UCL (University College London) was the first university in England to admit students regardless of race, class or religion, and the first to admit women on equal terms with men. Throughout its history UCL has sought to be a beacon of liberal and enlightened thought, influencing the development of university education in the UK and beyond.

Today it is an outstanding, world-class, multi-faculty university. UCL is one of the world’s very best universities, and is consistently placed in the global top 10.

7TH
in the world
(QS University Rankings 2017/18)
If you enjoy learning about different subjects, like sharing and developing your ideas with others, and are looking for a challenging experience then apply for a place on our Year 11 programmes this summer.

Travel to or stay on campus...it’s up to you

The Young Researcher programme is best for:

- London students who can travel into UCL over several weeks,
- who would like to work on their academic research skills,
- and conduct deep learning in an area of particular interest.

The Explore UCL residential is ideal for:

- students who live outside of London and would like to visit and stay in the capital,
- and learn more about applying to and attending UCL and what it’s like to be a student in London through a range of information, advice and guidance sessions.

You’ll discover and gain...

- Independent research skills
- Supported transition from GCSE to A Level
- Valuable experience to include in your UCAS personal statement
- New subjects
- Experience working alongside current UCL undergraduate and PhD students
- Opportunities to meet new people and make friends

Important facts

UCL’s main campus is located in Bloomsbury in the heart of London.

There are 120 places on each programme for Year 11 students from non-selective state schools in the UK.

Attendance on both programmes is free of charge.

Refreshments and travel will be provided on each programme.

For the residential summer school; meals, accommodation and evening activities are also provided.
UCL has partnered with the Brilliant Club to create the Year 11 Young Researchers programme: a perfect chance for budding academics to learn alongside a PhD student conducting real academic research.

As one of our Young Researchers, you will attend classes taught by PhD students undertaking cutting edge research at one of the world’s best universities. You’ll hear all about their studies and current projects, and supported by sessions with the Brilliant Club, you’ll gain the skills needed to undertake an academic project of your very own.

Time commitment
The programme takes place between 10:00am–3:00pm on:
- Tuesday, 26 June
- Thursday, 28 July
- Tuesday, 3 July
- Thursday, 5 July
- Tuesday, 10 July
The programme ends with an evening celebration on Tuesday, 31 July.

Subject areas
Six different subject options are available, covering everything from Neuroscience to History. You will select your subject preferences when you apply. We aim to offer you your first choice, however due to limited places, may have to offer another subject as an alternative.
Stay on campus for four days and three nights in central London and get a real taste of university life at UCL.

Working in small groups with students from across the UK, you will participate in workshops and hear from world-class academics in a variety of subject areas. Led by a UCL Student Ambassador, you and your group will have direct access to someone who can answer your questions and fill you in on what life as a student is really like.

Time commitment

Arrive at UCL on Tuesday morning and reside on campus in UCL Halls of Residence until Friday afternoon. Cap off your experience and celebrate your success with a celebration event on Friday.

Information, Advice & Guidance

The week focuses on providing guidance on a range of useful topics such as study skills, personal statement writing and careers, to help you prepare for university and beyond. You will also have group work projects to work on, and a few academic sessions to offer a new perspective on the subjects you’re already studying at school or to introduce you to subjects you haven’t studied or considered studying before. In the evenings, you will take part in social activities to introduce you to student life in London.
Who can apply?

Eligibility

Each programme has 120 places, all available to students attending non-selective state schools in the UK, and who are identified by their teacher as highly able (expected to achieve five or more A/A* or 7–9 grades at GCSE).

We prioritise students who meet the highest number of the following criteria:

- Will be the first generation in their family to attend university;
- Come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education;
- Are in, or have lived under local authority care;
- Have parents from nonprofessional occupations;
- Are currently eligible for free school meals;
- Are from an ethnic group currently underrepresented at UCL.

Our full criteria can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/eligibility

How to apply

What you’ll need

First, talk to your teacher and parent/guardian(s) about the programme(s) you would like to apply for, as you will need their support to make your application. You will need:

- Teacher – work email address, and work telephone number. We will ask your teacher to provide a reference and your application is not complete until the reference is submitted.
- Parent/guardian – correct contact (including postal address) details so that we can seek permission from them for your entry.

Applicant selection

Applications are assessed on your background eligibility and academic ability, including your teacher’s reference. Places will only be awarded to students who can commit to all programme dates. Successful applicants will be prioritised into each programme as follows:

- Explore UCL Summer School – students living outside of London.
- Young Researchers – students living in London.

Key dates

Student applications
Monday, 23 April 2018, 3pm

Teacher references
Wednesday, 25 April 2018, 3pm

Applicants notified via email:
Friday, 11 May 2018, 5pm

Enrolment form deadline:
Friday, 8 June 2018, 5pm

* We always receive more applications than we can offer places for, and it takes time to process these. Please be patient and wait for us to contact you by this date.

To apply

Apply for one or both programmes by completing the online form at

- www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/explore-ucl
- www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/young-researchers