ADMISSION TO UCL

UCL is keen to attract graduate students who will benefit from and enhance our research and learning environment. Before applying, we encourage all applicants to research their options thoroughly. You need to consider what you hope to gain and learn from your studies at UCL. Please take time to read the Prospectus and to visit UCL’s website.

All prospective applicants are welcome to contact the academic units to discuss their potential application. Research applicants are particularly encouraged to speak with the relevant academic unit regarding areas of interest and potential supervisors. Please ensure that you have checked the academic and, if appropriate, English language entry requirements for the programme you wish to study before submitting your application. Please also be mindful of any application or funding deadline that might govern your application submission date.

Academic entry requirements
Specific entry requirements are provided on individual subject pages (40–137). UCL's standard minimum requirements are given below.

Research programmes
MPhil/MPhilStud/PhD
A UK Bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject, awarded with first or upper second-class Honours, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard from a recognised higher education institute, or a recognised taught Master's degree, is required. Some research degrees will require all applicants to hold a Master's degree. Students register for the MPhil degree in the first instance and, subject to satisfactory progression, transfer to the PhD degree in the second year of research.

MD(Res)
Applicants must have been awarded the University of London MBBS, or a registered primary qualification in Medicine, and be eligible for full registration or hold limited registration with the General Medical Council (GMC). Applicants are normally hospital clinicians undertaking research associated with their employment. Other applicants wishing to pursue clinical research should apply for the MPhil/PhD.

Professional Doctorates (DClinPsy, DDent, DECPsy, DEdPsy, Doctorate, Doc Orth, DPsychotherapy)
Please refer to subject pages or contact the relevant academic unit for specific entry requirements for these programmes.

Taught programmes
MRes
A UK Bachelor's degree in an appropriate subject, awarded with first or upper second-class Honours, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard from a university or educational institution of university rank is required.

Master's Degrees (MA, MSc, LLM, MFA, MArch, MClinDent)
A UK Bachelor’s degree in an appropriate subject, awarded with first or second-class Honours, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard from a university or educational institution of university rank is required.

For some taught programmes, an applicant whose qualifications, although otherwise acceptable, are of lower standard may be admitted if evidence of an adequate academic background and experience in an appropriate field can be shown. In certain instances, applicants may be required to pursue the programme over an extended period of time (including a qualifying year enrolled for a Graduate Diploma) and/or pass a qualifying examination before being registered for the degree programme.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates
The entry requirements are usually the same as for the corresponding Master's programme. Please refer to the relevant academic unit for details of specific entry requirements.

International qualifications
UCL is pleased to consider a wide variety of international qualifications for entry to its graduate programmes. The following equivalencies are used for students studying under the US/Canadian grade point average (GPA) marking scheme.

US/Canadian GPA marking scheme
- First-class Honours: GPA 3.6/4.0
- Upper second-class Honours: GPA 3.3/4.0
- Lower second-class Honours: GPA 3.0/4.0

Please be aware that, in addition to the required grades, the acceptability of qualifications can be dependent on the type and length of the degree programme studied as well as the institution attended. Please refer to the country pages of the UCL International Students website (www.ucl.ac.uk/international) for details of qualification equivalencies.
English language proficiency requirements

If your first language is not English you are required to provide recent evidence that your command of the English language is adequate. Proof may take the form of substantial education (usually at least 12 months) or work experience (usually at least 18 months) conducted in English in a majority English-speaking country, no more than two years prior to the date of enrolment. Alternatively, applicants must provide an English language qualification recognised by UCL and awarded not more than two years prior to the date of enrolment. If you are a visa national, your language qualification must have been taken within two years of any issuance of a Certificate of Acceptance from UCL.

The requirements for all programmes will be at one of three levels:

**Standard level**
- Most Biomedical Sciences, Built Environment, Engineering and Physical Science programmes

**Good level**
- Most Arts, Life Sciences and Social Science-based programmes

**Advanced level**
- All Laws programmes

There are exceptions to the programme requirements listed above. Full details of the requirements for all programmes as well as all acceptable qualifications can be found at [www.ucl.ac.uk/study](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/study). UCL reserves the right, in individual circumstances, to specify an additional language requirement for an applicant.

