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Abhishek Gulati (He/Him)

MSc Management, 2018

Lead: Strategic Initiatives & Global Education, Mindler Pan-India, Middle East

How did you secure your current job?

After graduating from UCL, I joined Tiffany&Co. in London as a Retail Operations specialist and worked across functions with the brand. Then I joined Gucci in India, where I curated events for clients and supported the retail ecosystem. An opportunity came up to join a growing EdTech start-up, Mindler, based in India and the Middle East. Here I Lead Strategic Initiatives and I have built their global education vertical. I have also been teaching Luxury Branding to MBA students in India. All my roles have been secured through consistent and deliberate networking. I am a firm believer in transferrable skills, so every experience gained is a value addition.

What are the core duties of your role and what skills are important?

Communication, networking, problem solving, data interpretation, analytical skills and project management.

I lead business sales, planning and operations to drive user requisition and revenue growth. I am also responsible for building the sales team and ensure customer

satisfaction. To do this, I utilise skills such as communication, networking, problem solving and project management – to name a few!

How did your time at UCL prepare you?

UCL was lifechanging for me. It allowed me to realise what my core strengths are and how do I use the to my advantage. I believe each facet of my experience at UCL enabled me to develop and grow holistically. UCL Careers did help me to connect with certain professionals, and I did attend the events that the university hosted throughout the program.

Were there any challenges in your job hunt? Oh yes, job hunting was anything but easy. The visa sponsorship and finding the right roles were challenges.

Top tips for current students:

- ◆ Be intentional in your approach when you network. It should not be a half-hearted attempt.
- ◆ Be consistent, things might not go your way initially, but eventually they will work out in the best way for you.
- ◆ Start early when it comes to the job hunt, don't wait for opportunities.



How can we help you

Our team of experienced careers professionals are 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
- ◆ One-to-one guidance services.

We are here to help you **find your future.**



£30,275*

average starting
salary for UCL taught
postgraduates

Online resources – The UCL Careers website will direct you to a wide range of curated resources related to your career planning, such as the Careers Discovery Feed, helping you quickly identify key starting points for the areas you are researching. ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/information

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 as well as providing job opportunities for UCL students. ucl.ac.uk/careers/employersdirectory

Dedicated careers consultants 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/about-us/get-one-one-advice

£31,500*

average starting
salary for UCL
undergraduates

* Data taken from Graduate Outcomes 2019-20

Connect with us

myUCLCareers is your 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

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161

number of countries
students came from to
study at UCL 2021-22

8th

overall ranking in
QS World University
Rankings 2022

16th

employer reputation
ranking award to UCL in
QS World University
Rankings 2022



Students who sign up to UCL Careers Extra will be added to a circulation list for events and programmes that may be of interest.

Are you eligible to join Careers Extra?

You need to be a UK (home fee status) undergraduate student at UCL and belong to one or more of the following groups:

- ◆ Neither parent went to university, and you went to a UK state school
- ◆ Care experienced or estranged student

- ◆ Carer
- ◆ Disabled or you have a long-term health condition
- ◆ Household income below £25,000 (as declared to Student Finance England)
- ◆ Black British African, Black British Caribbean, British Black Other, British Black Mixed
- ◆ Received an Access UCL offer.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/extra

Careers Extra

UCL Careers Extra is a programme of enhanced careers support for UCL undergraduates from under-represented groups.

The programme includes:

- ◆ Bursary scheme to support students in gaining career useful experience
- ◆ Alumni mentoring scheme
- ◆ Buddy scheme pairing first years with Careers Extra students already at UCL
- ◆ One-to-one appointments with the Careers Extra team to discuss career ideas, work on applications and prepare for interviews
- ◆ Priority booking for some UCL Careers events
- ◆ Dedicated Moodle resources, including other Careers Extra students' career stories.





13,009

number of individual appointments with careers professionals in 2021-22

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 therefore 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.

- ◆ 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

➤ Explore options

Most students find that connecting with people in various roles helps to explore the range of career options available. This can be a key step toward finding the best fit for your 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:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Learn more about different areas of work – you might even surprise yourself
- ◆ Work out what you do not want to do and think about the reasons why – this can help you refine your choices



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

- ◆ View a variety of vacancies where recruitment is managed by both UCL Careers or directly with employers
- ◆ Find all opportunities by using the filters on the left-hand side when viewing vacancies

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 vacancies emails. These will alert you to all the latest opportunities that might interest you. ucl.ac.uk/careers/myUCLCareers-jobs



Gabriel Arusoae (He/Him)

History, 2018

Software Engineer, London, UK

How did you secure your current job? After graduating in 2018 I took six months out to try to figure out what I wanted to do next. Although Humanities is/was a great passion of mine I was always passionate about tech and all things tech. I therefore took some online courses and learned the basic skills in order to apply to some entry level tech roles. I went to interviews and landed my first one.

