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**UCL
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Guide
2020/21**





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How we can help you

Our team of experienced career professionals is dedicated to helping you find the right path to ensure success in your future career. We have regular contact with employers and gather labour market information so that we can give you the best and most up to date advice, no matter what your starting point or ambition. We are here, not just to help you find graduate jobs or further study positions, but to advise you on the opportunities you have now — during your time at UCL. We will help you to develop employability skills

and to undertake work experience or internships. We also help you consider your options through our events, workshops and one-to-one guidance services. We are here to help you **find *your* future** and we look forward to meeting you either on-line or in person.



Welcome to UCL Careers

Online resources — The UCL Careers website will direct you to a wide range of curated resources related to your career planning, helping you quickly identify key starting points for the areas you're researching.

ucl.ac.uk/careers

Employer connections — We are connected to almost 8,000 employers in the UK and around the world. Recruiters and employers engage with us, throughout the year to participate in a range of careers events and activities.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/employers-directory

Connect with us — Contact us and talk to a careers professional about your options. We can help you with the application process and guide you on how to build a portfolio of experience, so that you're in a better position to access opportunities in your chosen field.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/contact



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£26,000

average starting salary for UCL undergraduates

£28,000

average starting salary for UCL taught postgraduates

£36,000

average starting salary for UCL doctoral graduates

Connect with us

myUCLCareers is the online portal where you can:

- ◆ Book an appointment
- ◆ View our events calendar
- ◆ Access our vacancy board
- ◆ Sign up to our Careers Newsletter
- ◆ Set your personal preferences for news and communications

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myUCLCareers

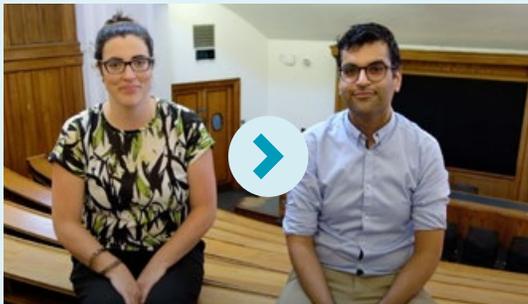
Careers newsletter — Sign-up to receive our newsletter and stay informed of our upcoming opportunities, events and features from employers and staff.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myprofile

Follow us on social media:



Careers YouTube — Subscribe to our YouTube channel for engaging videos on all things careers!



Play video:

youtu.be/0Bw2QDzmHm4

170

number of countries
students come from to
study at UCL 2018/19

10th

overall ranking in
QS World University
Rankings 2021

98.3%

employer reputation
ranking award to UCL in
QS World University
Rankings 2021



Careers Extra

UCL Careers Extra is a programme of additional activities and support for UK undergraduate students (home fee status) from the following groups:

- ◆ neither parent went to university and you went to a UK state school
- ◆ care experienced
- ◆ carer
- ◆ disabled
- ◆ household income below £25,000 (as declared to Student Finance England)
- ◆ black african, black caribbean or mixed black african/white or black caribbean/white
- ◆ received an Access UCL offer

Students signed up to UCL Careers Extra are automatically added to a circulation list for targeted employer events and programmes. They can also apply for bursaries to help cover the cost of undertaking internships, work experience or volunteering, and can access preferential booking for some UCL Careers events, longer careers appointments (with easier booking) and extra careers events that are exclusive to UCL Careers Extra students.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/extra

Fareeha Masood, UK

BA History, 2020

1. What useful things have you done to find work-experience or work in your chosen field?

As I'm not yet certain what field I want to work in, I've found applying to spring weeks in my first year of university really helpful. Word-of-mouth is crucial in finding these opportunities, so ask around your peers and careers advisors to point you towards companies and organisations that offer such schemes.

2. What advice would you give to fellow students on starting their search for work?

Even if you're unsure of what you want to do, try and get some

experience early on. It'll help you understand your likes and dislikes better, and the skills you gain are generally transferrable so will be useful in securing future jobs and opportunities.

3. Why did you take part in an internship?

I took part in an internship to get a taste of what it would be like to work in a certain sector, and decide if this is the field for me before pursuing it as a career.

4. What's the most useful skill you've got from work experience or volunteering?

I've learnt how to present and share my ideas better. A good idea can only make a difference if you're able to get others on board, so this has been a great skill to practice.

5. Have you taken part in any UCL Careers events such a fair or skills session? If so, what did you gain from them?

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Explore your options

› Where to start

Some people know exactly what they want to do from an early age. Others haven't got a clue!

Whether you know what sort of career you're looking for, or don't know where to start, you may find it useful to think more deeply about the sort of person you are, and what sort of work would suit you best.

