

Alumni /

UCL students are part of a diverse and talented global community for life. The UCL experience extends far beyond studying. After graduation you can continue to be involved with the UCL community through events, communications and access to a range of benefits.

UCL Alumni – a global network

UCL currently has alumni living in 180 different countries worldwide and is incredibly proud of its long tradition of prominent alumni. We count Nobel Prize winners, poets, novelists, BAFTA winners, Olympians, inventors and Turner prize-winning artists among our graduates. During your time at UCL you will have many opportunities to engage with some of our alumni and learn from them.

Supporting your future career

After graduation you'll be invited to UCL's award-winning professional networking events. These cover sectors such as PR, Journalism and Broadcasting, Not for Profit and Entrepreneurship as well as more specialist fields such as Fashion and Computer Science. Prominent alumni lead a panel discussion and share experiences and advice about their careers, providing a great opportunity to find out how to break into an industry sector. Recent panellists have included Alison McGovern MP (Philosophy 2002), the author Joanna Briscoe (English 1985) and Andrew Jacobs (Economics 1991), co-founder of the Giraffe restaurant chain.



Francis Crick (Physics 1937) won a Nobel Prize for his part in the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA

Our network of Alumni Mentors can help you, both as a student and after you graduate to:

- // find out more about the realities of working in specific jobs
- // advise you about recruitment processes and marketing yourself effectively
- // help arrange work experience or shadowing.

Virtual networkers can join our LinkedIn Alumni Group, which currently has over 2,000 members.



Derick Adigbli

PhD student, UCL Faculty of Medical Sciences, London, Medicine MBBS BSc (2008)

The UCL Medical School helped me prepare to meet the challenges of life as a junior doctor. The comprehensive curriculum gave me a solid yet versatile foundation to take in to my early years as a clinician. The work I undertook during my intercalated BSc has formed the basis of my PhD in Cancer Therapeutics, which I am undertaking within the same UCL laboratory. My UCL degree provided me with the tools required to succeed in a very competitive profession and helped me to work effectively with others whilst encouraging me to retain an element of innovation and independent thought.

I've made many contacts during my extended time at UCL. I also had the chance to form professional relationships with some of the eminent academics at UCL who have provided invaluable advice and direction in my career as a junior academic clinician, and also had the opportunity to form international collaborations.

Our series of award-winning professional networking events are specifically designed to help new graduates embark on their careers

Sculptor Anthony Gormley is a graduate of UCL's Slade School of Fine Art. He has exhibited throughout the UK and abroad, and won the 1994 Turner Prize. His most famous work, The Angel of the North, stands on a hill near Tyne-side in Northern England



Christine Ohuruogo (Linguistics 2005), 400-metre gold medalist, Olympic Games (2008)



Christopher Nolan (English Literature 1993), director of *Inception*, *The Prestige* and the recent Batman trilogy

Notable UCL Alumni

Here are just a few examples:

Television, film and music

- // **Ricky Gervais**: comedian, actor, writer of *The Office* (Philosophy 1985)
- // **Jeremy Bowen**: journalist – BBC Middle East Editor (History 1982)
- // **Chris Martin** (Ancient World Studies 1999), **Guy Berryman** (Mechanical Engineering 1997), **Jonny Buckland** (Mathematics and Astronomy 1999), **Will Champion** (Anthropology 1999): members of the band, **Coldplay**

Authors

- // **Robert Browning**: author of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* (Greek 1829)
- // **Raymond Briggs**: illustrator, cartoonist and creator of *The Snowman* (Slade School of Fine Art 1957)

Scientists and engineers

- // **Marie Stopes**: pioneer of women's rights (Botany and Geology 1902)
- // **Alexander Graham Bell**: inventor of the telephone (1870)

Artists, architects and designers

- // **Wayne Hemingway**: designer and joint founder of Red or Dead (Geography 1982)
- // **Rachel Whiteread**: sculptor and winner of the 1993 Turner Prize (Slade School of Fine Art 1987)

Politicians

- // **Ito Hirobumi**: first Prime Minister of Japan (1863)
- // **Baroness Shreela Flather**: first female Asian peer (Law 1955)

Sports

- // **David Gower**: former England cricket captain (Law 1976)
- // **Rob Williams**: Olympic silver medalist (2012), lightweight men's coxless four (Biotechnology 2006)

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Catherine de Lange

Freelance Science Journalist and Multimedia Producer, London, Human Sciences BSc (2004)

What really attracted me to Human Sciences was the range of subjects on offer. After a rigorous first year getting to grips with the fundamentals, we were able to choose the direction of our own programme, with courses ranging from genetics to zoology. The fact that Human Sciences students can choose their own courses means they sit in lectures with people who are studying that subject full-time, and have to undertake work at the same level. This teaches you to work independently and get up to speed pretty fast with often unfamiliar subjects. That skill proved invaluable in journalism, where you only have a short time to acquaint yourself with a subject. The dissertation was also interdisciplinary, which really taught me to look at a subject from different perspectives – again, a crucial skill in journalism. The science communication courses I took also taught me how to take complex scientific ideas and make them accessible to a lay audience.

Alumni groups

We have groups of Alumni Volunteers in 61 countries across the globe, from Japan to the USA, making it easy to maintain friendships and make new connections. If you're looking to get in touch with your fellow alumni in the UK or overseas, we can help you organise reunions or recommend a volunteer alumni group in your area. Our international alumni groups connect local communities of professionals, achievers and influencers who share your links with UCL. These groups organise regular get-togethers, including special 'send off' and 'welcome back' events either side of your degree. You can also stay connected on Facebook.

Many student societies and departments organise their own events where alumni speak about careers, lead workshops, judge student competitions and even take part in an annual sports battle.

Staying in touch

All our alumni are entitled to receive a free benefits card which provides you with discounts for London travel and accommodation, and gives you continued access to UCL's bars and libraries.

You'll receive our regular e-newsletter and annual alumni magazine, and have access to our web community and dedicated social networks, to help you stay in touch with friends.

UCL is a hard place to leave but our alumni are always welcomed back!

 www.ucl.ac.uk/alumni

Our professional networking events connect experienced alumni with fellow graduates

