

STUDENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarships are normally defined as funding allocated primarily on the basis of academic merit, achievement and potential, although they may also be called 'awards'. A comprehensive overview of funding opportunities, including details of eligibility requirements, value and benefits, application procedures and deadlines, selection criteria and contact information for specific funding schemes for study and research at UCL is provided on the website at www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships.

A significant number of UCL graduate students are in receipt of funding provided by UCL and its academic units, the UK Research Councils, the British Government, various charitable foundations, international governments and organisations, as well as commerce and industry.

Competition for all scholarship funding is intense, and where scholarships are primarily awarded on the basis of academic excellence, applicants are normally required to have or to expect to achieve the equivalent of a first-class UK Bachelor's degree.

International students should initially contact their local British Council office, British Embassy, British High Commission or their own Ministry of Education for general advice on funding available for study in Britain.



Scholarships for students from any country

UCL Graduate Research Scholarships (15 scholarships)

These scholarships for MPhil/PhD studies cover fees at the standard UK/EU rate and a living allowance for the standard duration of the programme.

UCL Graduate Research Scholarships for Cross-disciplinary Training (four scholarships)

These scholarships provide for an additional year within PhD studies to acquire skills and knowledge from another discipline to be applied to the MPhil/PhD research. Scholarships cover fees and a living allowance for one year.

Frederick Bonnart-Braunthal Scholarships (two scholarships)

These scholarships provide a stipend of £15,000 for up to three years of MPhil/PhD research into the nature of religious, racial and cultural prejudices and ways of combating them.

UCL Global Excellence Scholarships (eight graduate scholarships)

These scholarships provide a one-off award of £5,000 to the academically most outstanding candidates taking up graduate degree studies at UCL.

UCL Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship provides a total of £10,000 toward fees and maintenance for full-time Master's studies in any UCL subject area to a student who would find it difficult to pursue postgraduate study without financial assistance.

Gay Clifford Fees Awards for Outstanding Women Students (five awards)

These scholarships provide a total of £2,500 towards fees for prospective female Master's degree students in UCL's Faculties of Arts and Humanities or Social and Historical Sciences.



Departmental scholarships, studentships and demonstratorships

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Scholarships for students from specific countries

Santander Master's Scholarships (10 scholarships)

These scholarships (funded by Santander Bank through the Santander Universities programme) provide a total of £5,000 for full-time Master's studies in any UCL department. Candidates must be from specific countries in Latin America or from Spain or Portugal.



Peter Warren
Energy Demand Studies MRes + MPhil/PhD

“ The UCL Energy Institute runs a doctoral training programme in Energy Demand with full funding from the UK Engineering and Physical Science Research Council, which matches my research interests. The consultancy-style setting is highly useful for such an applied institute, where regular meetings with government and industry take place. As a doctorate student, this provides an effective environment for research discussions.

I'm increasingly becoming interested in energy and environmental policy at both the UK and international scales. I have aspirations to work for the Department of Energy and Climate Change or its equivalent abroad, and my programme is providing me with good opportunities to make the relevant contacts.

Studying in London as a graduate student is fantastic as the city provides all the services and entertainment that you could possibly need. London also has brilliant transport connections to other parts of the UK and abroad, which I make use of when money and time allow. Outside of UCL, I enjoy being a tourist at the weekends and I also work part-time. ”



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Further awards for students liable to pay fees at the UK/EU rate

Research Council Studentships

Studentships funded by the UK Research Councils are generally intended for UK/EU students and include payment of tuition fees and, for UK students only, a stipend for living costs. For further information and links to the seven UK Research Council websites go to www.rcuk.ac.uk, or contact the relevant UCL academic unit.

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Further awards for students liable to pay fees at the Overseas rate

UCL Overseas Research Student (UCL-ORS) Awards (40 awards)

These awards enable Overseas students to pursue MPhil/PhD studies at UCL and provide fee awards equivalent to overseas tuition fees minus UK/EU fees, for up to three years of a PhD programme. UCL will cover the UK/EU fee element for UCL-ORS recipients who do not have any other fee funding.

Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards

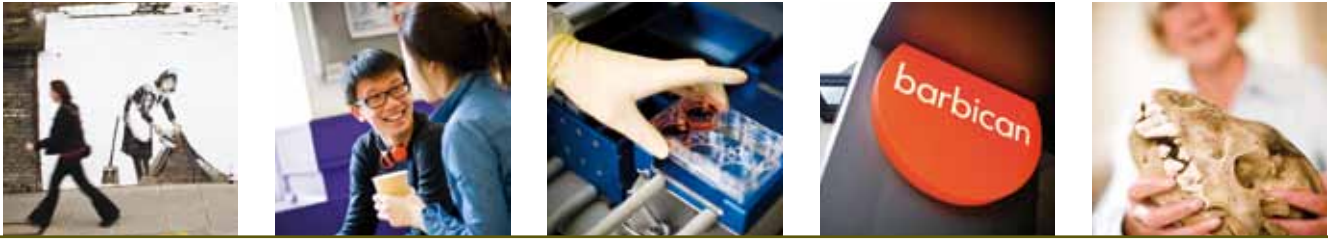
These enable Overseas students from specified countries to pursue MPhil/PhD research in top-rated departments of UCL. Awards are jointly funded by the UK Research Councils and industrial sponsors, and provide full fees and a living allowance for up to three years.