The next step is to look at the options that are available to you, by exploring the jobs and career paths

that exist in different sectors and industries. By looking at yourself and researching your options, you will be in a better position to **find your future**.

Finally, you will need to learn more about the job application process, and how to succeed when applying for opportunities. Don't forget, UCL Careers is here to help you at each stage along the way.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/options



➤ Self-awareness

You can get a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses from our personality profiling workshops.

Understanding your personality — and how you relate to other people — will give you an insight into the types of work, and working environments, that suit you best.

At UCL Careers, we use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) profiling tool.

Find out more at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/self-awareness

➤ Explore options

Most people find that connecting with people in various roles and exploring the range of career options available to be a key step towards finding the best fit for their skills, preferences, values and personality. To give you some ideas of how to start exploring your options,

UCL Careers suggests you consider the following top tips:

11,695
number of individual
appointments with
career professionals
in 2018/19

- ◆ connect with people in the jobs and sectors that interest you, so that you can find out what their work is really like — to assist you with this, you might find it useful to attend one of our LinkedIn workshops or you could utilise the UCL alumni mentoring service (ucl.ac.uk/careers/options/mentoring)
- ◆ be open to ideas and suggestions and you will have more opportunities to choose from
- ◆ work out what you don't want to do and think about the reasons why — this can help you refine your choices
- ◆ think about the skills and qualifications you need to be successful in a particular role or sector, and consider what you need to do to ensure you have the right experience and employability skills to improve your chances of success

ucl.ac.uk/careers/explore

ucl.ac.uk/careers/occupations



Kam Hussain, UK

BA Geography, 2019

Business Development Executive, RedOptima

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I currently work in sales and marketing at an AI startup after impressing at an Edtech startup which was based in the same co-working space. I also interned at a FoodTech startup. These initial opportunities were provided by UCL Careers (via the Summer Internship Scheme).

2. What skills are involved in your current role?

I need to be accountable and detail oriented – I need to deal with multiple people from various organisations – so I have to be on top of remembering names and understanding contact history (through record keeping and documentation).

3. Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

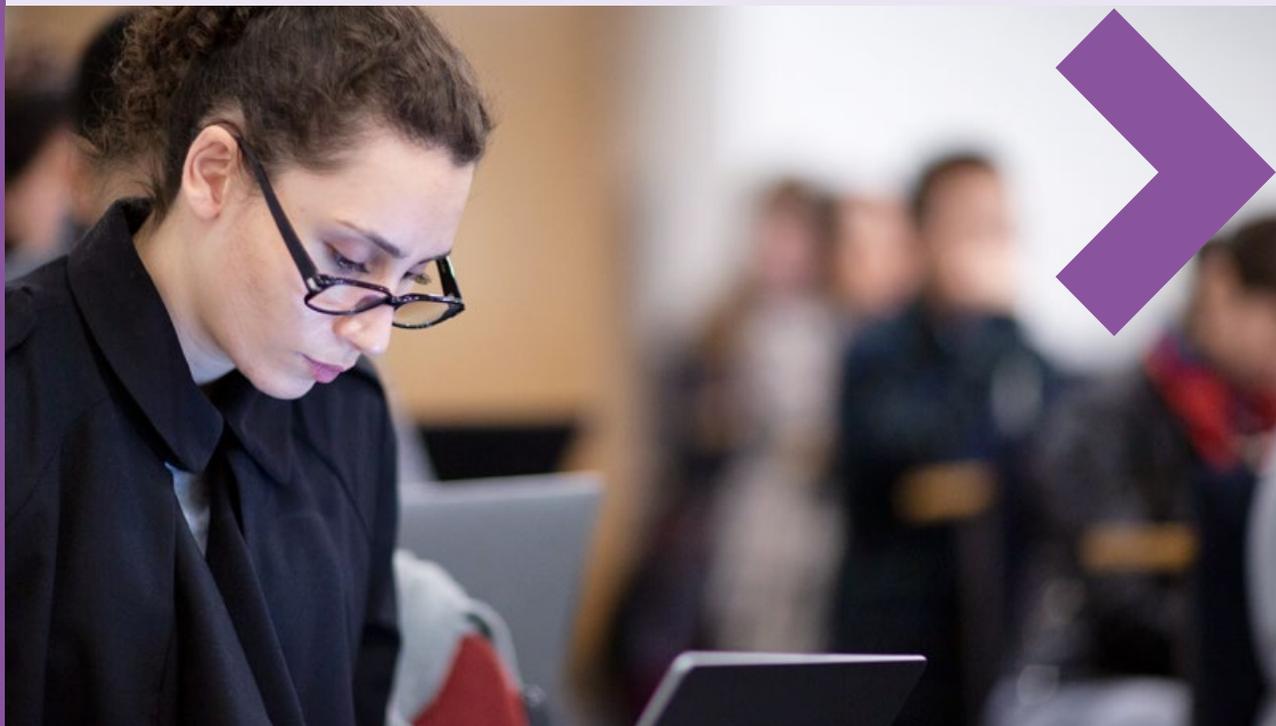
I used myUCLCareers to successfully apply to two tech startups. I can't advocate for this platform enough. There are unique opportunities advertised by large companies as well as local opportunities at startups that you

won't readily find on other job platforms. There are super-hot London startups exclusively targeting UCL students through the Santander scheme so make use of it!

