Welcome

Our team of experienced career professionals is dedicated to helping you find the right path to ensure success in your future career.

We are here, not just to help you find jobs or options for further study, but to advise you on the opportunities you have now – during your time at UCL – to develop employability skills and to undertake part-time work, holiday work or internships.

UCL Careers is connected to more than 1,000 employers in the UK and around the world. Recruiters and employers visit our campus throughout the year to participate in a range of careers events and activities.

Online, we have extensive resources. You can search for jobs, sign up for Career updates and be the first to know about new opportunities or events.

Or you can visit us at our office and talk to a careers consultant about your options. We can help you with the application process and guide you on how to build a portfolio of experience, so that you’re in a better position to access opportunities in your chosen field.

We’re here to help you find your future and we look forward to meeting you.

Karen Barnard
Director, UCL Careers
Towards the end of my fourth year I still had no clear idea of what I wanted to do after university. I had a one-to-one session with a careers consultant in which we discussed various industries and roles.

The consultant pointed me towards business consulting, as it would be both the fast-paced and business-oriented role I was looking for. We discussed the typical application process for a graduate consultant and we worked on areas I was weak on.

For my application to Atos, I needed to focus on the IT industry. In an interview, a senior consultant is typically looking at how you work in a team, your ability to breakdown a problem or issue into small parts, and how you convey plans or solutions in a clear, concise manner.

What will really grab their attention though, is how you can link these key skills directly to the consulting in the relevant sector, by demonstrating your commercial awareness and your understanding of what has really grabbed the industry’s attention.

Now, having completed a graduate scheme as a consultant for Atos, I am very grateful for the advice and time taken by UCL Careers.
Know Yourself
You can get a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses from our personality profiling workshops.

Understanding your personality – and how you relate to other people – will give you an insight into the types of work, and working environments, that suit you best.

Personality profiling will help you discover how you can work better in teams and communicate more effectively. This will be useful, not only in life, but in the group discussions and assessment days that many employers use in their recruitment processes.

At UCL Careers, we use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) profiling tool. Find out more at:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/personality

Career Planning

Where to start? This is often the biggest question. Some people know exactly what they want to do from an early age. Others haven’t got a clue!

Whether you know what sort of career you’re looking for, or don’t know where to start, you may find it useful to think more deeply about the sort of person you are, and what sort of work would suit you best.

After that, the next step is to look at the options that are available to you, by exploring the wide range of jobs and career paths that exist in different sectors and industries. By looking at yourself and researching your options, you will be in a better position to find your future.

Finally, you will need to learn more about the job application process, and how to succeed when applying for opportunities.

Don’t forget that at each stage in the process UCL Careers is here to help you.

Have you ever wondered what makes you the person you are?
Sector Specific Events

Our sector themed careers weeks give you the chance to get a better understanding of what it’s like to work in a certain field.

A full week of events – including workshops, panel discussions, presentations, and information and networking sessions – will give you the chance to put your questions to employers, alumni and careers consultants.

Sector themed career weeks will run throughout 2017/18. See our ‘Come to an Event’ section on page 31 for details.

Find out more on our website where you can also sign up for the UCL Careers Update newsletter: ucl.ac.uk/careers/events

STUDENT CASE STUDY
Wang Shuaihua Mark
Mechanical Engineering with Business Finance, 1st year

I completed an internship prior to entering the university at a state-funded company managing the national orchestra and a few other music institutions in Singapore, and will be partaking in one with a bank in the upcoming summer.

Both the internships were not related to my own field of study. I did this to explore other fields of expertise and see where else my interest may lie. This, I believe, will help me to a great extent with broadening my career options and also may help me find my genuine interest.

Also, soft and hard skills of different sorts have been – and will be – picked up along the way. These are invaluable to my career development. The most important skill I’ve learnt, and come to appreciate, is teamwork – that is, working well with colleagues of different types of personality and working styles.

Through my experience, I have come to conclude that this is essential to my efficiency and performance. Good time management and staying motivated are equally important.

