UCL Careers
Annual Guide
2016/17
#UCLInspireMe

Whatever career you want to do in the future, UCL Careers is here for you. Book in for guidance sessions with experienced Careers Consultants to get help and advice about further study and finding roles in any industry. We don’t limit ourselves to particular sectors and run employer events such as careers fairs, themed weeks and networking events across the academic year. Extensive online resources are available and by searching for the hashtag #UCLInspireMe, you can keep up-to-date with all of these and you will also find blog postings, job vacancies and more. From Anthropologist to Zoologist, UCL Careers can help you Find your Future.

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Welcome

Whether or not you know what you want to do when you complete your qualification, UCL Careers is here to advise you, guide you and inspire you.

Talk to a careers consultant about your options and how to turn these into a reality; speak to an adviser for help with applications and interviews; meet employers at careers events.

Over 1,000 employers, from a vast array of sectors from Science, Cultural Heritage and Law, to Charities, Finance and Media, come onto campus each year to help you make the right career choice.

Whatever stage you are at in your career decision making, whether you wish to start a job or you are considering further study, do visit us. We are here to help you Find your Future.

Karen Barnard
Director, UCL Careers
Advice and Guidance

Key facts – UCL Careers 2015/16 academic year:

- Practice Interviews were carried out by our Careers Consultants: 834
- Visitors to the careers service: 10,764
- Applications checked: 4,352
- Our online careers library, Careers Tagged, has links to over 5,000 careers related websites: 5,000
Advice and Guidance

UCL Careers can help you with every part of planning your future, from discussing initial ideas and application checking right through to all parts of the selection process, whatever time of year. Book in for a one-to-one appointment and you’ll speak with one of our dedicated team who can provide useful guidance and support. You’ll also find practical experience available for when you’ve got an interview, assessment centre or tests to complete.
My UCL Careers Account & Online Booking Information

Your “My UCL Careers” account is your one-stop Careers Management Portal from UCL Careers.

Simply log in to check availability for a range of appointment types including:

- Short Guidance Appointments
- Application Advice Appointments
- Practice Interviews

Or for places at the different events / workshops organised by UCL Careers.

Once booked in online, you can easily review details of your activities with us and cancel bookings if necessary.

To find out more, visit:

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers

Keep up to date:
Through your My UCL Careers account you can also sign up for UCLAlert! our email notification service that allows you to receive targeted email alerts of jobs, events and news based on your preferences.

Look for the logo on the website:

MyUCLCareers
Advice and Guidance

We offer a number of different services which include:

**CV and Application Advice:**
Whether your application is in the form of a CV, covering letter, personal statement or answers to specific questions on an application form, book in for Applications Advice.

**Short Guidance:**
To discuss a wide range of queries which aren’t related to help with a specific application form/query, book for a Short Guidance appointment with one of our Careers Consultants.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice

**Practice Interviews:**
Preparing for an interview? Visit the website to fill out a form and we can set up a practice interview to help you tackle typical questions you might be asked and give personalised feedback on your answers and interview techniques.

**Long Guidance:**
After your initial Short Guidance appointment, a Careers Consultant may refer you for a longer discussion of up to an hour for you to discuss issues in more detail.

We run additional sessions for Research Students, Research Staff and recent Graduates. You’ll find more information in our ‘Additional Support’ pages.
Departmental Support:
Each department has a dedicated Careers Consultant who works with a number of people to help you get the most out of UCL Careers. You’ll also find relevant events and talks run by us within your department. Keep an eye on your department news feeds for more information.

Alumni Mentoring:
In conjunction with UCL’s Development and Alumni Relations Office (DARO), we have a bank of mentors from a variety of industries, who want to invest their time and expertise in supporting UCL students and graduates. Make the most of this opportunity to build a rewarding relationship with a former student and find out more about the role or industry you’re interested in.

If you are unable to visit us in person we may be able to arrange for a phone or Skype appointment. For more information on booking different appointment types, please visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice
Career Planning

Knowing where to start can often be the hardest part. Read about journeys of different students who have used UCL Careers and use the planner at the end to note down things that may interest you.
Sometimes it’s confusing – Natalie has just started her course and is unsure what her options are. She’d like to get an internship for the summer...  

1. Picked up an annual guide from the UCL Careers stand at the Welcome Fair  
2. Attended a departmental careers talk  
3. Booked a Skills4Work panel discussion with a broad range of employers from different sectors  
4. Saw a Careers Consultant in a Short Guidance session to talk about summer placements with her past experience, interests and skills in mind  
5. Developed a CV and found opportunities using the Careers Library and Online resources  
6. Booked an Applications Advice session to get feedback on her application for a role she is applying to  
7. Applied for the role via UCL Talent Bank  
8. Was offered an interview and saw a Careers Consultant for tips on how to prepare  
9. Obtained the internship!  

