

UNI-LINK AND ASPIRE AMBASSADOR ROLE 2013 -2015

We are recruiting a team of 10 – 15 specially selected Student Ambassadors to work on Uni-Link and Aspire, two long term engagement projects for high achieving Year 12 students from backgrounds which are usually under-represented in Higher Education. You will have the opportunity to work with the same cohort of students at a variety of events over a 15 month period from December 2013 to March 2015.

Student Ambassador Duties on Uni-Link and Aspire:

- Act as a positive role model for higher education throughout the programmes, providing an insight into student life for students who may be the first in their family to apply to university
- Support the Access Officer (Academic Skills) with registration of students at events
- Support the taster lecture tutors during lectures, assist in delivering the sessions and group work
- Lead campus tours
- Give presentations about student life and UCL
- Work with other Student Ambassadors and the Access Officer (Academic Skills) as part of an effective and supportive team
- Respond promptly to emails from the Access Officer (Academic Skills), be punctual and commit to the programmes

Students of any subject may apply; we aim to recruit ambassadors from a variety of subjects. Undergraduate and postgraduate students are welcome to apply.

You will need to be available on the following dates:

Training and induction for new staff	Friday 6 December, 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Aspire Induction Event	Friday 13 December, 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Uni-Link Launch Event	Thursday 6 February, 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Uni-Link Induction Event	Thursday 13 February, 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Aspire Celebration Event	March 2015 (date to be confirmed)
Uni-Link Celebration Event	March 2015 (date to be confirmed)

Apart from these key dates, Ambassadors will be invited to work on events throughout the year, usually on Wednesday afternoons. You will not be expected to work at every event.

Uni-Link Programme

Uni-Link offers support and guidance to students throughout Year 12 and 13 so that they are better prepared to apply to UCL and other competitive universities. The programme runs from February of Year 12 (2014) until March of Year 13 (2015).

The programme includes:

- Launch event and induction event
- Taster lectures in a variety of academic subjects across the sciences and humanities to help students explore a range of degree subjects (February/March 2014)
- Guidance sessions to improve UCAS applications to UCL and other competitive universities and support with writing the UCAS personal statement (April/May 2014)
- Academic skills sessions to develop essential study skills for university such as independent research, academic writing and presentation skills (June/July 2014)

100 students are recruited from around 60 state schools across greater London. They must have achieved strong GCSE grades and be predicted at least ABB at A level (or 34 points in the IB).

Aspire Programme

Aspire offers a similar programme to Uni-Link but is only for a group of up to 50 students from City and Islington College. Aspire is part of the 'UCL and City and Islington College Partnership for Excellence'.

The programme includes:

- Six week subject specific academic development 'twilight' courses to experience university level study which goes beyond the A Level or IB syllabus. These will be taught by current UCL PhD students with experience of teaching Year 12 students and held at City and Islington College. A science themed course and a humanities themed course will be offered, based on the A Level or IB subjects studied by the selected cohort of students. (Depending on group size, one ambassador studying the relevant subject may be needed to support the tutor). (February/March 2014)
- Guidance sessions and academic skills sessions as above. (The Uni-Link and Aspire cohort will attend these sessions together).

Application

To apply, please email Anna Batcheler at a.batcheler@ucl.ac.uk with a short statement explaining why you would like to become a Uni-Link and Aspire Ambassador. Please demonstrate how your experience to date will be relevant to the role and include your degree subject and year you will graduate.

**The deadline for applications is Monday 11 November.
Interviews will be held on 19 and 20 November.**