Employers and employment

Whatever you plan to do after your degree, we are here to help you ‘Find your Future’ through advice and support. That’s why around 90%* of UCL undergraduate students enter work or further study within six months of graduating.

Realise your ambitions
We know you will invest considerable time and money undertaking a degree at UCL, and do so to boost your career or undertake further study in the UK or abroad. We take your future ambitions seriously and will help you realise them through individual and group activities.

Our team of professional consultants can discuss your options and assist your progress. UCL students are highly regarded and targeted by employers, who value their academic achievements and the skills they gain through extracurricular activities and work experience.

Helping to enhance your capabilities
UCL Careers and UCLU run a joint programme of skills development activities known as Skills4Work. These involve employers coming onto campus to coach you in areas such as leadership, negotiation and problem solving, while helping you with the application process, from CV writing to mock interviews with feedback.

www.skills4work.net

Just the job – vacancies and information online
UCL JobOnline is our very own online jobs board, promoting about 3,000 jobs a week to students at the university, as well as work experience and intern opportunities. We also have a fully resourced and comprehensive career library and online resources.

UCL Talent Bank is run by UCL Careers and puts you in touch with employers who are actively recruiting UCL students in small and medium-sized organisations for internships and placements or graduate roles. UCL Careers will help coach you through the application and interview process.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers

Subject-specific activities
Every academic department has a specialist careers consultant who helps run a bespoke programme of activities, from talks about career options, to the experiences of previous students and alumni.

Meeting employers
UCL is consistently ranked as one of the world’s very best universities and employers are keen to meet our students and discuss the opportunities they offer. Every year about 800 employers/organisations attend events arranged by UCL Careers, including careers fairs, employer presentations and sector ‘themed weeks’, which may include: employer forums, networking events, talks on how to get into the sector and one-to-one advice sessions.

Grab your passport: many of our students undertake Study Abroad or a year in industry, where they often secure full-time positions

Capco – financial services consultancy
Stephen Harrison, Associate
In the past we’ve had great experiences coming to UCL Careers events, meeting bright people, and getting to tell them about our company. The level of engagement and calibre of student at the events are always excellent. We run annual student internships and historically many of the successful applicants have come from UCL.

UCL is targeted every year by about 800 employers/organisations who value, amongst other things, the academic achievement of our students.

* All data taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), looking at destinations of UK and EU graduates in the 2014 cohort.
UCL was awarded an Employer Review of 99.8 out of 100 in the QS World University Rankings 2015/16.

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The UCL online careers information library has links to over 10,000 careers related websites and resources.

During the academic year 2014/15, UCL Careers held 825 practice interviews for UCL students.

During the academic year 2014/15, 14,248 students visited UCL Careers.

Our Themed Week events are an excellent way of learning more about a sector and getting a feel for the types of roles and organisations within a professional field.

Our Autumn Term Careers Fairs allow you to chat to senior managers, graduate recruiters and UCL alumni from key industry sectors.

Careers without frontiers

For international students, we have specialist careers consultants who manage a multi-topic programme aimed at supporting you while you study at UCL. In addition, we run a series of webinars which enable you to interact with international recruiters without leaving campus.

UCL Careers is part of The Careers Group, University of London, and you can also attend events hosted by them.

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**Other**

On this chart the heading ‘Other’ represents a grouping of activities in which personal circumstance or choice has influenced the graduate’s immediate options, this includes those:

- due to start a job within the next month of the survey date
- travelling (for example, taking a gap year)
- looking after the home or family temporarily sick or unable to work
- seeking work or further study
- not employed but NOT looking for employment, further study or training
- permanently unable to work or retired.

Career destinations of UCL graduates six months after graduation*

- Work (73.6%)
- Work and study (4.4%)
- Study (13.8%)
- Other** (8.2%)

Careers Service

Sophie Watson, Second Year, Classics BA

UCL Careers offers a fantastic amount of support, from forums, to careers fairs, and one-to-one support. There have been themed careers weeks; most recently I attended a careers forum in the Arts and Heritage week, where speakers from the sector with different career paths talked about their experiences and background leading up to their present position. These events give you a wide representation of what is out there, and an insight into each sector. Through this I have gained confidence that the opportunities are out there, it’s just a matter of looking in the right place at the right time. I am still torn between one or two sectors, so am largely undecided about what I want to do, but after having attended a good number of careers events I am planning to apply for an internship for the summer.