For IELTS and TOEFL the following grades are required:

**International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**

**Academic Version**

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<td>Overall grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest</td>
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<td>Overall grade of 7.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest</td>
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**Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Essay Rating**

**Internet-based version**

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<td><strong>Standard</strong></td>
<td>Score of 92, plus 24/30 in the reading and writing subtests and 20/30 in the listening and speaking subtests</td>
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<td><strong>Good</strong></td>
<td>Score of 100, plus 24/30 in the reading and writing subtests and 20/30 in the listening and speaking subtests</td>
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<td><strong>Advanced</strong></td>
<td>Score of 109, plus 24/30 in the reading and writing subtests and 20/30 in the listening and speaking subtests</td>
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Please note: the paper-based TOEFL test and the computer-based TOEFL test do not satisfy the UCL English language requirement.

**Academic English at UCL**

The UCL Centre for Languages & International Education (CLIE) offers a selection of 5, 8, 12-week or extended pre-sessional English language courses for international students from April to September each year. A one-year (September to June) Diploma in English for Academic Purposes is also available for students beginning with a lower level of fluency. All of these courses, passed at the appropriate level, meet UCL’s English language requirements for graduate study. All the English language courses offered by CLIE are accredited by the British Council. Further details can be obtained at [www.ucl.ac.uk/clie](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/clie).
**How to apply**

To apply for admission as a research student or for any of our taught graduate programmes at UCL, you need to complete a graduate application. For most graduate programmes at UCL, you need to complete student or for any of our taught graduate programmes. To apply for admission as a research student at UCL, you must submit an online application. There are further application guidelines and procedures detailed in the online application materials from our website. A list of these programmes is available on the ‘Application and entry’ section of our website. There is an application fee of £25 for online and £50 for paper applications for taught programmes. There is no application fee for research degree programmes.

Applications must be supported by two references from people who are able to comment upon your suitability for the programme for which you are applying. If possible, at least one of the references should be from a recent teacher who is acquainted with your academic ability.

Transcripts are required for all qualifications that are relevant to your application. The transcript must be in English and should contain details of all the subjects or degree programmes studied, the marks obtained, the qualification that was awarded and the date of the studies. If you are unable to provide a transcript at the point of application, you must enter on the application full details of the subjects studied and grades achieved.

Please be aware that as part of the online application process, your two referees must upload your references via a secure website. In addition, you must be able to submit online an electronic copy of your transcript. If you are unable to do this, you should apply using a paper application.

There are further application guidelines available on our website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/gradprospectus.

**Application deadlines**

Owing to competition for places, you are advised to apply as early as possible. UCL’s general closing date for applications for graduate study is 2 August 2013 for applicants applying for September 2013 entry. Some programmes do have an earlier application deadline. Please refer to the website for details. When submitting your application, you should also consult any funding and accommodation deadlines. You are advised to submit your application at least eight weeks before any such deadline.

**Processing your application**

All applicants are given access to Portico – UCL’s web portal. Through Portico, you will receive messages regarding the status of your application. You will be informed if the application is complete or that certain missing items are required before the application can be considered.

If the application is received complete, Portico will indicate a date by which you should expect a response. This response may take the form of an offer, an invitation to interview, a request for further information, or a rejection.

Successful applicants will be able to access the text of their offer letter and any conditions on Portico. A formal offer letter will also be sent signed by the Director of Registry and Academic Services. The letter will indicate whether the offer is unconditional or subject to the fulfillment of specific conditions. Details of UCL’s General Conditions of Entry are also provided.

International applicants should not leave their own country for the purpose of attending UCL before receiving a formal offer of admission either direct from UCL or through their sponsoring authority, and, if required, securing the appropriate visa for entry to the UK.

**Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)**

If you are an international student from outside the EEA and Switzerland and are applying for a research degree in science, engineering or technology disciplines or for a taught programme in Biochemical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Physics or Mechanical Engineering, you will be required to apply to the UK government for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance certificate. Further details of the scheme are available from the ATAS website at www.fco.gov.uk/atas.

**Obtaining a visa**

If you wish to study in the UK coming from a country outside of the EEA, and you intend to study in the UK for more than six months, you will need to apply for a visa under Tier 4 of the UK’s Points-Based Immigration System. In order to apply for a visa, you will require sponsorship from a university licensed as a sponsor by the UK Border Agency, such as UCL. For full details about this process please see our website at www.ucl.ac.uk/international. As part of your visa application, you will have to be able to demonstrate evidence of sufficient funds to pass a maintenance test and provide evidence of your educational qualifications. Further information on visa requirements can be obtained from the UK Border Agency at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying.

If you intend to study in the UK for less than six months, then officially you will only need prior entry clearance if you are a ‘Visa National’. A list of Visa Nationals can be found at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/general-info. However, we strongly advise all students from outside the EEA to seek prior entry clearance even if coming for less than six months.
After you apply
Should you have any queries regarding the application process for admission to a graduate programme at UCL, further details are available on Portico – UCL’s web portal. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions page on our website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/gradapps. In addition, you can telephone UCL Admissions on: +44 (0)20 7679 7742 or +44 (0)20 7679 7381.
You can track the progress of your application on Portico and the final decision on your application will also be displayed here. If your application is successful, you will be contacted a few months before the start of the academic year to confirm the details of your admission. Information on the payment of tuition fees, the verification of qualifications and details of when and where to enrol will also be sent to you. Special arrangements are made for students whose programmes start at other times of the year.

Equal opportunities
At UCL, our principal concern when considering applications is to recruit and select students who are likely to complete the programme successfully and derive benefit from it. Once these requirements are met, we disregard other issues such as disability, age, ethnic origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, number of children and beliefs relating to religion and politics. This attitude and these considerations underlie the equal opportunities policy of UCL, to which we are firmly committed. We positively welcome applications from members of groups which are currently under-represented.

Accuracy of information
UCL’s decisions on applications are made in good faith on the basis that all of the information and documentation provided by applicants is complete and accurate. UCL reserves the right to refuse admission or to terminate a student’s attendance, should it be discovered that: a false statement has been made; a false document has been provided; documentation has been altered or if there has been an omission of significant information.

Mohammed Kawsar Sharif Siam
Pharmacogenetics and Stratified Medicine MSc
UCL! The name itself suffices to attract knowledge-seeking students from all over the world. Furthermore, the world-class research facilities in the field of biological sciences and its established reputation all over the world facilitated my decision to join UCL.

My studies in Pharmacogenetics and Stratified Medicine were challenging and at the same time exciting as I was taught by some of the professors and scientists who are pioneers in this field. The daily lectures I attended were informative and interesting. They inspired my desire to learn more and to gain a better understanding of this subject and gave me an opportunity to display my creativity and zeal in pursuit of becoming a researcher. Later on I would like to join a university as a lecturer and continue being a lifelong learner.

I have received the UCL Genetics Institute Scholarship which helped me to join and study at this world-renowned university.

UCL provides its students and staff with access to several libraries with huge collections of books, periodicals, journals, computer resources, museums and collections.

Being active in extracurricular activities since my undergraduate years inspired me to join clubs and societies at UCL. I had a chance of attending the World Health Assembly (WHA) of the World Health Organization (WHO) at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland during this time. I also attended class parties, organised tours; these kept me upbeat all the time with the true feeling of being a student. I come from a small but very resourceful country, Bangladesh. As an international student, I was a little concerned before joining a university in London. However, the services provided by UCL especially the Student Centre and the Careers Service helped me to overcome the initial difficulties quite easily. I believe these services provide great support for any UCL international student.