UCL Careers were of great help in my career planning. The internships I did within different sectors, along with short courses that UCL ran, I found the career direction I wanted to go in.

All in all, I believe it is of paramount importance to find your own heartfelt interest, because true motivation and passion can only be derived from there.
**Finding your Future**

Most people explore the world of work and their options before they find the best fit for their skills, preferences, values and personality.

You can get a better idea of what suits you – as well a better understanding of the job opportunities available – through placements, internships and voluntary work.

You may find it useful to browse job opportunities online and to come to career events where you can meet employers and learn more about specific sectors, industries and organisations.

To make sure you get the best opportunities, and make the most of them, UCL Careers offers these top tips:

- **Talk to people in the jobs and sectors that interest you, so that you can find out what their work is really like**
- **Be open to ideas and suggestions and you will have more opportunities to choose from**
- **Work out what you don’t want to do and think about the reasons why. This can help you refine your choices**
- **Think about the skills and qualifications you need to be successful in a particular role or sector, and consider what you need to do to ensure you have the right experience, employability skills and qualifications so that you can improve your chances of success!**

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**STUDENT CASE STUDY**

Khalil Levenson Ahmadi
BA Classics, 2nd year

The UCL Careers website is particularly useful for finding help with available opportunities, career planning, CVs and the application process itself, including mock interviews and assessment centres.

I managed to find a brand ambassador position part-time during the year, which helped lead to a short summer internship at the same company and gave me experience in student marketing strategy and operations.

Ideally it is best to have an idea of a sector you might be interested in so you can try to gain appropriate experience and test whether it still appeals in practice. Even if you aren’t sure, it’s likely you’ll learn something from any placement. And the responsibilities you undertake can be used to evidence skills relevant to a future job.

UCL Careers is always a good place to start – with many opportunities listed on their online jobs page. Even for external applications, make use of UCL’s support, as you can sign up for mock interviews to help your preparations.

I also attended a few of the themed career weeks last year which helped showcase different sectors and what sort of graduate roles there are. And I plan on visiting more next year as I look toward finding the right challenge for post-university life.
Do you need to find more in-depth information about your possible career choices?

Explore Options
We understand that one size does not fit all and you will be looking for advice and guidance tailored to your career needs. We can help you explore opportunities, and find more information about career options in different sectors and industries. We also help with the process of applying for work through events and workshops, one to one advice and guidance. In addition, we have a range of resources on our website and careers library.

You can also explore a range of opportunities through myUCLCareers.

You can also:
- browse – and in some cases borrow – careers books for a deeper understanding of topics like preparing for interview, writing applications, and how aptitude tests work
- watch DVDs to help prep up on interview techniques and find out more about assessment centres
- and use our study space and computers for any career related research and work.

If you prefer to access resources online take a look at:

- [ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers](http://ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers)
- [careerstagged.co.uk](http://careerstagged.co.uk)

myUCLCareers
Log in using your UCL username and password to access:
- helpsheets and guides
- and links to the best careers information on the web – as recommended by staff in the UCL Careers team!

You can sign up for Career updates to land in your inbox either daily or weekly – according to your preference settings. These will alert you to all the latest opportunities that are relevant to your interests.

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

When you set up a myUCLCareers account, you can set your preferences to include the sectors you want. Your own personal dashboard will highlight the vacancies that match your preferences.
Once you have a better idea of the direction you’d like to go in, you should start exploring opportunities – internships, part-time opportunities, full-time jobs and volunteering – that might help you on your way.

Find Opportunities
The median starting salary for a UCL undergraduate in 2016/17 exceeds the national average of £29,000.

The median starting salary for UCL postgraduates in 2016/17 is £25,000.

The Employer Reputation ranking awarded to UCL in the QS World University Rankings 2018 is 99.5/100.

Number of employers who attended UCL Careers events in 2016/17: 900.

Number of UCL students and graduates who were shortlisted for positions through UCL Talent Bank during the academic year 2016/17: 1,001.

