STUDENT FINANCE
FEES AND EXPENSES

Financial matters are a concern for all students, and careful planning is important. You will have to pay tuition fees for the programme you are undertaking and will need money to cover your living expenses. These pages outline both the expenses you will incur and some options for funding your studies. You are advised to investigate any sponsorship and scholarship opportunities as early as possible.

Tuition fees
www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money

UCL’s tuition fees are set annually and cover registration, tuition and supervision for each academic year, or part of an academic year that you are enrolled. Tuition fees are subject to an annual increase, which should be accounted for when you are applying for a programme. Details about fees for individual programmes can be found on the UCL website given above.

Fees are normally quoted at the full-time rate, except where the programme is offered part-time or flexible/modular only. Fees for part-time study are normally charged at approximately half the full-time fee. Fees for flexible/modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session.

Research programmes at UCL may be subject to an Additional Fee Element (AFE). The AFE is levied to cover additional costs related to consumables, equipment and materials etc. which are not included in the composite tuition fee (i.e. the fee listed in the fees table) and is, therefore, applied to a minority of programmes. As each PhD programme is unique in its nature, the AFE is calculated on a student by student basis and is determined by the supervisor. The AFE is banded into four fixed amounts: £1,000, £2,500, £5,000 and £10,000, with one further band for variable sums over £10,000. Please contact your supervisor directly for advice on whether or not your programme will incur an AFE. Please note that you will be informed of any AFE you will be required to pay in the offer letter. (NB. At some UK institutions the AFE may be referred to as “bench fees”.)

Tuition fee classification

The level of fee charged will depend upon whether you are what is termed a UK, EU, Overseas or Islands student. It is likely that you will already know in which category you fall but this will be confirmed if you are offered a place at UCL.

Your fee classification plays no part in deciding whether or not to offer you a place to study at UCL.

Each student’s tuition fee classification is determined in accordance with the 2007 Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations (SI No. 779) and subsequent amendments, and is based upon information that you have provided on your application.

Further details of how tuition fee status is determined, and who to contact if you wish to query the decision on your fee status classification, can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money.

Paying your tuition fee

For full-time and part-time students your tuition fee will normally be quoted on your offer letter. For flexible/modular students, fees will be assessed on a pro-rata basis according to the number of credits selected, therefore a fee will not be quoted on your offer letter. Information relating to fees and how to pay them is available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/current-students/money.

You must pay at least 50% of your tuition fee before or at enrolment to be fully enrolled, or provide a letter of sponsorship indicating who should be invoiced for your fees. Students can pay in two equal instalments; the first before or at enrolment, the second by 1 February 2014. No charge is made for paying in instalments, and no more than two instalments are permitted. No discount is offered for paying in full at the start of your programme.

Specific enquiries relating to fees should be directed to:
UCL Fees and Credit Control Section
EMAIL fees@ucl.ac.uk
TEL +44 (0)20 7679 4125 or
+44 (0)20 7679 4128
Living expenses

In addition to paying your tuition fees you will also need to consider how you are going to meet your living costs while you are studying. Funds will be required to cover the costs of your accommodation, food and travel as well as other costs associated with your studies, such as books, and everyday life, such as clothes and entertainment.

Estimates of how much money you will need may vary considerably, as the lifestyles and circumstances of individual students differ. For a single, graduate student studying for a calendar year, an estimated average would be in the region of £245 per week. This should be considered only as a guide; some students may find they can live within this allowance, yet others may find it insufficient to meet their expectations.

Students who have a dependent spouse and/or children will require a significantly greater amount. All students should be aware that they will probably incur initial expenses such as a deposit for accommodation and the purchase of books. Some international students may also need to buy clothing suitable for the British climate.

Funding your studies

It is important to consider at an early stage how you will pay your tuition fees and fund your living costs during your graduate studies. There are a large number of funding schemes which support graduate students, including scholarships, studentships, awards, bursaries, grants and loans. Furthermore, some students are fortunate to be sponsored by their employer, while others may combine part-time study with part-time work.

We aim to describe below some of the major schemes for graduate study and research at UCL, although this information should not be considered to be exhaustive. You are advised to refer to the websites and publications of both UCL and the other organisations named here for detailed and additional information.

Due to the fact that publications describing awards (including this Prospectus) are produced many months in advance of the start of the academic year to which they apply, please be aware that published details of awards, including application deadlines and procedures, may be subject to change.

Students requiring funding are advised to investigate potential sources of funding at least 12 months before the relevant academic year so as not to miss scholarship application deadlines.