What are the core duties of your role and what skills are important?

I am part of the web/infrastructure team in my current role, dealing with the business-critical systems that help run the digital products that my company markets and sells. Teamwork, communication, selflessness and attentiveness to detail are some of the skills important to my role.

How did your time at UCL prepare you?

A combination of UCL Careers panel sessions with UCL alumni and my interest in branching out away from my degree. Trying new activities and meeting new people with different perspectives on life from different societies and parts

of UCL, ensured that my experience at UCL was rich and varied. I did not want to “box” myself in to just my degree as I felt like that would severely limit my experience at university and I wanted to make the most of it all. These experiences helped me to also think outside of the box when it came to what I wanted to do next in the workplace.

Were there any challenges in your job hunt?

Having little to no commercial experience was a bit of a barrier, but arguably more of a mental barrier as although many job descriptions on LinkedIn or other job boards can be quite verbose and make you feel like you are “not ready” you should believe in yourself and let your passion for the role shine through in your interview.

Top tips for current students:

1. Always be vigilant and open-minded when it comes to opportunities.
2. Whatever you are interested in, convey a genuine sense of passion for it in the interviews.
3. Never give up.

Harmony Jiang (She/her)

MSc Dementia: Causes, Treatments and Research (Neuroscience Pathway), 2018

Research Assistant, London, UK

How did you secure your current job?

Straight after my masters I moved back to my parent's house where I applied for numerous jobs. After a few months I eventually started volunteering in my local NHS mental health trust, helping with activities in the research department, such as helping to man the 'Join Dementia Research' stand in the local community. I was offered a full-time post as a Research Assistant in the department. Since then I have worked as a Clinical Studies Officer and Research Assistant in two more NHS trusts.

What are the core duties of your role and what skills are important?

I recruit participants, collect data, analyse data and help to write-up papers for mental health research studies. Being empathic is a really important one when working with mental health patients. Being organised, self-motivated and being a good team-player helps massively when working in research.

How did your time at UCL prepare you?

I think it was really during my MSc research project at UCL that I realised that I wanted to work in research. Being a part of a quick-paced but close-knit research team was really exciting and inspiring to me. It was an invaluable insight into what working in research might look like.

Were there any challenges in your job hunt?

Yes! After my masters I applied for so many jobs and got a lot of rejections. I tried to ask for feedback, especially for any interviews I had. I used material from my previous applications so that my CV and personal statements gradually improved. A strong support network is important here: my parents really helped to keep me motivated and optimistic in my job-hunt post-masters.

Top tips for current students:

- ◆ Rejection is redirection!
- ◆ Twitter has its limitations but I found that many people tweeted advertising research assistant/PhD positions.
- ◆ Be open to other opportunities which might not have been in your plan originally.



Internships and jobs

► Internships and work experiences

At UCL Careers we know that students gain a variety of skills and career-boosting experience through internships, such as:

- ◆ Internships that take place during university vacation periods
- ◆ An internship taken after your degree programme has finished
- ◆ A year in industry where you have interrupted your degree.

You can browse internships and work experiences on the myUCLCareers jobs board. Make sure you've had a look through the advice on our website on sourcing and making the most of internships. You can also make use of our Internships Toolkit and our application and CV advice resources.

UCL Careers also runs managed schemes to help connect you to exciting opportunities, locally and even globally. Alongside internship schemes focusing on London,

and even within UCL, our Global Internship Programme supports students to undertake an internship abroad – helping you to develop your global awareness and build your network internationally. For up to date information about the internship schemes currently run by UCL Careers, please keep an eye on our website. ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/jobs/internships

➤ **Simulated Work Experience**

Get an insight into what it would be like to work in specific sectors and companies – completely virtually. UCL Careers have partnered with Bright Network and Forage to enable you to try out bite-sized virtual work experiences in a variety of organisations. You might like to apply to take part in one of Bright Network’s annual three-day online programmes, taking place in the summer term, to offer simulated work experience. Choose from between a range of sectors, delivered by leading employers and industry experts, and contribute to a project that simulates real-life graduate work. You can also access Forage’s virtual work experience programmes at any time and at your own pace. These programmes let you sample “lifelike” tasks that provide a better understanding of what it might be like to be a junior employee at a leading company. Taking about 5-6 hours to complete

in total, you can enrol and start your choice of programme whenever you wish. To read more and access these programmes, please visit our website. ucl.ac.uk/careers/simulated-work-experience