Number of job vacancies advertised on the vacancy board between July 2016 and July 2017: 24,213.

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I started reading Law at UCL in 2012. Throughout my first year, I went to a number of legal career events, internally within the Law Faculty and via UCL Careers.

I applied for the Linklaters Summer Vacation Scheme during my second year at UCL and spent three weeks of the summer subsequently interning at Linklaters, sitting in Corporate and Banking R&I. The vacation scheme offers you the opportunity to gain an insight into the Linklaters’ training contract, working alongside experienced lawyers, doing the same kinds of activities as trainees.

It was a great experience. At the end of the scheme, I interviewed for a training contract position and joined Linklaters in September 2016.

Experience is key and I highly encourage anyone interested in commercial law to apply to vacation schemes or insight programmes across a range of firms. This will give you the opportunity to get to know how different firms operate and will give you a chance to find out things which you are good at or could improve upon.

Alice Chan
Trainee solicitor, Linklaters LLP
(Law, 2015)
Number of employers who attended UCL Careers events in 2016/17

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I volunteered to verify that my interest in the particular field was not limited to theoretical aspects, but extended to practical applications. I learnt time management and organisation, which were things I am not naturally good at but are definitely essential in anything you plan on doing. If you’re not sure, as I was, what exactly you want to do, don’t wait until you are more sure about it to get work experience. Try different things that interest you, to filter through them. Always test their practical side, as theory is really just an introduction in most cases.

I went to a few employment and volunteering fairs that UCL Careers ran, and got to meet many interesting employers. I am very excited about my career. I am looking forward to applying the theoretical knowledge I have gathered about human behaviour to try and help people improve their lives.

“I try different things that interest you”
Speaking to as many people as possible expands your horizons and you find out about jobs you never knew existed when growing up and during school.

Internships are a chance to dabble in as many fields as you like, trying them out to find out what you’d love to do as an actual job one day, which I find very useful. The experience and good feelings you get from volunteering, make it something I want to do throughout my life.

The more experience you have in work or volunteering environments, the more confident you are in your own abilities. Try out things you’ve never considered before. You might really enjoy it and you also never know where it might lead you!

I am very excited to try and put my skills to use to help others or create new things and see where it takes me!

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Competitions

Do you think like a business leader?

If the answer is yes, you could win fantastic prizes – including paid work experience from top companies.

UCL Careers has details of business competitions for students, running throughout the year, nationally and internationally. You can enter business competitions in industries such as marketing, journalism, financial trading, project management and many, many more.

Check our website for details at:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/competitions

Further Study

Are you considering a graduate diploma, masters or PhD?

If you are interested in continuing your studies, then UCL Careers can help you find courses and funding for further study.

You may find it useful to talk to one of our careers consultants. You can book a 20-minute short guidance appointment to discuss the options available to you, one-to-one and in complete confidence.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice

Log in – using your UCL username and password – to the Careers Tagged website, where you will also find more information and helpsheets.

careerstagged.co.uk

For advice on funding, take a look at the UCL Financial Assistance page, which has links to information on doctoral fellowships, scholarships and prizes, as well as the Financial Assistance Fund. You will find it at:

ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money/bursaries/financial-advice-and-support

As a UCL student, you can also make use of the Alternative Guide to Postgraduate Funding Online, which you can access by registering with your UCL email address at:

postgraduate-funding.com/gateway

Volunteering

Would you like to volunteer in London?

Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop your skills while contributing to the greater good. It can also help you get a clearer picture of what you want to do, by giving you insights and experience in different working environments.

If you would like to know more about opportunities to volunteer while you’re studying at UCL, the Volunteering Services Unit can help.

Find out more on the Volunteering Services Unit website at:

studentsunionucl.org/content/volunteering
Come to an Event

UCL Careers Fairs
Would you like to talk, one to one, with employers who might be interested in hiring you?

We run sector specific careers fairs, to give you the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire UCL graduates.