I also made use of the CV check-in service with a UCL Careers Consultant.



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Find opportunities

Once you have a better idea of the direction you'd like to go in, you should start exploring opportunities — internships, part-time opportunities, full-time jobs and volunteering — that might help you on your way.

➤ **Looking for work with myUCLCareers**

myUCLCareers is regularly updated with amazing opportunities from different sectors and employers — including some who are specifically looking for UCL candidates.

- ◆ you can search from thousands of vacancies in the UK and abroad and apply for them online
- ◆ the 'Vacancies' tab displays opportunities where you can apply directly to employers, while the 'UCL Managed Opportunities' tab will show you roles you can apply for through UCL Careers.
- ◆ you can also find any role (Vacancy or Managed Opportunity) by using the filters on the left-hand side when viewing vacancies

Katie Robinson, UK MA Cultural Heritage Studies, 2019

Sustainability Engagement Kick-starter, Sustainable UCL

1. Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

UCL Careers was integral in finding and then securing my current role. I signed up for the Careers weekly vacancy updates, filtered for terms like ‘culture’, ‘art’, ‘heritage’, but most importantly ‘sustainability’ and ‘environment’.

Once I found this internship, I booked an ‘Applications Advice Appointment’ with the Careers team who helped me finesse my Cover Letter and ensure I was showcasing the most relevant information. I then booked another ‘Short Guidance Appointment’ for interview advice. Confessing that I am not particularly confident or eloquent in such situations, the careers consultant was incredibly helpful, offering me tailored advice on how best to approach it.

I wouldn’t have found the vacancy without UCL Careers and might never have secured it without the teams’ help. I now work with them

from the other side on their impressive sustainability initiatives!

2. What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

Be open-minded towards change. The climate crisis is evolving continuously and climate scientists are learning as we go. Being comfortable in this changing climate will suit you well in this sector.



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When you set up a myUCLCareers account, you can set your preferences to include the sectors you're interested in. Your own personal dashboard will highlight the vacancies that match your preferences.

You can also sign up for daily or weekly careers emails. These will alert you to all the latest opportunities that might interest you.

**[ucl.ac.uk/careers/
myUCLCareers-jobs](https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/myUCLCareers-jobs)**



Emily Niner, UK
BA French & Russian,
2016

Participation Manager,
Ambitious about Autism

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

During my time at UCL I did three internships during the summer breaks, my final one through the UCL Summer Internship Scheme. By working at three different charities, I was able to work out what type of role I wanted in the charity sector and developed skills that allowed me to gain my first full-time role.

2. What skills are involved in your current role?

My role is very varied; in a single week I could be running panels and projects for young autistic people, speaking at a conference on autism or writing reports and creating practical resources. To succeed in this role, you need to be open to consistently learning more about autism and special educational needs. You also need to be passionate about improving things for the group of people you work with and resilient in the face of challenges. Working in a small charity also means that you have to help out in other areas such as running events or writing bids for project work.

3. Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

I did the Santander Summer Internship Scheme for 12 weeks. As this scheme was paid, it meant that I was able to stay in London and do interviews for a full-time post, which I achieved in July 2016.

4. What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

Volunteer experience is key. By gaining volunteer experience you can work out which area you want to work in; my internships showed me that I didn't want to work in a fundraising team and that I much preferred frontline work.



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19,527

number of job
vacancies advertised
between August
2019 & July 2020

Internships and jobs

➤ UCL Careers Summer Internship Scheme*

If you are a finalist or a recent graduate you could spend your 2021 summer break getting paid to work as an intern for an SME in London via our UCL Careers Summer Internship Scheme.

From March 2021, you'll be able to browse exclusive opportunities for UCL students and graduates across a range of sectors, using the Managed Opportunities tab on myUCLCareers. The Summer

Internship Scheme is supported by Santander Universities, which means your work can be paid at the London Living Wage.

Further details about the scheme will be released in the new year.

Don't forget to set your myUCLCareers preferences to receive updates if you'd like to be among the first to hear about these opportunities.