Natalie,  
BA Archaeology and Anthropology

Sometimes it’s daunting – Shu is finishing his course in a few months and is worried. He doesn’t know what he wants to do as a career...  

1. Attended an Global talk on ‘Demystifying the UK Jobs Market’  
2. Researched options back home for using Going Global but also the UK using UCL Jobonline and online resources  
3. Visited UCLU’s Rights and Advice for technical information on Visas for working in the UK  
4. Booked a Short Guidance session with a Careers Consultant to discuss ideas and options  
5. Took part in a Personality Profile workshop to review strengths  
6. Chose to apply for jobs back in his home country  
7. Continued to receive support with UCL Careers Graduates remotely via phone / Skype  

Shu, 3rd year finalist, Greek and Latin

Sometimes it’s straightforward – Fabrizio is about to start his Master’s degree and knows exactly which graduate scheme and company he wants to apply to...  

1. Attended the Banking and Finance Careers Fair in the autumn term to meet his chosen company to speak to representatives  
2. Booked a one-to-one Short Guidance session to create a strategy to apply for desired role  
3. Attended an Employer Presentation by the company he wants to work for to get the inside track on their selection process and to network and create contacts within the company  
4. Went to a Masters talk on Effective Applications to learn how to write an application  
5. Booked an Application Advice session to get his application reviewed  
6. Attended a Masters Assessment Centres talk as the company had mentioned this was part of their selection process  
7. Was shortlisted for a telephone interview and an Assessment Centre place in a few months  
8. Booked a Practice Assessment Centre course through Skills4Work  
9. Attended and passed his Assessment Centre and was given a date for his final interview  
10. Booked a Practice Interview with an Employer through Skills4Work  
11. Obtained a position!  

Fabrizio,  
MSc Economics
Sometimes it’s complex – Stephen hopes to move on from his PhD to a full-time job in the science field...

Stephen, Clinical Research Unit

UCL Careers services I need to use:

1. Booked a one-to-one Coaching session to talk through job searching issues
2. Attended a Personality Profiling workshop to discover strengths and highlighting skills
3. Went to an Effective Job Searching workshop on the advice of a Careers Consultant to refresh techniques and clarify which jobs match her Personality Profiling results
4. Had a Long Guidance session via Skype with a Careers Consultant to hone possible jobs sectors and begin to start sending speculative emails
5. Browsed the Alumni Mentoring database and found some potential contacts
6. Booked an Application Advice session with an applications specialist for a role after meeting an Alumni Mentor contact for an informal information interview
7. Was short listed for an interview, booked a Practice Interview session
8. Obtained an internship!
9. Continued with her dedicated Careers Consultant until her membership expired, two years after completing her course.
Library and Resources

UCL Careers has a physical library and extensive online resources so you can get the best information at every stage of your career journey.

In our library, you’ll find helpsheets to take away on a range of topics, as well as free guides on a variety of job sectors and directories of graduate recruiters. We have books with more in depth information on writing applications, interview preparation, aptitude tests and more. Some books can be borrowed for up to a week for a returnable deposit. You can also watch DVDs on interviews and assessment centres and use our study space and computers for any careers-related work.

Our online careers library, Careers Tagged (www.careerstagged.co.uk), offers helpsheets and guides in digital format, as well as links to the best careers information on the web as researched by our staff. You can search by the job sector you’re interested in or the topic you’re looking for help with, like assessment centres or application forms. Sign in to Careers Tagged using your main UCL username and password.

www.careerstagged.co.uk
Events and Workshops

Key facts – UCL Careers 2015/16 academic year:

- 1,126 employers on campus to recruit UCL students
- 5,014 UCL students attended our 9 fairs to meet with employers
- 270 employer-led events and workshops were held
- 7,340 UCL Students attended our employer-led events and workshops and 7,522 attended Career Consultant-led workshops
Careers Fairs

At our popular sector-specific fairs, you’ll get one-on-one time with many employers and graduate recruiters looking to hire UCL students and graduates. It’s an opportunity to speak to managers, HR staff and recent hires to find out about relevant jobs, selection processes and current opportunities as well as ask any other questions that are important to you.

A broad range of employers attend our fairs, from international organisations to small and medium-sized businesses, so you can really compare what they have to offer.

Our fairs are open to all students and graduates regardless of what course you are studying. All fairs take place in the evening and no booking is required, just bring along current UCL ID or UCL Careers Graduates ID to gain entry.