By talking to managers and human resources (HR) staff – as well as graduates who have recently started working for them – you will get a better idea of what it’s like to work in a sector or company, and whether it’s for you.

As a UCL student or graduate, you’re welcome to attend any UCL careers fair, no matter which course you are studying. Just bring your current UCL ID or UCL Careers Graduates ID to get in.

All our careers fairs take place in the evening and no booking is required. Find out more on our website where you can also sign up for the UCL Career Update newsletter: ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

900 employers on campus to recruit UCL students during 2016/17

4,500 UCL students attended our nine fairs to meet with employers during 2016/17

240 employer-led events and workshops were held during 2016/17

1,500 UCL students attended Careers Themed Weeks during 2016/17
EMPLOYER CASE STUDY

Chloe Cawthorne
Local Engagement Officer, Teach First (2011)

My role is based around working with a community that is running at maximum capacity and will only respond to things they can digest easily and see the direct benefit of. I work on multiple media streams to get in contact with people, run events at schools and in central locations to get people’s attention. And I have mastered the impactful one liner in an email.

This role also means you have to be a fantastic networker and get people to believe in you and your ability to help them in their ideas and projects.

In my third year of my undergraduate degree I went to a careers fair at UCL. I knew I probably wanted to do a graduate scheme as it’s a secure job with a likelihood of being developed and promoted. All the ones I saw at the fair seemed very corporate and I wanted to do something in the public sector. I came across Teach First and it seemed perfect.

I attended all the fairs that were going, used the website a lot to search for roles and to see what I could be doing to support my application for the graduate scheme I wanted.

As a result I did do a university engagement programme with students at a local secondary school. That was vital for my application.

Fair Dates 2017/18

Management Consultancy Fair
Wednesday 4 October 2017, 5.30–8pm

Banking, Finance & Economics Fair
Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 October 2017
5.30–8pm on both days

IT & Technology Fair
Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2017
5.30–8pm on both days

Engineering Fair
Monday 23 October 2017, 5.30–8pm

Life & Health Sciences Fair
The Francis Crick Institute
Tuesday 24 October 2017, 5–7.30pm

Law Fair
Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 November 2017
5.30–8pm

All fairs are located at: North & South Cloisters, Wilkins Building with the exception of the Life & Health Sciences Fair that is located at The Francis Crick Institute.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

Jobs Market 2018

... 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.
**Employer Presentations**

Do you want to know more about a particular employer?

You can find out more about what it’s like to work for a specific organisation at one of our employer presentations.

Employers from different sectors will talk about their work cultures, selection processes and outline some of the opportunities they have available.

Presentations last up to an hour and are followed by informal networking sessions which give you the chance to talk to recruitment staff, newly-hired graduates and senior management.

Find out more at: [ucl.ac.uk/careers/presentations](ucl.ac.uk/careers/presentations)

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**Sector Themed Careers Weeks**

Our sector themed careers weeks include workshops, panel discussions, presentations, and information and networking sessions, giving you the chance to put your questions to employers, alumni and careers professionals.

**Government & Policy**

w/c Monday 23 October 2017

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 & 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 Monday 13 November 2017

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 into the arts, cultural heritage, and museum sectors.

**Media**

w/c Monday 27 November 2017

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 & NGOs**

w/c Monday 29 January 2018

Want to make an impact that will help lots of people? Getting into the Charities & 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 Monday 5 February 2018

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.

**International Development**

w/c Monday 19 February 2018

Want to make an impact on global issues? New for 2017-18, International Development Themed Week will give you the opportunity to meet organisations and gain insights into what it’s like to work in this exciting and rewarding sector.

**Life & Health Sciences**

w/c Monday 5 March 2018

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.

[ucl.ac.uk/careers/themedweeks](ucl.ac.uk/careers/themedweeks)
Prepare to Apply

UCL Careers is here for you at every stage of finding your future.
We can help you perfect the art of making a job application. We will show you how to prepare, and advise you on the information you need to gather and the best way to present it. For example, it’s a good idea to give details of your academic achievements, employment history and contact information for your referees. At the same time, you will want to research the company or organisation you are hoping to join, to understand what they do, the sector they operate in and their main competitors.