➤ **UCL Unitemps**

UCL Unitemps manages the recruitment of student ambassadors and other paid roles on campus that are often undertaken by UCL students. You could even undertake roles that support UCL Careers, such as working as a student journalist or a steward at one of our events, gaining useful experience in the process ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/unitemps

➤ **Students’ Union UCL Jobshop**

If you’re looking for work to fit around your studies, you might want to browse 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



Hiba Alobaydi (She/Her) **MA Architectural History, 2016** **Assistant Editor, London, UK**

How did you secure your current job? Hard work, resilience and resourcefulness have been instrumental in my success. Following my BA, I spent a year undertaking various internships to help build up my experience. Then, during my MA, I volunteered at the Design Museum as part of their very first editorial team before landing my current position as Assistant Editor at Foster + Partners. Most recently, I was named a ‘Rising Star’ by the RIBA Journal.

What are the core duties of your role and what skills are important? I work with the editor to produce Foster + Partners’ journal, +Plus, and publications to the highest international standard. Keen attention to detail, ability to work under pressure, organisation, interpersonal and written communication skills are all incredibly important to the role.

How did your time at UCL prepare you? I would say that my time at UCL exposed me to a breadth of knowledge and alternate ways of thinking about the built environment that I hadn’t considered prior to undertaking my studies, which has proved invaluable.

Were you able to make use of support at UCL?

The UCL Alumni Community has given me a newfound appreciation for – and motivated me to engage with UCL.

Were there any challenges in your job hunt? How did you overcome these?

There were many challenges during my job hunt – especially early on. I think there’s a lot to be said for casting your net far and wide and being unafraid to take chances on people e.g., reaching out to people whose career you admire on LinkedIn.

Also, if you believe a decision is right for your career then by all means go for it! A lot of people fail to trust their intuition with regards to vocational decisions.

Top tips for current students:

Obviously, given the current state of things and the exceptionally competitive job market, I would say do everything in your power to give yourself a fighting chance. So, if that means rewriting your CV, overhauling your social media presence or even starting a blog – do it!





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➤ Working abroad

If you're thinking of working or studying abroad – either during or after your time at UCL – our events and online resources will be helpful to you.

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

We also provide funding for students who have self-sourced an internship opportunity abroad to help with the additional costs involved.

For more information: ucl.ac.uk/careers/finding-opportunities/work-opportunities/global-internships-programme

UCL Study Abroad also offers a range of global opportunities for current undergraduate students. Please visit their page for more information: ucl.ac.uk/students/go-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 fantastic 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

studentsunionucl.org/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-youroptions/explore-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

Katherine O'Neil (She/Her)

Urban Design & City Planning,
2019

**Owner & Placemaking
Consultant, Builtfully Boston,
Massachusetts, US**

How did you secure your current job? After I graduated, I decided to grow my passion project, Builtfully. This placemaking business showcases the benefits of beautifully built and better places for all. My Masters at UCL gave me the confidence, skills, and expertise to do this. During the last couple of years, I have been President of a design museum board and joined a local non-profit to improve our main street.

What are the core duties of your role and what skills are important?

My business revolves around placemaking consultations, events, and content. I have started a blog, am selling my photography, providing resources, and design consultants. Through the main street organisation design committee, I co-organise an event series for creatives to build community and connections. My skills come from what I learned in my programme, experience, and education over the years.

Were you able to make use of support at UCL?

I learned how to enhance my writing, communications design, and project management skills at UCL. I discovered my strength at public speaking and working well in a team. I got to know and learn from people from all over the world. London is a vibrant and inspiring study place with many resources, history, and beauty. I hope others choose to do a study abroad year because it was life-changing for me! I am so happy there is an UCL Alumni Group in Boston to stay connected to the UCL community!

Were there any challenges in your job hunt? How did you overcome these?

During the pandemic, it was difficult doing community events and activating public spaces. Finding ways to connect I started a Mastermind group, led Board meetings, and networked, all online. Once I could network in person, I got out there and connected with people.

Top tips for current students:

Realise you can learn from your fellow classmates as well as your books and professors. Treat London as a place to find inspiration from.



34,677
student attendance
at UCL Careers
events in 2021-22

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.