#uclcareersfair
Fair dates 2016/17

Management Consultancy
Sponsored by: Accenture

- Wednesday 5th October 5.30–8pm

Banking, Finance & Economics
Sponsored by: PwC (Day 1) and TeachFirst (Day 2)

- Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October 5.30–8pm

IT & Technology
Sponsored by: Cisco (Day 2)

- Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October 5.30–8pm

Engineering
Sponsored by: TARGETJobs

- Monday 24th October 5.30–8pm

Law
Sponsored by: University of Law (Day 1)

- Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November 5.30–8pm

All fairs are located at: North & South Cloisters, Wilkins Building

ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

Jobs 2017 Market

… your last chance to meet recruiters who are looking to hire for roles starting soon. Keep up-to-date for more information about the event to be held at the end of the Summer term.
Sector Themed Careers Weeks

Throughout the year, we run many Sector Themed Careers Weeks which provide you with a full week of events and workshops designed to give an insight into applying, working in and understanding a specific industry. With a mix of Panel Discussions, Presentations, Information Sessions and Networking Events, our events are an ideal opportunity for you to ask specific questions to employers, alumni and Careers Consultants to gain a better understanding of what you need to succeed in a particular sector.

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Dates 2016/17

Government and Policy  w/c 24th October
Interested in a career that makes a difference? Focusing on three themes: leadership roles in the public sector; careers in the heart of government; and influencing policy, Government and Policy week is your chance to meet organisations and gain insights into what life working in this sector is really like.

Museums & Cultural Heritage  w/c 14th November
Want to curate your career? This themed week will give you a chance to hear from and network with a variety of organisations to help you break in to the arts, cultural heritage, and museum sectors.

Media  w/c 28th November
Have you thought about broadcasting, journalism, media analytics, PR, or publishing? Come and hear from UCL alumni and other professionals about these areas of work.

Charities and NGOs  w/c 30th January
Want to make an impact that will help lots of people? Getting into the Charities and NGOs sector can be competitive, but get ahead by meeting organisations and people who do the “hands on” roles alongside those who run the organisations.

Environment  w/c 6th February
Sustainability is a hot topic. Our Environment week will explore the breadth of opportunities in this rapidly growing sector and introduce you to organisations who are leading the way in making sustainability more accessible.

Life and Health  w/c 6th March
There is more to Life & Health Sciences than meets the eye – it’s not all labwork! Come hear from and network with different organisations to gain an insight into this large sector.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/themedweeks
Skills4Work

We run employer-led Panel Discussions, Workshops and Coaching to help you understand what recruiters are looking for as well as to help you to develop and promote your skills more effectively.

**Employer-led Panel Discussions**
The panel events will give you an opportunity to hear what up to five different employers think about specific skills and what you need to do to make yourself stand out throughout the selection process.

You’ll also get top tips on what you can do to improve your skills and then a chance to directly ask questions important to you.

**Employer-led Workshops**
Our workshop sessions are more interactive. You can practice a particular skill under the guidance and expertise of the employer facilitators.

**Employer-led Coaching**
Employers also give one-to-one coaching on writing CVs, applications and improving interview techniques along with how to tackle practice assessment centres.

Skills4Work is run in partnership with the UCLU, who run an additional set of skill development events facilitated by professional trainers. Check [www.skills4work.net](http://www.skills4work.net) for an overview of all Skills4Work events.

Find us on social media

[@uclskills4work](http://twitter.com/uclskills4work)

Skills4Work

[www.skills4work.net](http://www.skills4work.net)
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Skills4Work is a joint programme between:

skills4work.net

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Practice Assessment Centres

During the recruitment selection process you may be invited to an assessment centre, to test a variety of your employability skills. Each Practice Assessment Centre runs as part of our Skills4Work programme and involves a range of employers from different sectors. You don’t have to be applying to the employers or sectors involved as they will be general exercises typical of Assessment Centres run by many companies.

During the session, you will complete:

- an in-tray exercise
- a group exercise
- a presentation

and receive feedback on how you have performed in each area.

You will also have the chance to network with the graduate recruiters taking part in the event.

For a full list of events and dates for skills development events visit:

www.skills4work.net
Personality Profiling Workshops

Our Personality Profiling workshops are a great way to understand your strengths and personality. You’ll be able to see how you work in different environments and teams and how you prefer to communicate with others. Understanding the similarities and differences between yourself and others will help you to interact positively in group discussions which is vital to employers and often a feature in selection processes and assessment days. Personality profiling workshops can also help you to identify the types of work and working environments that you may enjoy.

The profiling tool that is used by UCL Careers is the well established Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI).

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/personality

UCLAlert!

We only run these sessions a few times a year and they are very popular. Sign up to UCLAlert! and be the first to know when our events are open for booking: www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/news
Global Citizenship Employability Programme

Our two week innovative programme is designed to give you a head start in today's international, competitive jobs market, and takes place during the summer term as part of the UCL Global Citizenship Programme.

Over the course of the fortnight, you’ll tackle all parts of the job search: from initial self-reflection, right through to every aspect of the selection process.

This is a unique chance to make the most of UCL's global university status and enables you to really consider your future in depth and how to create a career that links to your global values. This programme is for all taught UCL students from second year to postgraduates, whether you know you want to work in the UK, work globally, or if you have no idea where to start. The sessions will lead you through effectively searching and applying for your future roles within any industry, with opportunities to meet a wide range of employers.