[ucl.ac.uk/careers/
summerinternships](https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/summerinternships)

*2020/21 schemes to be confirmed with Santander

Sophia Karski, UK

BA German & Spanish, 2020

1. Why did you take part in an internship? What did you do during your internship?

As a language student, I was always keen on gaining experience abroad. Since English is in such high demand across the world, I was able to teach English in Japan and gain experience as a Technical Translator in Germany.

2. What's the most useful skill you developed during your internship? What did you find most challenging, and most rewarding?

Through my internships abroad, I was able to build an international network of professional contacts whilst also gaining experience within the education and translation industries from the perspective of another country. The most challenging thing was balancing work whilst exploring a new city. The most rewarding was definitely a boost in self-confidence!

3. Have you been able to make use of UCL Careers, if so how did it help?

Through the UCL Global Internship Programme, I was also granted bursaries during two summers for sourcing an internship at

an overseas organisation, which helped a lot and is also a great addition to my CV and HEAR Report!

4. Have you taken part in any UCL Careers events such as fair or skills session? If so, what did you gain from them?

I was a participant of the UCL Global Citizenship Employability Programme at the end of my 2nd year, which helped boost my CV and cover letter writing skills. I also attended CV writing workshops which were very insightful.

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› Internships in UCL Start ups*

UCL Careers are working with Innovation & Enterprise to develop a scheme for internships with the start-up companies within BaseKX. When available, more information will be at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/find-opportunities/work-opportunities

*2020/21 schemes to be confirmed with Santander

› Global Internships Programme

Undertaking an internship outside of the UK and in a country that is new to you offers numerous benefits including:

- ♦ developing your cultural awareness
- ♦ building a global network
- ♦ increasing your confidence

To support you with making this exciting step of working overseas, UCL Careers has developed a Global Internships Programme. The aim of the programme is to connect students with organisations who are looking to recruit summer interns from UCL, while also encouraging students to source their own internships.

Opportunities will be added to myUCLCareers, and you can use resources such as our digital careers library and GoinGlobal to find out more about working in other countries.

Funding may be available to support students with going overseas, so check our website for the most up to date information.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/global-internships

› UCL Unitemps

UCL Unitemps manages the recruitment of student ambassadors and other roles on campus that are often undertaken by UCL students.

unitemps.com/UCL-candidates

› Students' Union UCL Jobshop

If you're looking for work to fit around your studies, you might want to find casual temporary, part-time and seasonal vacancies from the Students' Union UCL Jobshop.

You will need to log in with your UCL ID and password.

studentsunionucl.org/jobshop

› Jobs at UCL

You can browse current vacancies at UCL — both academic and administrative — on the UCL Human Resources page. The search facility allows you to filter results according to your interests, apply for roles online and sign up for email alerts.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobsites





› Working abroad

We can help connect you to the opportunities you want in the UK or overseas.

If you're thinking of working or studying abroad – either during or after your time at UCL – you can take advantage of our events and online resources.

Resources on our website offer guides to different countries and information about studying abroad.

You will find links to resources such as our digital careers library – an online careers library that you can search for more detailed information about working and studying in a specific country.

You can even use your UCL login and password to access GoinGlobal, with advice for more than 30 countries, covering everything from adapting your CV to cultural awareness.

You can also search for internships and other global vacancies on myUCLCareers, by filtering your search by country or region. See more information on our website:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/work-abroad



› Volunteering

Build new skills and meet new people with the Volunteering Service.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop your skills while connecting with other people from across London. Whatever sector you're thinking of for your career, employers really value volunteering experience – it shows commitment, flexibility and a spirit of adventure.

As a UCL student, you've got access to a great range of volunteering roles, with over 500 opportunities on offer. The Volunteering Service – based in Students' Union UCL – is one of the biggest departments of its kind in the UK, helping you find volunteering opportunities that are just right for you.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/volunteering

➤ Further study

Some people embark on further or postgraduate study after their degree to help them progress in their career. Others love their subject and want to study it in greater depth, to further their academic interest. If you are considering further or postgraduate study the following links and services will help you find the right course.

Explore more:

[ucl.ac.uk/careers/
explore-further-study](https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/explore-further-study)

Find opportunities:

[ucl.ac.uk/careers/
opportunities/further-study](https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/further-study)

For information and advice on funding, take a look at the UCL Financial Assistance page, which has links to information on doctoral fellowships, scholarships and prizes, as well as the Financial Assistance Fund.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/funding

➤ Competitions and business challenges

Think you could beat other students from across the UK and around the world to win great prizes, and even paid work experience with top companies?

Get involved with one of the many competitions and business challenges running across industries such as Marketing, Journalism, Financial Trading, Project Management and more!

ucl.ac.uk/careers/competitions





4,876

student footfall at
Careers Fairs

Events

Start exploring your ideas in more depth at one of our many employer events.

Meet employers and UCL alumni to hear them talk about their careers in a wide range of different sectors, and the skills and attributes you need to be successful.