We will also show you how to study the job description so that when you complete the application form you can refer back to the specific skills and qualities the employer is looking for.

Whatever stage you’re at in your UCL course or career planning, you can book a one to one appointment to get advice. We offer short guidance appointments, for general careers advice. After this initial meeting, a careers consultant may recommend a longer appointment of up to an hour, so you can discuss issues in more detail.

And if you can’t visit us in person we will try to arrange an appointment on the phone or Skype.

UCL Careers also runs events and talks in UCL departments. Keep an eye on your department’s newsfeeds for updates on these. You can also ask the careers consultant in your department for help.

Find out more at ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice

If you don’t know where to start but would like some ideas, come in and talk to us and we will help you explore the options. When you’re ready to apply for a job, we can help you to get your CV and application right and to prepare for the interview.
**UCL Career Essentials**

Too busy with your course to have time to plan your career?

Career Essentials is a series of talks and workshops you can attend in your lunch hour. You can find out everything you need to know – and find out fast!

Learn more about the graduate job market and how to plan your next step.

Get a better understanding of aptitude tests – why and how they’re used. Brush up on your interview technique. Discover how to find and fund the right PhD for you. There are even sessions on getting started with LinkedIn.

Career Essentials runs in the autumn and spring terms, and after the exam period, so that you can fit it around your student commitments. Find out more at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/events/essentials

**Writing Applications**

Are you happy with your CV and personal statement?

Different employers recruit in different ways – some like a CV and cover letter, others prefer you to fill out an application form.

UCL Careers is here to help you get the written part of your application right.

Selling yourself succinctly and accurately, while including all the relevant experience and skills you have to offer, can be more difficult than you might think.

Book an appointment with an applications adviser to get professional guidance on composing your CV, perfecting a cover letter, writing a personal statement and answering questions effectively on an application form.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice/aa

**Prepare for an Assessment Centre**

How would you measure up at an employer’s assessment centre?

A prospective employer may wish to test your skills and, if so, will invite you to an assessment centre during their recruitment process. To help you fully prepare, UCL Careers works with employers from different sectors to give you a taste of what might happen at an employer’s assessment centre.

These employer-run practice assessment centres – which are part of our Skills4Work programme – will run you through general exercises that are typical of what you would be asked to complete, including:

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

After the practice assessment, you will receive feedback on how you did in each area and where you could improve.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/assessmentcentres

**Selection Tests**

As a UCL student or recent graduate, you can access free guidance on why and how different employers use different types of psychometric test and join online discussion forums where students compare their experiences.

You can prepare for a psychometric test, using our help sheets and sample questions to practice. When you’re ready, find out how you come across by taking a full-length, online, timed test like the ones used by graduate recruiters.

You will receive your results and feedback after completing any one of the tests available.

To access this content, you will need to log in to Careers Tagged with your UCL ID and password. Find out more at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/information/tests
Skills4Work

Do you have the skills you need to start your career?

To get the most out of your job-finding process, you need to:

- understand what recruiters are looking for
- make sure you have those skills
- learn how to promote yourself, and your skills, to employers

Skills4Work – a joint venture between UCL Careers and Students Union UCL – runs employer-led panel discussions, workshops and coaching, to help you master key job-finding techniques.

Panel Discussions

Up to five employers from different sectors share their thoughts on what you can do to stand out from the crowd. This autumn’s panel discussions will show you the secrets of successful application forms, CVs and covering letters, and how to do well at interviews.

Panel discussions, are also great for getting insights on how different sectors view different skills – and for getting expert advice on how to improve those skills!

Each panel discussion also offers you the chance to ask the questions that matter to you.

Workshops

Employability skills are crucial to success in any career – and you can learn them directly from employers at one of our interactive workshops. Topics include commercial awareness, negotiation skills and presenting and influencing. You can also rehearse in a simulated assessment centre to refine your skills for the real thing.

