UCL’s academic distinction is defined through:

- a commitment to translating internationally acclaimed research into enhancing prosperity and quality of life
- an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration facilitated by UCL’s multi-faculty structure
- an influence on policymaking at local, national and international levels
- offering an ‘Education for Global Citizenship’ designed to develop your awareness of social justice and environmental responsibility, and encourage you to pioneer change and development for the benefit of others.
UCL provides a unique and stimulating environment for graduate study. Our aims, achievements and reputation contribute to UCL’s special ethos.

### Academic reputation

We have a long and distinguished international reputation for the quality of our teaching and research. UCL’s continued eminence is demonstrated by its high rankings in external assessments of universities.

### Research quality

The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) is conducted jointly by the UK’s Higher Education funding bodies, and the most recent results were published in December 2008. The RAE assesses the research strength of UK universities, producing a quality profile showing the percentage of research at four levels:

- 4* ‘world-leading’
- 3* ‘internationally excellent’
- 2* ‘internationally recognised’
- 1* ‘nationally recognised’.

Sixty-two per cent of UCL’s submissions were ranked at 4* or 3*. Subject entries in this Prospectus give the percentage of staff producing research of world-leading or internationally excellent quality.

### UCL facts and figures

- Founded in 1826
- Over 24,850 students, of whom 11,000 are graduate students
- 52% female, 48% male students
- More than 9,900 students from countries outside the UK
- 52 academic units in ten faculties
- An overall staff to student ratio of 1:10 allowing a continued emphasis on small-group and one-to-one teaching
- 21 Nobel Prize winners from our former academic staff and students
- UCL staff currently include 35 Fellows of the Royal Society, 11 of the Royal Academy of Engineering, 30 of the British Academy and 83 of the Academy of Medical Sciences (as at 1 August 2012).

### Our distinguished past

Whilst looking to the future, UCL is justifiably proud of its heritage. Founded to provide education to all who could benefit from it, UCL was the first UK university to admit students regardless of their race, class or religion, and the first to admit women students on equal terms with men.

UCL is noteworthy for remarkable discoveries and famous alumni including:

- **Discoveries and inventions**
  - Five noble gases (argon, helium, krypton, neon and xenon), hormones, adrenaline, auto-immune diseases, beta-blockers, nerve-transmission and the thermionic valve.

- **Writers, poets and philosophers**

- **Artists**

### New developments at UCL

UCL maintains its pioneering reputation through adapting its approaches and structures to rise to new challenges. Recent exciting developments include:

- **UCL and the School of Pharmacy**
  - On 1 January 2012, the School of Pharmacy, University of London merged with UCL. The school is now a part of UCL Faculty of Life Sciences, and is known as the UCL School of Pharmacy. The school continues to provide undergraduate and graduate education in pharmaceutical science as well as undertaking world-leading research focused on advancing and understanding medicines and healthcare, and on creating new medicines. The school has not moved location, but students have access to UCL’s central facilities including its libraries, IT resources and the UCL Students’ Union, as well as those already offered by the school.

- **Doctoral student exchange scheme launched**
  - The Yale–UCL Collaborative Student Exchange Programme, part of the UCL–Yale collaboration, has been launched to enable UCL doctoral students to undertake a period of research at Yale University working under a Yale supervisor. The opportunity will enable UCL doctoral students to experience working in a different academic setting at another world-leading research university and to gather skills that will enhance their current work as well as future personal and professional plans. Exchanges will normally be for a period of three months. For details visit: www.grad.ucl.ac.uk/yale-ucl.

- **Global Centre for Research in Sustainable Connected Cities**
  - UCL, Imperial College London and Intel have announced the launch of the Intel Collaborative Research Institute for Sustainable Connected Cities. The new London-based institute will be Intel’s first research centre and global hub dedicated to exploring how technology can support and sustain the social and economic development of cities worldwide.

- **UCL Institute of Biomedical Engineering**
  - A cross-faculty consortium for the promotion of innovation and translational research in medical technologies, the UCL Institute of Biomedical Engineering (IBME), was launched in June 2012. The institute acts as a bridge between the biomedical, engineering, life and physical science faculties, and the hospitals, in the UCL estate. A key focus is on device-led medical technologies and direct support of principal investigators.