28,010

student footfall at
UCL Careers events



285

number of employer
led events



➤ Careers fairs

Would you like to talk, one to one, with employers who might be interested in hiring you?

We run sector specific Careers Fairs, to give you the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire UCL graduates.

By talking to representatives from a range of recruiting organisations you will get a better idea of what it's like to work in a particular sector or company, and whether it's right for you.

As a UCL student or graduate, you're welcome to attend all UCL Careers Fairs, no matter which course you are studying.

All of our Careers Fairs take place in the evening. Please refer to our website for booking arrangements and you can also sign up for the UCL Careers newsletter:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

All Fairs for 2020 will be held online.

Management Consultancy Fair

Tuesday 6 October 2020
5–8pm

Life & Health Sciences Fair

Monday 12–Friday 16 October 2020
Various time slots available

Banking, Finance & Economics Fair

Tuesday 13 October 2020
5–8pm

IT & Technology Fair

Wednesday 21 October 2020
5–8pm

Engineering & Built Environment Fair

Monday 26 October 2020
5–8pm

Law Fair

Monday 2 November 2020,
5–8pm



Lara Diskus, France
MA Modern European
Studies, 2016

International Publishing
and Licensing Executive,
Dorling Kindersley
(Penguin Random House)

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

Throughout my studies, I used every summer to gain work experience. I did a 3-month internship in a cruising company in my hometown, which led me to work part-time as Sales and Operations Officer in their London branch during my MA at UCL. Thanks to the transferrable skills I developed during this experience, I was able to secure a job in the industry I always had my eye on: publishing. I started as Assistant in Dorling Kindersley's International Publishing and Licensing department, and I was promoted to an executive role within 2 years. My career path to date shows that key skills can be extracted from every experience and greatly benefit one's professional development.

2. Were you able to make use of UCL Careers? If so, how did it help you?

UCL Careers offer many opportunities to prepare for a first

job hunt, interview or entry-level position. As a postgraduate student, I made sure I attended events such as fairs or lectures, where I had the chance to meet people working in various fields. Hearing their advice and first-hand experience was extremely beneficial: it not only built my network, but also gave me an accurate depiction of their working life, which ultimately guided my own choices.

3. If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

Rejection is part of the process of starting out on the job market. It isn't necessarily a reflection of the application's quality, or a take on the applicant's suitability for the job.



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Serena Bhandari, UK
MSc Science, Technology & Society, 2019

1. What useful things have you done to find work-experience or work in your chosen field?

I applied for advertised work experience schemes and sent out speculative emails as well. My boss from an internship during my undergraduate actually ended up offering me my first post-grad job.

2. What advice would you give to fellow students on starting their search for work?

It's hard work, but keep trying. Speculative emails to smaller companies you're interested in especially can pay off. Also, get other people to give you feedback on your cover letters and CV, whether they're your parents, friends or someone else. I had a couple of UCL careers appointments for this, as well as talking to people at the student newspaper I wrote for.

3. What's the most useful skill you've got from work experience or volunteering?

Definitely learning to network and having conversations with senior colleagues has been useful. I feel like the power dynamic between students and lecturers/teachers is very different to that between junior and senior employees so being able

to witness it and get used to the different norms as part of work experience was definitely useful.

4. Did you attend any UCL Careers events?

I went to the Management Consultancy Fair at the start of term 1 2019 and actually found most of the places I applied to there – including the job I'll be starting in September.



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› Jobs Market 2021

Your last chance in the year to meet employers recruiting for roles starting soon. Keep up to date about the Jobs Market held at the end of the Summer term:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs-market



› Themed Weeks

During the Autumn and Spring terms, we run a programme of Themed Weeks covering a variety of industry sectors which are popular with UCL students.

With a mix of panel discussions, presentations and networking events, Themed Weeks are an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about a particular sector from industry professionals, UCL alumni, and careers professionals to give you a better understanding of what you need to succeed in a particular sector.

Themed Week events will be online during the autumn term and reviewed in the spring.

Government & Policy Week

26–30 October 2020

Museums, Arts & Cultural Heritage Week

16–20 November 2020

Media Week

30 November–4 December 2020

Charities & NGOs Week

27–31 January 2021

International Development Week

3–7 February 2021

Careers in Health Week

10–14 February 2021

Sustainability Fortnight

24 February–6 March 2021

Life & Health Sciences Week

9–13 March 2021

Make sure to book your place for each week's events on myUCLCareers. To find them, go to the events section of myUCLCareers and filter by event type.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/themed-weeks

2,375

attendance at Careers
Themed Weeks



› Researchers programme

In collaboration with The Doctoral Skills Development Programme and UCL Organisational Development, UCL Careers provides an extensive programme of careers events for UCL's researcher community, (Research Assistants, Research Students (MRes & PhD) and Postdoctoral Research Staff). Events include forums, networking sessions, Q&A's, workshops, practical skills sessions and career tasters, all led by employers specifically engaged with researchers. This programme is aimed at all researchers looking to explore their career options.