› 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. We also regularly run "Prepare for the Fair" talks in autumn term to help you make the most of these events. ucl.ac.uk/careers/about/events/careers-fairs

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

Please refer to our website for booking arrangements and you can also sign up for the UCL Careers newsletter: ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

› Dates of Fairs

Shanghai Joint Fair *Virtual*

Wednesday 21 September
8.30am–12.30pm

Management Consultancy *On Campus*

Wednesday 12 October
4–7pm

Management Consultancy *Virtual*

Thursday 13 October
4–7pm

Life & Health Sciences *Virtual*

Monday 17 October
4–7pm

Banking, Finance & Economics *On Campus*

Wednesday 19 October
4–7pm

Banking, Finance & Economics *Virtual*

Thursday 20 October
4–7pm

Law *On Campus*

Monday 24 October
4–7pm

Law *Virtual*

Tuesday 25 October 4–7pm

IT & Technology *On Campus*

Wednesday 26 October 4–7pm

IT & Technology *Virtual*

Thursday 27 October
4–7pm

Engineering & The Built Environment *On Campus*

Tuesday 1 November
4–7pm

Engineering & The Built Environment *Virtual*

Wednesday 2 November
4–7pm

› Jobs Market

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

241

number of employer led events in 2021/22



› Sector Insight Events

Throughout term time, we run events bringing in recruiters, alumni, and industry experts from a range of sectors to meet UCL students.

We regularly hold panel events, presentations, networking events, and even skills masterclasses to give you opportunities to learn more about particular sector and what you need to succeed in it as well as crucial insights into the day to day tasks of popular graduate occupations.

Sectors covered include:

- ◆ Life & Health Sciences
- ◆ International Development
- ◆ Government & Policy
- ◆ Charities & NGOs

- ◆ Museums, Arts, & Cultural Heritage
- ◆ Sustainability
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Academia

Keep an eye on our events feed for featured upcoming events ucl.ac.uk/careers/about-us/upcoming-events and visit your myUCLCareers profile for the full calendar, booking options, and to subscribe to receive updates on what's coming up.

You can also browse some of our past sector-focused resources on our website. ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/themed-weeks-archive

Nick Lawrie (He/Him)

MA/PGCE 2020/21 ongoing

Teacher of Business,
London, UK

How did you secure your current job?

After 25 years in marketing, I decided to go into secondary school teaching. I was lucky to have achieved the key goals I set out to do and was keen to build on the training, mentoring, and presenting experience I had built up. I spent a year as a cover supervisor to see if secondary school was right for me. This gave me references and experience to help me secure my PGCE training at UCL. I spent two years teaching the subject I trained in (History) but in September 2022, will be a Teacher of Business at a Sixth Form College, allowing me to connect the dots with previous commercial experience.

Were you able to make use of support at UCL?

My first course at UCL was a PGCE so we had two placements built into the course, which were key to see if teaching was still suitable to pursue. I found out that with the training and support provided by UCL, I was able to learn several new skills. I had to be ruthless and adapt from the levels of presentations from my marketing days to that which made sense

for secondary pupils. UCL Careers listed some teaching jobs but I was more interested in the UCL connected school and the UCL Academy to see if any vacancies came available. The Masters module I did on Holocaust in the Curriculum was an excellent course in critical thinking and analysis and I am currently using my Masters credits towards a Masters in Digital Media and Communication.

Were there any challenges in your job hunt?

As a recently trained teacher, I found myself coming up against those more experienced. However, I worked out where my strengths were and hoped these would stand me out amongst the competition.

Top tips for current students:

- ◆ Try and meet people outside your faculty, whether through clubs or societies
- ◆ Try and volunteer with companies you might be interested in working for
- ◆ Try and make use of as many of UCL's facilities while you can, as these can become much harder to access once you leave and enter professional life.



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. You can view featured events here: ucl.ac.uk/careers/about-us/upcoming-events

➤ Employer-led Skills Programme

Do you want support in developing the skills, strengths, and qualities employers are typically looking for? Our employer-led skills programme helps you to identify and develop key

employability skills, via employer-led panel discussions, workshops and coaching. These interactive sessions help to upskill and develop your knowledge in areas such as teamwork, leadership, application forms, interviews and assessment centres. We work with a diverse range of organisations, graduate recruiters, career professionals and alumni on our events to demystify graduate recruitment processes and provide insights and practical support for progressing in your graduate career.

➤ Panel discussions

Panel discussions are great for providing insight into how different sectors' view and look for skills. Gain expert advice on how to improve your skills from up to five employers across different sectors who share their thoughts on what you can do to stand out from the crowd, show you how to make the best of your application forms, CVs, and covering letters, and learn 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 problem solving, networking, digital skills and more.