The two week programme is a mix of workshops, talks, panel discussions, networking, and skills development events with employers, Careers Consultants, and UCL Alumni. You will also have priority access to the end of year Jobs Market.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/employability
Focus on Management

Our three-day, non-residential course is an exciting and challenging opportunity to gain practical experience. You will tackle real-life case studies provided by top employers from a range of sectors. Managers from a variety of companies will provide you with personalised feedback on your team work, commercial awareness, and other employability skills.

Taking part in this course will help you boost your CV, as you will develop key skills and learn more about your working style. Be prepared for an event that will offer a fantastic learning opportunity and the chance to engage with high-profile employers.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/focus

“You learn a great deal throughout the three days and your skills develop hugely. Intense but worth it!”

Focus on Management 2016 attendee
Employer Presentations

Lasting up to an hour, Employer Presentations are a chance to find out more about a specific employer. It’s a great way to hear from organisations about what it’s like to work for them, the selection process and current opportunities available. Hosted by recruitment staff, newly hired graduates and even senior-level staff, after the presentation is over, you can stay for an informal networking session.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/presentations
Business Competitions

Think you could beat other students from across the UK and around the world to win great prizes and even paid work experience with top companies? Get involved with one of the many ‘games’ and business challenges running across industries such as Marketing, Journalism, Financial Trading, Project Management and more! UCL Careers can help – whether it’s through one-to-one advice or online resources, you can get guidance and mentoring throughout the process.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/competitions

“It’s a very good opportunity to get some idea about how to think like a real business leader. We’ve all learnt to think logically, think broadly, and deliver ideas to customers in an authentic environment.”
Find a Job

Key facts – UCL Careers 2015/16 academic year:

£33,674

The average starting salary for a UCL postgraduate exceeds the national average

£26,355

The average starting salary for a UCL undergraduate exceeds the national average

1,004

Number of UCL students and graduates who were shortlisted for positions through UCL Talent Bank

23,953

Between July 2015 and July 2016 there were 23,953 job vacancies advertised on UCL JobOnline
Find a Job

Whatever type of job opportunity you’re looking for, we have plenty of ways to search and apply. From local and international jobs and internships to voluntary work and placements, all databases are updated regularly with temporary, permanent, part-time or full-time roles from a variety of sectors and employers.
UCL JobOnline and UCLAlert!

**UCL JobOnline**
Our dedicated online jobs board can help you find work whether you’re an undergraduate, postgraduate, researcher or graduate. Search from thousands of national and international roles and apply for them directly. You’ll find many vacancies from employers looking specifically for UCL students and graduates.

[www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs)

**UCLAlert! (Targeted email)**
Sign up online to get regular and customised UCLAlert! emails that closely match your references. Be one of the first to hear about new job vacancies, careers events and fairs, employer information days and much more.

[www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers)
UCL Talent Bank

UCL Talent Bank is a short-listing service which connects UCL students, researchers and graduates to a broad range of employers, including UCL alumni.

We will actively source opportunities for UCL candidates and present applications to employers. The opportunities will generally be graduate roles and summer internships.

To ensure that you are automatically considered for these roles, complete your candidate profile and upload your CV at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/talentbank

Applying for roles requires you to create a tailored cover letter for each opportunity.

“I have had the opportunity of experiencing UCL Talent Bank from both the graduate’s and, later, the employer’s perspective. I can safely say that this service is exceptionally helpful, as there is a true consideration of each candidate’s profile to really help match the right job to the right candidate.”

Claudia Pittatore, Timetric BA (Hons), History 2015
Find a Job

**Graduate Gateway: University of London Internships**

Graduate Gateway is dedicated to providing paid internships for graduates and students in London. The programme aims to bring together top employers and talented, ambitious graduates and students, who are looking to accelerate their career prospects through a paid internship. The Careers Group, University of London has placed over 400 students and graduates in quality paid positions through the internship programme, in sectors including IT, HR, Finance, Arts, Marketing and many more. You’ll be able to develop technical and professional employability skills, and with support and advice available throughout your time, the scheme is the ideal way to gain sort-after industry experience in your chosen career.

**University of London Recruitment Agency**

This professional recruitment agency run by our parent body The Careers Group, University of London, works to find students and graduates both temporary and permanent positions with a highly specialised and personalised service. Jobs are added daily, and you might find yourself working at the University of London, UCL, national, or international employers.

[www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs)
Find a job

UCLU Jobshop
If you are looking for work to fit around your studies, you’ll find vacancies suited to current students looking for temporary, part-time and seasonal work through the UCLU Jobshop. You’ll be able to directly apply for a variety of roles on campus or with local employers.