[ucl.ac.uk/careers/
researchers-events](https://ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers-events)

3,063
attendees at
Career Essentials
workshops

54
number of
Career Essentials
workshops

Prepare to apply

Whatever you apply for, there's support available for the whole process; from writing applications to completing aptitude tests, or preparing for interviews and assessment centres.



➤ Career Essentials

A series of Careers Consultant led lunchtime talks and workshops, covering topics such as writing your CV or cover letter, job hunting, networking, career planning and preparing for interviews and assessment centres.

Career Essentials gives you the chance to engage with all aspects of careers management, no matter where you are in your careers thinking.

Career Essentials will be online during the autumn term and reviewed in the spring.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/career-essentials

➤ Career Essentials Online

Access careers know-how when you need it with our e-learning and interactive guides.

Our six-module course is designed to help you learn how to market yourself in your CV, applications and interviews; to understand the graduate job market; and to explore your options and source jobs and work experience.

Courses comprise of information, video tutorials, interactive quizzes and exercises, action sets and key resources to help you move forward and take ownership of your future.

“ I found Career Essentials Online very useful in my preparations for recent interviews and an assessment centre. Videos of typical answers were especially helpful to come up with well structured answers. I succeeded in my assessment centre and received an offer from JP Morgan.”

UCL Postgraduate student 2018

Oris Shenyang, UK
MSc Cognitive Neuroscience, 2019
Associate, HEOR and Access (Health Economist), FIECON

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

Both my BSc and MSc dissertations involved a lot of statistics and programming, which I ended up enjoying a lot. I knew it was important for my career to utilise those analytical skills, but I also wanted a career where I could communicate my findings on a day to day basis. Most importantly, I wanted a job which would ultimately help people in some way. I think my interdisciplinary skills and interests really paved the way to my role at FIECON.

2. Were you able to make use of UCL Careers? If so, how did it help you?

Yes, I had an appointment with UCL careers shortly after beginning my MSc. I feel like the trajectory for a lot of people pursuing postgraduate education especially was a PhD, but I wasn't sure that was something that I wanted. It was reassuring for me to know that there were lots of different sectors where I could use my degree.

3. What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

Internships in any field are invaluable. Even if you don't end up pursuing an internship in your desired field, they help you to understand what you enjoy in a job.

4. If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

Don't be scared to try lots of different things. Putting yourself out there might be scary at first, but its almost always worth it. If its not, then at least you learned something from it.



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➤ Employer-led skills sessions

Do you want support in developing the skills, strengths, and qualities employers are typically looking for?

Our skills development programme helps you develop key skills, providing employer-led panel discussions, workshops and coaching. Working in consultation with the Students' Union UCL, these interactive sessions help to upskill and develop your knowledge in areas such as teamwork, leadership, application forms and interviews.

We work with a diverse range of organisations, graduate recruiters and career professionals on our events.

Employer-led skills sessions and Panel discussions will be online during the autumn term and reviewed in the spring.



➤ Panel discussions

Panel discussions are great for:

- ◆ insight into how different sectors view and look for skills
- ◆ expert advice on how to improve those skills
- ◆ hearing from up to five employers from different sectors share their thoughts on what you can do to stand out from the crowd
- ◆ showing you how to make the best of your application forms, CVs and covering letters
- ◆ learning about success at interviews
- ◆ each panel discussion also offers you the chance to ask the questions that matter to you.



➤ Workshops

Employability skills are crucial to success in any career — and you can learn them directly from employers at one of our interactive workshops. Topics include commercial awareness, negotiation skills, presenting and influencing, and more.

David Wang, China
BSc Medicinal
Chemistry, 2014
Healthcare Consultant,
ZS Associates

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I had my first taste of consulting in my second year at UCL when I took part in the UCL Summer Internship Scheme at Evalucom. Although I chose to pursue a DPhil in Organic Chemistry at Oxford University after graduating from UCL, I continued to spend my extra-curricular time organising student events and working on consultancy projects. Ultimately, after completing my PhD, I decided to return to healthcare consulting.

2. What skills are involved in your current role?

1. Structured and unstructured problem-solving
2. Teamwork and collaboration
3. Relationship building and management

4. What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

Prepare for your application – refine your CV and practise case study interviews.

5. If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

Enjoy your time at UCL, make loads of international friends and actively participate in extra-curricular activities. Beyond your tutorials and exams, it's also important to hone your soft skills and broaden your network.