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme

These scholarships enable students from Commonwealth countries to undertake selected one-year taught Master's programmes. The scholarships provide tuition fees, maintenance stipend, economy return airfare and other agreed allowances.

SPDC Niger Delta Postgraduate Scholarships (three awards)

These scholarships enable students from the Niger Delta states to undertake a one-year taught Master's in certain engineering programmes at UCL. The scholarship provides full tuition fees and a 12-month living allowance, return airfare and additional allowances.



UCL Graduate International Partnership Scholarships

UCL co-operates with numerous UK and international organisations, to offer co-funded scholarships to students from specific countries or regions for graduate study or research at UCL.

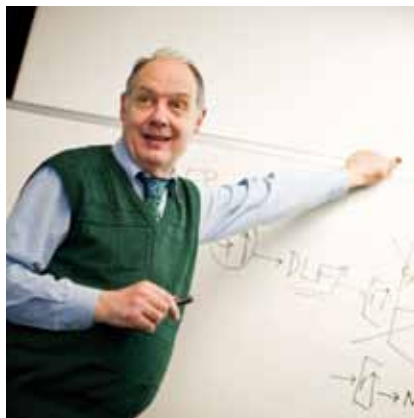
Organisations include:

- Center for International Programmes Bolashak scheme (students from Kazakhstan)
- CONACyT (students from Mexico)
- China Scholarships Council (students from China)
- MBI Al Jaber Foundation (Arab residents of the Middle East/North Africa)
- Petroleum Technology Development Fund (students from Nigeria)
- Said Foundation (students from Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine or Syria)
- Royal Thai Government Scholarships (students from Thailand).



Other scholarship schemes

In addition, there are many other schemes such as British Chevening Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships for students from Commonwealth countries, Marshall and Fulbright Scholarships for students from the USA, and scholarships funded by organisations such as the European Commission, World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Prospective students are advised to contact these organisations for further details.



Student loans, grants and bursaries

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

Loans, grants and bursaries are funding sources which normally take account of an applicant's financial circumstances. Further information is given on the website above. UCL administers applications for Professional and Career Development Loans and Access to Learning Funds (for UK/EU nationals residing in the UK), Federal loans for students from the US and Canada, and also provides certification required for some other student loans.



Marta Bartoszek
Epidemiology and Public Health MPhil/PhD

“ Since I first came to the UK, over ten years ago, I always wanted to study at UCL as it is one of the top universities in the world. The teaching and support here is fantastic, and everyone is very friendly and helpful.

My research looks at the relationship between sleep, wellbeing and ageing. I have always been interested in the processes that are involved in ageing, and in particular in those that allow you to maintain good physical and psychological wellbeing in old age. I'm also fascinated by sleep, partly because it is still a relatively poorly understood behaviour. In my PhD, however, I am trying to explore the role of sleep in maintaining healthy ageing. After completion of my PhD I would like to continue my career in research.

My PhD is partly funded by the BBSRC and partly by Unilever. As part of my programme I will spend up to six months at Unilever, where I'll be able to learn and understand how research skills can be used in the business industry.

UCL has a lot of libraries and places/facilities which are suitable for private study. When I was reading for my Health Psychology MSc at UCL I used the UCL Science Library frequently, which has an impressive collection of books and academic journals. At the moment I mainly access academic journals via the internet, and UCL subscribes to a large number of journals in my field.

If you live in London you will never be bored! In my free time I either go out with friends, or spend time reading books, often in my local park in South London. My favourite art gallery is the National Portrait Gallery and I go there often.”



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Combining study and work

For some students, combining work and study is an integral part of their degree; for others, it is simply a way of ensuring that they have sufficient financial resources. For example, both the EngD degree and MD(Res) degree are designed to allow participants, if they are currently employed, to continue to work whilst furthering their expertise within their chosen field. The research project for such students will focus respectively on an industrial or medical issue or problem they encounter in their normal line of work.

As noted above, some students secure subject-specific studentships or teaching assistantships which help meet financial needs and provide experience of working in academia. Other students may be able to combine part-time work and study in related, or very different, spheres.

Furthermore, there are opportunities both at UCL and beyond, for part-time, short-term or casual work. JobShop, run by the UCL Students' Union, maintains a database of such opportunities.

It is important to ensure that your academic studies do not suffer because of your employment commitments. You will need to be certain that you are available for the timetabled elements of your studies, and that you allocate sufficient time each week for any reading, coursework, research or assignments. Your supervisor or tutor will be concerned to ensure that you achieve your best in your academic work, but will also be accustomed to the fact that graduate students may have commitments, such as work and family, which they must also fit into their lives.

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Subject-specific scholarships, studentships and demonstratorships

A number of UCL academic units award their own scholarships; these schemes are listed on the UCL scholarships website and further details are available from the relevant unit.

In addition, subject to the availability of funds, some academic units award studentships and teaching assistantships. Subject-specific studentships may range from assistance with fees to full awards equivalent to Research Council studentships. Examples include 100 UCL Grand Challenge PhD Studentships in Biomedicine and 390 UCL PhD places funded through the ESPRC's doctoral training centres. Teaching assistantships usually cover tuition fees at the UK/EU rate and provide a stipend for living costs, in return for teaching or demonstrating. This can be both a useful source of financial support, and an opportunity to gain some experience of teaching and an insight into an academic career. For further information contact the relevant academic unit at UCL.