Jobs at UCL
For vacancies based at UCL, whether academic or otherwise, visit the UCL Human Resources page where you can view current vacancies and apply directly. Sign-up for email alerts to update you on new opportunities.

UCLU Volunteering Services Unit
Browse projects through UCLU’s dedicated volunteering service and make a real difference! As a volunteer you’ll pick up diverse skills and make friends all while giving back to the local community. You can contribute as much or as little time as you like with a variety of long-term commitments and one-off events on offer. Working with fellow UCL students, there are plenty of personal and professional benefits to getting involved.

Careers Abroad
If you’re looking to pursue a career abroad, explore more than 10,000 online pages of international application guidelines and resources, cultural and financial advice and how-to guides for over 30 countries. Going Global is a vast online library for help with work permits and visas as well as employer listings and current vacancies; you’ll find plenty of useful information to make the move abroad. Visit www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/specialistsupport/overseas for more support.

More Ways to Job Search
There are plenty of offline services we provide to help you find suitable vacancies and many are free to take away. Visit us in person (see back page for map) for careers materials including directories and guides, as well as one-to-one career coaching, to help you make the most out of your job hunt. We also host many events (see our Events and Workshop pages) on and around campus where you can speak to a range of employers about current and future opportunities.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs
Additional Support

Key facts – UCL Careers 2015/16 academic year:

- 1,130 Master’s degree students attended our 14 UCL Careers Masters talks
- 66 UCL Careers Researchers organised 66 Research Student and Research Staff specific events
- 2,496 Students attended our UCL Careers Global talks
- 146 Countries – students from 146 countries study at UCL, making up more than one-third of the student body
Additional Support

We understand that one size does not fit all, and that you may be looking for advice and guidance tailored to your personal position within UCL. Our specialist Careers Consultants have developed specific services and events to assist you in your job search and career journey whether you are a Global, Masters, or Research Student, Research Staff or recent Graduate.
Whether you are an international student hoping to pursue a career in the UK, planning to return home for work or looking for employment, we can give you the dedicated support you need. Our Careers Consultants will help you grasp the basics; from demystifying the UK job market to making the most of your skills for the workplace.

**Work and study abroad**
Our website is packed with information for global students living, studying and working in the UK as well as those considering making the move to other parts of the world after leaving UCL. Visit www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/specialistsupport/overseas for more support.

**Events for Global Students**
Along with UCL's International Office and UCLU Rights and Advice, we run talks, workshops and events throughout the year to improve your understanding of what’s needed in the UK job market and abroad. From writing effective applications to pursuing postgraduate study, you’ll find our talks hold all the information you need.

**One-to-One advice**
To discuss your career possibilities as a Global student, book a one to one guidance appointment to get personalised advice and information from one of our dedicated Careers Consultants.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/global
If you’re considering what your options are, we have specific resources and events that will fit with wherever you are in your job search both during and after you finish your Masters. Don’t know whether you want to continue into academia or enter the workplace? We can help you figure out what you want to do and support you in getting there.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/masters

Events for Masters Students
We provide a series of one-hour lunchtime talks designed to give you a quick and detailed overview into a range of ways to plan and develop your career. Whether it’s writing effective applications or pursuing postgraduate study, you’ll find our sessions hold all the information you need.

One-to-One advice
As a Master’s degree student, we can provide advice and guidance tailored to your situation, through our one-to-one appointments.

I got the chance to discuss not only my ideas and career preferences but also to formulate a plan for the future.
UCL Careers Researchers

As a researcher, you need specialist tailored advice about where you can go with your qualification and expertise after you’ve completed your studentship or postdoctoral post. We have dedicated Careers Consultants for researchers who will help and support you whether you want to stay in academia, move into a new career or get advice about your options. Alongside this, you have access to researcher – specific workshops, forums and talks.

Events for Research Students and Research Staff
We deliver bespoke employer forums and fairs which focus on employment sectors that we know are popular career destinations for researchers. These events showcase different employer perspectives and career paths outside academia and provide you with the opportunity to network with the invited speakers. Most of the invited speakers have PhD qualifications themselves.

One-to-One advice
To have a discussion with one of our dedicated Careers Consultants, we have one-to-one appointments lasting up to 30 minutes, running throughout the year. In addition, if you have confirmation of a forthcoming interview we can provide you with mock interview practice and performance feedback.

Online Resources & Advertised Opportunities
We have a wealth of online careers resources, including interviews with doctoral holders in a range of occupations and organisations and online seminars covering options information and application skills. Through our UCL JobOnline online noticeboard and our UCL Talent Bank shortlisting service we advertise opportunities from employers who are looking for applicants with postgraduate qualifications and / or research experience.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers
UCL Careers Graduates

Designed specifically for recent UCL graduates, UCL Careers provide 2 years of support beginning after you have complete your course at UCL. You’ll be able to access free careers support and guidance including one-to-one coaching, workshops and full access to the UCL careers events programme.