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› Coaching

One-to-one coaching from an employer will help you get your CV up to scratch or provide valuable feedback on an application. You can also practice your interview techniques. Find out more about what we offer on our website.

› Mock Assessment Centres

A half day interactive workshop designed to give you practical experience of typical assessment centre exercises. Sessions will be led by a variety of graduate recruiters who will assess your performance in each activity and provide feedback.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/skills



Specialist support

› Alumni mentoring

Would it help to talk to someone who has been in your shoes?

Students from all levels of study, connect and learn from volunteer alumni mentors worldwide through UCL's exclusive Alumni Online Community.

Whether you are seeking professional advice to perfect your CV or want to explore a particular career path - build global connections, gain valuable employability skills, and learn from experienced UCL alumni professionals who are ready to support you.

uclalumniconnunity.org/



› UCL Innovation & Enterprise

Make the most of your time at UCL and beyond by developing entrepreneurial skills and thinking.

Enterprise helps students, staff and alumni to be innovative in their chosen career and to start up new businesses and social enterprises.



Entrepreneurial skills are vital if you want to positively contribute to global challenges and create a better society. No matter what career you have ahead of you, skills to innovate and to be entrepreneurial will be valuable.

ucl.ac.uk/enterprise

› UCL Connect

Tap into the professional expertise of the UCL alumni community through UCL Connect, our award-winning professional development programme of events, resources and networking opportunities. Aimed at students and new graduates, this is your chance to find out how to break into an industry or sector and learn from alumni experts across UCL's global community.

Theo Margolius, UK

BSc Economics, 2015

COO & Co-founder, Otta

1. What skills are involved in your current role?

Being an early stage founder requires you to wear a lot of different hats! One hour you'll be meeting potential investors to try and raise money, the next you'll be on a call with a customer trying to get their feedback on the product, then you'll be interviewing a candidate and trying to convince them to work for you. If I had to pick one skill, I would say persistence. You need to believe that your idea needs to exist even when things are going wrong.

2. What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

I'm really passionate about encouraging people to work for startups, which is why I started Otta. If you want to work for startups or build your own business in the future, it helps a lot to be entrepreneurial early on and try out different ideas. While at UCL, I tried to start a tutoring business. It didn't work out, but that didn't matter because I learnt a lot of valuable skills that helped me the next time around. If you have an idea, don't be afraid to try



and make something of it in your spare time, what's the worst that can happen?

3. What is on the horizon within your industry/company that our students can learn and get excited about?

In my view, startups are by far the most exciting places to work. No two days are the same and the priorities of the business are constantly changing, which means you're almost always learning something new.



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› Global Alumni Groups

Connect with alumni around the world by joining one of our global alumni groups. Groups regularly host fun and inspiring activities so wherever you are, you can build new relationships with alumni who are willing to support you and your career journey.

ucl.ac.uk/alumni/clubs-and-networks/global-alumni-groups

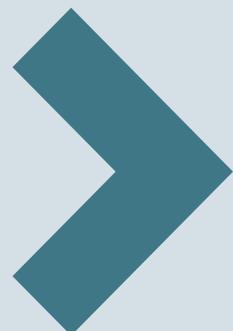
› Develop skills through Students' Union UCL

Leading a club or society, or even just joining one and being an active member, will give you opportunities to develop skills that employers really look for. Skills like leading a group, managing a budget, fundraising and pitching, communication and events coordination are all part of everyday life for students in clubs and societies. On top of this, joining clubs and societies gives you access to training and development

opportunities to really help you set yourself apart. Anyone can join, at any time of the year. Start your journey here studentsunionucl.org/clubs-and-societies

› International Students

Whether you're thinking about working in the UK or planning to return home after your time at UCL, our talks and workshops will help you *find your future*. See the events calendar on myUCLCareers for more information and don't forget to set your preferences to receive event updates.



Aliza Ayaz, Pakistan/UAE

Bsc Population Health Science, 2020

1. What useful things have you done to find work-experience or work in your chosen field?

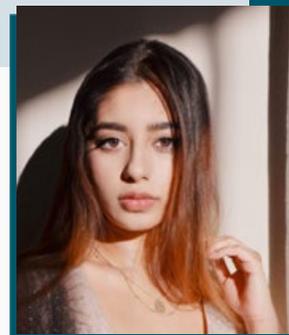
I worked with the Energy Social Research Unit at Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy with the UK Government.

I conducted a Home Retrofit Literature Review that drew together the available evidence on the home retrofit market. The literature review fed into policy development for the Buildings Mission ambition to halve the cost of retrofit by 2050. This is one of the Grand Challenges and a key area for the Energy Efficiency and Local (EEL) policy team.

