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London’s Global University works with partners to achieve fair solutions to global challenges: Think global, act together.
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Executive Summary

This Global Engagement Strategy looks at all six Principal Themes of UCL’s Strategy 2034 through a global lens. It is designed to increase our global impact.

We are London’s Global University – in, of and for London and the wider world. Our mission is to deliver sustainable and globally relevant impact in research, education and enterprise for the benefit of humanity.

We look to generate practical impact, not expand our global footprint.

We will do this through ‘partnerships of equivalence’, and a small number of strategic ‘anchor’ partnerships, to co-create mutually beneficial solutions. We will support the internationally collaborative creativity and initiative of our individual academics and faculties.

We are a global university in probably the most global city in the world. We have more international students than any other UK university. Our international recruitment strategy is to maintain market share and increase diversity and quality. We give our students a world class education, integrating UK/EU and international students for the benefit of the whole student body. Our alumni, students and staff are our best ambassadors.

Our Global Engagement Strategy is shaped by a distinctive combination of strategic drivers:

- giving our students the best possible preparation for global careers and lives
- co-creating wise solutions to global challenges and problems
- increasing independent research capability around the world
- marshalling our expertise in enterprise, innovation and translational research
- growing our profile to reflect our achievements and engage more effectively.

Our founding commitment to fairness gives us a contemporary interest in addressing inequality, including in the global south. We will dismantle the barriers – linguistic, cultural and financial – that inhibit global cooperation in research, education and enterprise. We will encourage cultural curiosity and sensitivity in our diverse community of students, staff, alumni and partners, including through our pedagogy and curricula. We will prioritise activities which multiply the impact of existing UCL initiatives, particularly the Grand Challenges.

This Global Engagement Strategy will support, and be supported by, a fundraising and supporter engagement campaign which will raise the global profile of UCL.

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