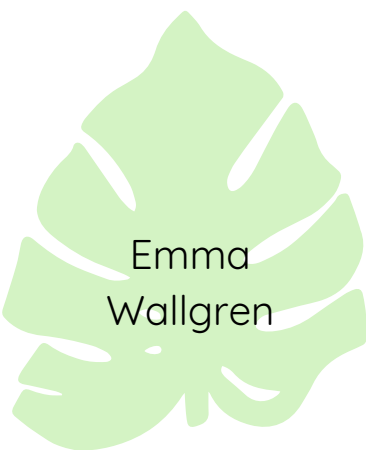
We have prepared an evening full of the finest music, fun games and SLA appreciation - everything in the style of this revolutionary decade! We wish celebrate your accomplishments but also reward it!

It is the presence of great individuals such as yourselves that make the Award Ceremony a success. Please join us for our annual celebration of your hard work and achievements.

You can get your tickets for this 1920s inspired event [here](#).

# SLAS OF THE MONTH


*Continuing to celebrate your achievements...*



Emma  
Wallgren

Emma is working with Cris for the awards ceremony and has been doing an excellent job. Her contributions have been beyond imaginable and we are very thankful for all her efforts to make the event a success.

Navid's consistent commitment to the SLA administrative process is admirable! Always engaged, self-driven and persistent in his SLA pursuits.



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## **DO NOT FORGET:**

- Submit your monthly OU Blog.
- Submit your timesheets weekly and claim your holiday pay.
- SLAs facilitate learning, they do not teach.
- Join the SLA Facebook Group [here](#).