Events for Recent Graduates
Recent Graduates will have access to a full range of workshops that cover all aspects of the career management process, with titles repeated on a regular basis.

One to One advice
We offer confidential one-to-one discussions with a Careers Consultant of up to half an hour including evening and Skype appointments.

Online Community
Join our private Graduates group on Facebook and follow UCL Careers Graduates on Twitter, to connect with other graduates and hear about news and events relevant to you.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/UCLcareersgraduates/
@UCLCareersGrads

Courses. Coaching. Community.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/graduates
UCL Careers Graduates Case Study

Katarina Jensterle,
MSc Russian and
East European Studies
Technical support representative
at Bloomberg

After graduating from UCL I initially
thought I had a fairly good idea of
what I wanted to do in the future
and was certain that I would cope
well in the job market – despite
hearing from job-seekers about their
struggle. Straight after handing in
my dissertation, I did 3 months of
unpaid internship at the UN and
OSCE in Vienna, which put the theory
I learned in my Master’s degree into
practice. Naive at the time, I thought
every door would be open for me.
Unfortunately, that was not the case.
The usual feelings of initial despair
appeared since the transition from
an academic world to a full-time
working environment does not come
easy to anyone.

A former classmate told me I could
use UCL Careers Graduates for
up to 2 years after completing my
course. I had several meetings with
their helpful advisers via Skype who
guided me through many interviews
with Bloomberg; their support ranged
from an initial CV check to specific
guidance on how to pass a phone
interview and survive a long day at
an assessment centre. I was also
advised on how to use LinkedIn in
detail. After four rounds of interviews
for an internship with Bloomberg,
I was tested for a full-time position
which I started earlier in the year.

The difference that the UCL
Careers Graduates made for me
as a non-national in helping me to
come to terms with the specifics
of the UK job market. Whether it is
an initial doubt on which sector to
focus on or preparing for any stage
of an interview, I would strongly
advise anyone to use UCL Careers
during their studies, since that may
effectively shorten your job hunt.
Alumni Profiles

Key facts:

- 53% of the 38,000 strong student community is engaged in graduate studies.
- Nobel prizes have been awarded to 29 people who are or were students or academics of UCL.
- UCL’s alumni department connects over 200,000 former students that make up the UCL community worldwide.
- Our academic community includes 30 Fellows of the Royal Society.
UCL Alumni – Your Lifelong Community

UCL students are part of a diverse and talented global community for life and we’re here to help you develop your career long after graduation.

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Alumni Profiles – Accenture

Jessica Thornhill
BA History, 2014
Management Consulting Analyst

I graduated from UCL in 2014 with a degree in History and after working in marketing for nine months applied to Accenture’s graduate scheme. I decided to apply because I was interested in exploring the digital technology space and had seen that Accenture had delivered lots of innovative projects for some impressive clients. The work of a consultant also appealed to me as I was keen to have a job that gave me a variety of challenging experiences – this has definitely been the case.

Since joining I’ve been lucky enough to work on projects in digital innovation and with emerging technologies such as augmented and virtual reality. My day to day work has also hugely varied from business analysis to creative design; I love that I am constantly learning new skills and am always kept on my toes! I am currently on my fourth client working as a User Experience analyst on a digital transformation project for a national energy company.

The skills I picked up in my history degree have been of great use to me so far; for example I regularly have to read and analyse large amounts of information. I have also found that that creative problem solving is a skill that I’ve really developed from my degree.

As a graduate who left university without a clear idea of what career I really wanted, I would recommend Accenture as you get the opportunity to try a wide variety of roles and projects. It is definitely a great place to discover what industry or work you are really passionate about and then gain some hands on experience in that area.

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Alumni Profiles – AlphaSights

Georgie Smith
Economics and Geography, 2014
Senior Associate,
Client Service Team

I joined AlphaSights as an Associate in January 2015 after completing my Economics and Geography degree at UCL. The main things that drew me to the company were the diversity of the projects and the broad range of clients. I was also attracted by the fact that they are a fast growing company with a young and dynamic atmosphere.

Working within the Capital Markets team, no two days are ever the same. We work on connecting investment professionals across the world with industry experts who have the specific knowledge required to help our clients make better, more informed decisions.

A project can last from a day to several weeks depending on the scope and length and we have multiple projects on the go. It’s rewarding to see the impact these interactions can have on the kinds of deals you read about in the news.

Working at AlphaSights has made me realise how important the skills you can develop at university are. My course gave me the broad understanding of economics and politics I needed to piece together industries fast, keep up with the markets and have credible conversations with industry experts. Having said this, it was the interpersonal and team-working skills I developed through my extracurriculars and work experience that really prepared me for the working world.