Coaching

One to one coaching from an employer will help you get your CV up to scratch or provide valuable feedback on an application. You can also practice your interview techniques.

Find out more about what we offer on our website, ucl.ac.uk/careers/events/skills4work.
Talk to Employers

Global Citizenship Employability Programme

Would you like a head start in today’s international and competitive job market?

Our Global Citizenship Employability Programme will guide you through all parts of the job search – from start to finish.

For two weeks in the summer term, you can attend workshops, talks, panel discussions, networking events and skills development sessions with employers and careers consultants.

You will learn how to search and apply for roles, meet employers from different sectors and get to know and work with students from across UCL.

This programme will also give you a chance to consider your future in depth. You will be able to make the most of UCL’s status as a truly global university and create a career path that chimes with your global values.

And last but not least, you will get priority access to the end-of-year Jobs Market.

Find out more at:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/gcep

Focus on Management

What will you need to help you stand out in the work place?

Skills to help you lead, manage others, work in teams and present concepts and ideas, are invaluable in the world of work – and look great on your CV.

Our three-day, non-residential Focus on Management course will help you develop these skills and discover more about your own working style.

Working in teams you will tackle real-life problems that have come up in some of the world's top companies. You’ll be supported by experienced managers who will offer personalised feedback on your team work, commercial awareness and employability skills.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/focus
I am part way through a rigorous training programme, working as a postdoctoral research associate. The programme involves me taking and passing a number of exams allied with on the job training.

Key skills that are involved in my current role are things like, attention to detail, having clear and effective communication and problem solving. All patent attorneys have a science based background; we need to be able to understand and articulate the details of our clients’ inventions in order to advise how they can be protected. As your career develops you will become more and more involved with the running of the business, so having commercial understanding it also important.

A large proportion of time spent doing the job is spent working alone so you need to be happy to do that. However, working as a patent attorney in a private practice firm also involves being face to face with clients, dealing with colleagues both more senior and more junior than you and doing business development activities, such as attending networking events. Therefore, it would be advantageous if you have strong interpersonal skills and are sociable and happy to work as part of a team.
The Focus on Management Programme is extremely challenging but highly rewarding. This unique opportunity gave me a real insight into what the corporate world looks like and how to prepare for it. I have learnt a lot about myself as a person and about my role as a part of a team. I would recommend it to everyone no matter the background or future plans.

I am very excited about my future career. UCL proves that working can be an amazing experience when you do what you are passionate about. The wide range of opportunities offered by the university helped me to tailor my choices and discover what interests me the most. I am looking forward to using my experience and gaining independence by pursuing my future career.

“… working can be an amazing experience when you do what you are passionate about”
Alumni Online Community
As a former or current UCL student, you can connect with hundreds of alumni and expand your professional network. You can also search for jobs and find mentors online.

The Alumni Online Community has more than 600 members, from across the globe and various professions and sectors. By sharing their personal experience, they will help you get a better picture of what it’s like to work in certain jobs and different fields.

Register and find your mentor at: https://uclalumnicommunity.org

Too busy to make an appointment?
Then you can access Careers Essentials online. Visit our web page to find e-learning modules and interactive guides that will help you make sense of finding your future.

Our modular eLearning course is designed to allow you to engage with all aspects of graduate careers when it suits you.

Courses comprise information, video tutorials, interactive quizzes and exercises, action sets and key resources to help you move forward and take ownership of your future.

https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/events/essentials

2,300 attendees across our 46 Careers Essentials workshops during 2016/17

60 UCL Careers organised 60 Research Student and Research Staff specific events during 2016/17

15,500 people follow UCL Careers on Twitter

160 Number of countries that students come from to study at UCL. International students make up more than one-third of our student body.
I am currently working as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company after a post doc in Stem Cell Research. Before that, during my PhD in Cancer and Stem Cell research, I gained a profound interest in the pharma and biotech sector. So I thought why not merge those interests and start as a consultant helping businesses to realise their plans and transform their actions.

