



Alumni News

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Over the last month, UCL welcomed thousands of new students to the university, as well as familiar faces. While this term is very much online-first, it isn't online-only, and the [safety and wellbeing of our staff and students](#) is paramount. With this in mind, we've launched new initiatives like [free food hampers and meal vouchers](#) for students self-isolating in UCL accommodation, to make sure our community is as safe as possible.

It can be difficult to feel connected with our communities at this moment, as coronavirus cases continue to rise and new measures to curb the spread are introduced. But as a graduate of UCL, you're part of a diverse global network. To give you the opportunity to meet someone new from the community, we're really pleased to be bringing back [UCL Coffee Connect](#), after so many of you enjoyed the first round back in the spring. Sign up by 1 November to be randomly matched with a fellow alum or a current student.

Best wishes,

Annie Thompson
 Deputy Director of Alumni Relations (interim)

UCL news



Our latest laureate

Professor Sir Roger Penrose (UCL Mathematics 1952) is among three scientists who have been awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physics.

[Read the full story >>](#)

Presenting Portico 2020/21

Packed with eye-opening interviews and research breakthroughs, the latest issue of our alumni and supporter magazine is out now.

[Read the latest issue online >>](#)



UCL on demand



Black History Month 2020 at UCL

Students' Union UCL has launched a rich and thought-provoking series of artwork, blogs, online events, and podcasts to celebrate Black History Month.

[Explore online >](#)



US Presidential Election: what to expect

As Election Day draws closer, leading academics from the UCL Centre on US Politics explore the possible outcomes of the election and their impact on America.

[Listen online >](#)



Could COVID-19 save the planet?

Vivienne Parry and UCL experts Professor Jacquie McGlade, Professor Chris Rapley and Dr Rachel Freeman explore the relationship between COVID-19 and the climate crisis, from air pollution to PPE disposal.

[Listen online >](#)



"You See All": UCL's parallel universe

A mythical version of the Bloomsbury campus has been created for you to explore. Pioneered by UCL alumnus Sacha Coward, this online game enables the player to solve puzzles, explore campus safely, and have fun.

[Play online >](#)

Alumni news and opportunities



UCL Coffee Connect returns

Back by popular demand - sign up to take part in the next round of UCL Coffee Connect! We'll randomly match you with a fellow alum or student, then it's over to you to arrange a virtual coffee and informal chat.

[Sign up by Sunday 1 November >>](#)



Making an exchange with Victor Yip

Hong Kong entrepreneur Victor Yip believes everyone should have the opportunity to travel and learn from other cultures. That's why he's launched readytravel.io - a platform enabling easy international currency exchange.

[Read Victor's story >](#)



Blog post: Shakaila Forbes-Bell

To mark Black History Month, we caught up with Shakaila Forbes-Bell - an inspiring alumna carving a path in fashion psychology. She spoke to us about her UCL experience, her career journey, and her top tips for graduates looking to break into niche fields.

[Read Shakaila's story >>](#)



How to... navigate uncertainty

Part of UCL Connect, our professional development programme for alumni, Navigating Uncertainty is a new series of videos and podcasts designed to help you thrive in our 'new normal'.

[Explore the series >>](#)

Upcoming events



It's All Academic: Campaign celebration

Virtual event, 30 November, 3-4 pm GMT

Thanks to alumni support, UCL has achieved the targets of our Campaign, *It's All Academic*. Join us for this online celebration of the Campaign, its impacts, and the people who made it possible.

[Book your place >>](#)

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Recent Graduate Network: US launch

Virtual event, 17 November, 7.30-8.30 pm ET / 6.30 pm CT / 4.30 pm PT

Alumna Dr Nicole McKnight, CEO of Stellate Therapeutics and Vice-President of the UCL Friends & Alumni Association, will offer insights into managing professional uncertainty at this career-oriented networking event from the Recent Graduate Network US.

[Book your place >>](#)

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UCL Connect: How to...build a legal career

Virtual event, 24 November, 5-6 pm GMT

An honest insight into the successes and challenges of building a career in the legal sector. Our panel of legal professionals will share their advice and experiences before taking part in an audience Q&A.

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UCL Connect: In Conversation with... Sebastian Bailey

Virtual event, 26 November, 12.30-1.30 pm GMT

Dr Sebastian Bailey is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Mind Gym and co-author of four Mind Gym books. At this professional development event, he'll give an insight into his life and work.

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