I captained the UCL Tennis team for two years and did a number of internships in consulting and finance before applying to join. I am thrilled to have joined such a high growth company am excited to see what the next few years have in store!

www.alphasights.com/careers
Alumni Profiles – Ark Teacher Training

Alex Foster
Natural Sciences (History & Philosophy of Science and Atomic & Particle Physics), 2014
Teacher of Physics

My role involves rigorous lesson planning for a minimum of 6 classes, delivering the lessons and assessing the knowledge and skills gained so that future lessons can be quickly adapted. This means I have to be adept at data collection and analysis and ensure behaviour is managed in the classroom so that pupils make progress in time for their exams.

I use my knowledge of history and philosophy of science to make complex ideas accessible to students in the form of relatable stories. The data analysis skills I developed in physics were very useful for identifying areas of weakness students have.

I also found that getting involved in extra-curricular activities whilst at university, such as UCLU Music Society (performing and directing) gave me the confidence I needed to stand in front of a class and deliver content.

I decided to go into teaching after attending a University of London careers course and meeting some representatives from Ark on a networking session. They invited me to interview as they said I seemed very personable and suited to the job.

I have worked in two Ark schools now and both have been challenging and exciting environments to be in.

The first year was intense but the skills I gained, particularly with personal organisation, time management and confidence, were invaluable. Ark Teacher Training provided a mixture of comprehensive theoretical training and direct application in the classroom, which I think is an excellent route into a successful career in teaching.

http://arkteachertraining.org/
Amy Hutchinson
BA History
Digital Team Executive, Age UK

In my first year induction at UCL, one of the speakers emphasised volunteering opportunities available at UCL and I very much took their advice. Volunteering and charity formed a big part of my university experience, with three years spent volunteering for London Nightline.

I knew from the assessment centre that I had found the career I was looking for. It didn’t feel overly competitive or pressured – it just felt like I was with a group of likeminded people who all wanted to make a positive difference. The people are certainly a huge appeal of why I love working in the sector. Everyone is so genuine and passionate.

For my Charityworks placement, I’ve worked in Age UK’s Digital team.

There are two main things which helped me to both secure the role and succeed in it. Firstly, my experience from volunteering for a student-led charity gave me the opportunity to build skills and experience. Secondly, the skills I developed from my degree. History and Digital might seem like a mismatch, but in reality all the essays gave me invaluable experience of writing in an engaging manner.

Through the leadership development aspect of the programme, I’ve heard some truly inspirational speakers. I’ve also conducted two pieces of impact research, allowing me to explore what interests me in the sector – and put my analysis skills to use!

Now, I’m looking forward to starting a full-time role at Age UK as a Digital Marketing Executive. The Charityworks graduate scheme has really opened doors for me and nothing gets me out of bed in the morning like knowing I work in a sector dedicated to helping others.

www.charity-works.co.uk
Charlotte Holt  
**BA Modern Languages (French and German)**  
Lawyer

The skills I learnt from my degree at UCL are very transferable. My degree helped me to develop good communication and time management skills as well as being able to critically analyse documents, have a good level of attention to detail and work in teams effectively. My degree also taught me to be resilient and hardworking. This skill is really appreciated at Clifford Chance.

One of the best parts of my degree was the opportunity to study abroad. This taught me to be adaptable in new situations and to be sensitive to cultural differences. This is particularly important at Clifford Chance as I deal daily with clients and other lawyers from all over the world. I often have to think quickly on my feet when clients call me.

During my training contract so far I have taken advantage of a number of opportunities, including working abroad in the Paris office. I think it is important to make the most of all the opportunities on offer at UCL as well as at Clifford Chance – you never know where the next opportunity lies.

[www.cliffordchancegraduates.com](http://www.cliffordchancegraduates.com)
Jenny Power  
**BA English, 2014**  
**Social Worker**

I graduated with an English BA from University College London in 2014 and qualified as a children’s Social Worker in 2015 through the Frontline programme. The programme has a practical approach to qualification. The initial year of training is as part of a unit of four students supervised by an experienced ‘Consultant Social Worker. The complete immersion in practice enables you to really get a feel for the role. Being a part of a ‘unit’ means that you support and learn from one another. The Frontline approach to social work training makes use of systemic perspectives which see relationships—such as those within the family and between the family members and worker—as key to creating meaningful change.

My primary role is to work together with families to bring about greater safety for children. Day to day, work can be incredibly varied, I might speak to children about their experience of domestic abuse in their parents’ relationship or support a teenager to get back into education. During the second year of the programme I have worked as a newly qualified social worker in the same local authority whilst studying a Masters in Children’s Social Work ‘Research, Policy and Practice’ part-time. This has involved completing an original Masters dissertation.

Having the support of a professional coach during the second year of the programme has been invaluable to my development. Going forward, I intend to consolidate my learning in statutory child protection work before specialising further once I have gained more experience.

www.thefrontline.org.uk/apply
Gary Yeo  
**BSc Economics, 2014**  
Procurement Graduate

While completing my undergraduate degree in Economics at UCL it became increasingly clear to me that I didn’t want to follow the typical path of pursuing a career in banking or consultancy. A quick search online brought me to GSK and after some consideration and research, I opted for the Procurement Future Leaders Programme.