There is a lot of creative problem-solving involved, which builds both on logical as well as flexible thinking. But people skills are key too. We are constantly working in teams with many different individuals and constantly meeting new colleagues and clients. Bringing in their unique perspectives and ideas is a great experience. All in all, I would say I am using a lot of skills I had already acquired during my PhD and can now deepen.

I went to several UCL Careers events, ranging from talks by people from a variety of industries to workshops on how to structure your CV. I found them really helpful both to get an idea of what certain jobs are like in real life, as well as to prepare for applications.

McKinsey&Company
UCL Careers Researchers

Are you a researcher completing your PhD or postdoctoral position?

UCL Careers is here for you at every stage of finding your future. We recognise that, as a researcher, you need specialist advice about how to use your qualification and expertise in your career.

You may want to stay in academia, or move to a new career. Perhaps you need to learn more about your options.

Whatever stage you’re at, UCL Careers has a dedicated team to support you.

Events for Researchers

We run workshops, forums and talks that are specifically designed for researchers – both staff and students.

At these events, you will get a better idea of the career options you have, both in and outside of academia, and gain a deeper understanding of what different employers are looking for in new recruits.

After each event, there is always a chance to meet and network with our speakers.

One-to-One Advice

You can book a one-to-one appointment with one of our careers consultants throughout the year.

Appointments last up to 30 minutes and are an opportunity for you to seek guidance on your career path and ask questions.

If you’re preparing for an interview, we can also help by offering you a practice interview session, that includes:

- a mock interview
- feedback on your performance covering your general interview technique as well as the quality of your answers
- advice and tips on how improve
- time for you to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have.

Online Resources

If you can’t get to our office, but would still like some ideas about finding your future, you may find the resources on our website both interesting and helpful.

Our online resources give you the opportunity to watch interviews with PhD holders in varying occupations from across the working world.

There are also seminars on aspects of the application process from a researcher’s perspective, such as writing an effective academic CV or personal statement. Visit:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers

Online Opportunities for Researchers

You will find some of the most exciting post-graduate opportunities in the world at myUCLCareers.

You should also take a look at UCL Talent Bank, which actively sources opportunities for UCL researchers.

As a matching and shortlisting service, UCL Talent Bank can connect you to employers who are specifically looking for applicants with postgraduate qualifications and/or research experience.

You will need to create a cover letter for each individual opportunity, but once you’ve done that, UCL Talent Bank will present your application to employers on your behalf. Find out more at:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/talentbank
UCL Careers Graduates

About to finish your degree course at UCL?

Your time at UCL may be nearly over, but we’re still here to help you find your future for two years after you leave.

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If you can’t visit us in person we will try to arrange an appointment on the phone or Skype.

Events for Recent Graduates

You are still welcome to join us at careers fairs and employer presentations, where you will have the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire.

I graduated from UCL in 2014 and wasn’t sure what I wanted to do. I knew I didn’t want to work in the corporate world, but I also wanted my first role out of uni to have some structure, and the opportunity to meet like-minded people.

I’d been involved with a lot of youth work during my time at university and was interested in issues around social inequality. During my masters, I was told about the Frontline programme for social work and it seemed like a suitable fit.

ALUMNI CASE STUDY

Emily Hilton

Social worker, Frontline (History, 2014)

UCL Careers was really helpful in reading over cover letters and CVs for work experience and internships I was applying for. Everyone was always really friendly, and the workshops they put on – about different graduate opportunities and how to apply for different roles – were really useful.

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My advice would be to get in touch with UCL Careers. No matter what stage you’re at, the help you’ll get from them really makes a difference.

I’ve used UCL Careers for general career direction guidance and also to review and improve my CV. All the advice I’ve gotten from the careers service at UCL has been extremely helpful and relevant.

I went on the Global Citizenship Employability Programme where we are mentored by UCL careers consultants – it was extremely helpful and really gave me the guidance I needed to proceed and succeed in my next step.

I am excited about my future career because I know what I need to do now and I feel ready to get started.