2. Why did you arrange/take part in an internship or volunteering?

At the end of the day, no one wants to see a robot – a mind numbing workaholic (climate fanatic in my case). They want to see a human being.

I just realised, I had to live the product I wanted the world to be - Volunteering or interning felt more authentic versus me being someone I wasn't, and I wasn't just a global health student at university.



3. Are you excited about your future career? If so, why?

UCL Careers helped me make connections and develop the skills needed to turn Climate Action Society (CAS) – a nonprofit student society – into a movement. I am excited to continue running CAS which educates, advocates and acts for climate-change resolution across multiple campuses and cities, making climate action more engaging, applicable and affordable. UCL has taught me how to create the change you want to see while being your authentic self.



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Sree Vinayak, India
MSc Construction
Economics &
Management, 2016
Management
Consultant, Invennt Ltd.

1. How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I completed my undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering and had worked for about 5 years for one of India's largest construction businesses before I decided to undertake my MSc at UCL. The course at UCL was a unique amalgamation of subjects which opened a lot of prospective pathways in terms of a career.

I was particular about using my industry knowledge and experience in India but lacked an understanding of the sector in the UK. I applied for internship positions to businesses in the UK before arriving in the UK for my postgraduate studies. It was a difficult endeavour, but I eventually managed to land an internship within a Management Consultancy.

2. Were you able to make use of UCL Careers? If so, how did it help you?

The careers team at UCL ensured that I had clear visibility of the multiple pathways I could take after completing the course. I also had

one-to-one sessions to validate my CV, agree on the tone of the covering letter and enable me to make a compelling application for the jobs I wanted to apply for.

3. If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

There is no point in sending the same CV and cover letter to 100 applications. Build a standard CV and a cover letter and then tailor it to the specific application. Do keep a track of all the applications and do not forget to follow-up or ask for feedback in case you are unsuccessful. It is key to understand that you may not be successful in all your job applications and that the key to success is being determined.



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Researchers

Are you completing your research studentship or research staff position?

UCL Careers is here for you at every stage of finding your future. We recognise that, as a researcher, you need specialist advice about how to use your qualification and expertise.

You may want to stay in academia, or move to a new career. Perhaps you need to learn more about your options.

Whatever stage you're at, UCL Careers has a dedicated team to support you.

› One-to-one advice

You can book a one-to-one appointment with one of our specialist careers consultants for researchers throughout the year.

Appointments last up to 30 minutes and are an opportunity for you to seek guidance on your career path and ask questions or get feedback on an application.

If you're preparing for an interview, we can also help by offering you a practice interview session. We can support you whether you are looking to progress in academia or beyond.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice

What to expect from an application advice appointment:



Play video:
youtu.be/cKCVddXL34M

› Events for researchers

We organise skills workshops and sector-specific careers events, designed for researchers.

Our specialist careers consultants deliver workshops on career planning, application and interview skills and invited employer representatives deliver workshops on work-place relevant skills.

Sector-specific events typically involve question and answer sessions with panels of guest speakers with backgrounds in academic research. You'll see the ways they are applying their skills and expertise to exciting careers.

› Information & vacancy provision

We believe that an essential part of effective career management is to learn how others have managed their careers successfully.

Researchers can learn about the career paths of people after a research studentship through our events programme and our online collection of case studies, including doctoral graduates from UCL and beyond.

Research students also have access to our myUCLCareers database of internships and fulltime job opportunities. This includes opportunities where research skills or a research qualification may be essential or desirable.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers

› Online resources

If you would still like some ideas about finding your future, you may find the resources on our website interesting and helpful.

Our resources give you the opportunity to watch interviews with research qualification holders in a variety of occupations from across the working world.

There are also seminars on aspects of the application process from a researcher's perspective, such as writing an effective academic CV, funding proposal or personal statement.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers

4,000

UCL Careers online careers information library links to websites and resources on careers

52

number of student and staff research specific events

Graduates

About to finish your degree course at UCL?

Your time at UCL may be nearly over but we're still here to help you find **your future** for three years after you leave.



› One-to-one advice

You'll have continued access to one-to-one support through a range of different appointment types, just as you did when you were a student. We can help you explore options for work or further study, help you consider the best route for you and assist with the application process.

If you're preparing for an interview (whether via video or in-person), we can help by offering you a practice interview session that includes:

- ◆ a mock interview
- ◆ feedback on your performance covering your general interview technique as well as the quality of your answers

- ◆ advice and tips on how improve
- ◆ time for you to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have

We offer remote appointments so that you can connect with us, wherever you are in the world.

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› Events

You are still welcome to join us at Careers Fairs and employer presentations, where you will have the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/events-list



› Jobs

You will find UK-based and global graduate job opportunities on myUCLCareers. Find out more at:

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