The Future Leaders Programme gives graduates a wealth of opportunity and exposure across geography and functions. You get involved in projects that challenge you but you’re also given the guidance and support necessary to succeed.

My current rotation within IT procurement is a varied experience. Some of the projects I’ve been involved in include optimising our mobile phone usage and negotiating new mobile phone contracts to sourcing a new SMS service to help us better engage patients, customers and health care professionals to working with our IT Outsourcing vendors to test the compatibility of our applications.

To give a sense of the variety available, 6 months ago on a previous rotation I was touring factory floors watching toothpaste being made!

If you are looking for a varied, challenging and meaningful career I would strongly encourage you to apply!

[www.gsk.com](http://www.gsk.com)
My role at NMPi is very varied – no two days are the same! I am able to work on tactical delivery outputs, such as analytics reports and client presentations, whilst leading on strategic work, for instance new product planning and service development. The digital industry, particularly the analytics role within it, moves so quickly meaning I can never stand still for long; I’m always looking for the next trend. This is often a challenge but also an incredibly exciting opportunity which allows me to continually enhance my expertise, and evolve the part I play in the company.

If I had to give two pieces of advice for current students looking for their first career move, I’d encourage them not to be constricted by their chosen degree – you don’t always have to pursue a job that’s directly related! A degree from UCL shows intelligence, discipline and a devotion to learning; traits that are desirable for any business. Secondly, and most importantly, I’d recommend choosing employment with a company who represent your own principles; I value collaboration, enthusiasm and a commitment to achieving excellence, and I’ve certainly found my perfect match in NMPi.

http://nmpilondon.com/
Meera Patel  
BSc Geography, 2012  
Associate, Management Consulting

I joined PwC’s Management Consulting ‘Foundation for the Future’ graduate programme in September 2014. Since then, I have worked on a variety of projects within the different areas of Consulting, with a recent focus around how Digital is impacting our clients and their customers. I’m currently on a project working with an insurance company who is developing a product to target a new customer segment.

It’s been exciting to work with large household brands and experience different sectors and industries – I’ve learnt a lot and it keeps me on my toes!

I have also immersed myself in some of the many opportunities that PwC offers, including the PwC Pantomime, taking up Spanish lessons with our Language Network and becoming a mentor to a recent graduate under our Diversity Mentoring scheme.

Whilst my current role is unrelated to what I learnt during my degree, I still gained many skills that have helped me throughout the past 18 months. Adaptability is key; as we work on different projects, often with short timescales, we need to get up to speed very quickly, which is something I was exposed to early on in my degree – Geography is a very diverse subject! My course also required me to regularly write essays and produce a 12,000 word dissertation; this skill has been invaluable when producing client documentation by a certain deadline.

The best bit about the FfTF programme is how much scope there is to drive my own development and experiences of the programme, regardless of my background. It’s actually the different backgrounds in my intake which makes it so interesting, as we can provide different perspectives and learn from each other.

www.pwc.co.uk/careers
Teach First informally and ask my many questions before submitting my application. Again this was unique in comparison to other graduate schemes. After completing my first year of teaching I became EAL coordinator and after completing my NQT year I became the Head of the English Faculty. Over 60% of pupils at my school are eligible for free school meals and the attainment of pupils in English was at 48% A*-C when I took on this role. A year later my team and I raised this to 62%.

After another year in this role I became an Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for teaching and learning. Life at my school is fast paced, challenging and inspiring. I was the first in my family to remain in education beyond the age of 16 and my teachers were instrumental in encouraging me to apply to university from an early age. UCL has been very supportive in hosting pupils from my school as part of their outreach programme and several of my Year 11 Students will be participating in the UCL Young Researchers course this Summer.

www.teachfirst.org.uk
Frances Bywater  
**BA History of Art, 2011**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

Whilst studying at UCL I knew I wanted to follow a career path that would help create positive social change. I considered many different avenues, but felt that the Teach First Leadership Development Programme’s vision of addressing educational disadvantage was the most direct route. The promise of a challenge also excited me and it has certainly proved itself to be an incredibly demanding and fulfilling career path.

Teach First is unique in that they refuse to compromise on their entry requirements. At first this felt rather daunting, however, they were extremely supportive and personable throughout the recruitment process. I was able to meet with a representative from Teach First informally and ask my many questions before submitting my application. Again this was unique in comparison to other graduate schemes. After completing my first year of teaching I became EAL coordinator and after completing my NQT year I became the Head of the English Faculty. Over 60% of pupils at my school are eligible for free school meals and the attainment of pupils in English was at 48% A*-C when I took on this role. A year later my team and I raised this to 62%.

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