



# UCL

## UCL and Europe



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Since the EU referendum result, UCL has committed to intensify our global engagement with European and global partners. We remain committed to building partnerships of equivalence that will co-create mutually beneficial solutions to global challenges. We continue to welcome and value staff and students from EU countries at UCL.

- UCL remains a top 10 global university that believes in partnership – we are home to the best students and staff from around the world, we provide an education that launches global careers and we conduct research tackling global issues.
- UCL is proactively lobbying, engaging and advising politicians and policymakers to inform the future direction of Brexit.
- UCL cares passionately about the staff and students who are here – we are reassuring them, advising them and lobbying on their behalf.
- UCL is immensely proud of its global community of alumni and supporters – all our alumni are vital to the future of the university and will remain so following Brexit.
- UCL would like to call upon all alumni to act as advocates for the university by sharing the above messages among their peers and networks and participating in UCL's new global philanthropic campaign, 'It's All Academic'.

## UCL and Brexit

In the wake of the EU referendum vote, UCL's senior leaders have held meetings for staff and students, discussing what leaving the EU may mean for UCL. We set up an EU referendum advice website and held a series of immigration clinics to support our EU community.

We have contributed our Brexit-relevant expertise through public comment and advice for public policymakers.

UCL has made submissions to parliamentary select committees investigating the implications of Brexit – Science & Technology, Foreign Affairs and Education. In January 2017, UCL hosted an oral evidence session for the Education Select Committee.

UCL's Global Engagement Office has reviewed the university's Global Engagement Strategy in light of Brexit, to focus on intensifying our efforts to engage globally.

## Key statistics: UCL and Europe

**4,800**

UCL students from EU countries in 2016–17 (12% of our total student body)

**2,500**

EU staff (21% of our total staff)

**23,000**

UCL alumni in EU countries

**30**

European languages taught at UCL

More than

**3,300**

research collaborations under the EU's FP6 and FP7 initiatives

More than

**€283 million**

awarded to UCL in European Research Council grants

“We must redouble our efforts to welcome those from other shores, and we must reach out more than ever and be in the vanguard of internationalism and international collaboration”

UCL President & Provost,  
Professor Michael Arthur

## UCL activity in Europe

- UCL has been selected as the 'hub' of the new £250 million UK Dementia Research Institute, to be led by Professor Bart De Strooper – leader of the Laboratory for the Research of Neurodegenerative Diseases at the University of Leuven and scientific director at Vlaams Instituut voor Biotechnologie in Belgium.
- The €1 million Brain Prize for 2017 has been awarded by Denmark's Lundbeck Foundation to UCL professors Peter Dayan (UCL Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit) and Ray Dolan (UCL Max Planck Centre for Computational Psychiatry and Ageing Research) in recognition of their outstanding contribution to neuroscience.
- The BigData@Heart consortium, from the UCL institutes of Health Informatics and Cardiovascular Science and other European partners, has secured €20 million research funding from the European Innovative Medicines Initiative to help improve treatment for cardiovascular disease.
- UCL Engineering has created a 'European campus without borders' with partners CentraleSupélec in Paris, Politecnico di Milano and TU Berlin.
- UCL Slade Emerita Professor of Fine Art Phyllida Barlow is representing Great Britain at the 2017 Venice Biennale.
- Collaboration in science and technology occurs through the UCL European Research and Innovation Office.
- The European Institute is UCL's hub for research, collaboration and information on Europe and the European Union, including the new UCL Brexit Hub.
- UCL shapes research policy in Europe as a member of the League of European Research Universities.
- Since 2015–16, 100 UCL academics have initiated new European partnerships or strengthened existing ones thanks to Global Engagement seed funding. These include the UCL Institute of Education's collaboration with the Unofficial Women and Children's Centre in Calais, France.

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