➤ 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

An 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

➤ Guidance from UCL graduates: 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, UCL Connect is here to help you develop the knowledge and skills you need to thrive in your career. ucl.ac.uk/alumni/lifelong-learning/professional-development-ucl

➤ UCL Innovation & Enterprise

Make the most of your time at UCL and beyond by developing entrepreneurial skills and thinking. UCL Innovation & Enterprise can help you:

- ◆ Gain a competitive edge and equip yourself with transferable life and business skills that can be useful in any market, industry or sector.

- ◆ Start your own business or social enterprise with the safety net of UCL behind you. Get expert, practical and confidential advice to help kick start and accelerate your own venture. You'll also have access to free dynamic office space that's available for UCL student and graduate startups.
- ◆ Take advantage of our dedicated doctoral student entrepreneurship programme (SPERO). You'll boost your career outlook by learning how to identify and seize opportunities and have an impact on the world. You will find out why researchers make great entrepreneurs and receive support in setting up your own start-up venture.

ucl.ac.uk/enterprise

➤ 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 value. 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-societies

Other opportunities through Students' Union UCL include being a Student Representative, in these roles you'll develop skills like communication and negotiation, as well as have access to training and development programmes.

studentsunionucl.org/academic-reps

➤ 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*. We host regular talks from the UCL Visa and Immigration Team on visa options for working in the UK after your studies and organise a selection of additional events each year. Typical events include the opportunity to talk to UCL international graduates currently working in the UK in a panel event and a workshop to help you build cross cultural knowledge.

See the events calendar on myUCLCareers for more information and don't forget to set your preferences to receive event updates.

➤ Students with disabilities/long-term health conditions

If you have a disability or long-term health condition we can discuss with you how best to approach job hunting, do your best in recruitment processes and also whether, when or how to discuss your disability or health condition with employers.

We are committed to ensuring all our careers activities are accessible to you so please email careers.disability@ucl.ac.uk to discuss any adjustments we might need to make for you. You can also use that email address to request a longer one-to-one appointment with a Careers Consultant, to ensure you have enough time to talk through your situation.





Researchers

› 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/researchers

› Events and Workshops for researchers

UCL Careers provides an extensive programme of employer and alumni-led careers events for UCL's researcher community, (Research Assistants, Research Students (MRes & PhD) and Postdoctoral Research Staff). Events include forums, networking sessions, Q&As, workshops, practical skills sessions and career tasters, all led by employers specifically engaged with researchers, as well as PhD level career professionals and alumni. This programme is aimed at all researchers looking to explore their career options beyond academia.

Our specialist careers consultants also deliver workshops on career planning, application and interview skills for academic and non-academic careers.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/events-and-workshops-researchers

› Information & vacancy provision

Research students also have access to our myUCLCareers database of internships and full-time job opportunities. This includes opportunities where research skills or a research qualification may be essential or desirable, and some of these opportunities are exclusive to UCL students and staff.

uclcareers.targetconnect.net/leap/jobs.html

› Online resources

Our growing researcher career case study collection provides inspiration and tips drawn from the career journeys of past PhD graduates: ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/case-studies/researchers. We also offer a range of online resources to help you with your applications, including online interview software for practicing your technique before the real thing: ucl.ac.uk/careers/applying/interviews, and an automated CV-checking programme: ucl.ac.uk/careers/applying/applications/CV-checker.





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 to improve
- ◆ Time for you to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have

We offer in-person and remote appointments so that you can connect with us, wherever you are in the world. ucl.ac.uk/careers/advice

➤ Events

You are still welcome to join us at all of our events, including 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: ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers

➤ Alumni

The global UCL alumni community is here to support you too, not only as you take the next step in your career journey, but for life.

- ◆ All UCL alumni are invited to join the official UCL Alumni group on LinkedIn: this is your space to stay connected, support professional development, and empower your remarkable global community. – linkedin.com/groups/57385/

- ◆ Access your alumni benefits which include free access to a fantastic range of academic e-journals, an alumni benefits card and an email account for life. ucl.ac.uk/alumni/services
- ◆ UCL Connect will help you develop the knowledge and skills you need to thrive in your career long after graduation too. This dedicated programme brings professional development skill and expertise directly to alumni and students across the global UCL community. If you're considering your options post-graduation, you're established in your career or moving into a new industry the UCL Connect series has something for everyone. ucl.ac.uk/alumni/lifelong-learning/professional-development-ucl

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