VOLUNTEERING AS AN ALUMNI SPEAKER
WHY VOLUNTEER AS AN ALUMNI SPEAKER?

Our alumni speakers come from a range of backgrounds and careers but all of them inspire and influence students and fellow alumni by sharing their experiences. Career paths often take you in directions you might have never imagined while at university and it is important to give students and alumni an insight into the world of opportunities available to them after they graduate.

This is why we invite alumni to speak with current students, future students and other alumni throughout the year.

WHAT DOES BEING AN ALUMNI SPEAKER INVOLVE?

There are a wide range of alumni speaking opportunities with UCL, both in the UK and internationally.

Our volunteer speakers support UCL life throughout the student journey, from giving talks to secondary school students to addressing graduates and their families at ceremonies and speaking at events for our retired alumni.

Examples include:
- On campus – Leading workshops for our student societies, such as the Film & TV Society and departmental run groups such as the Human Sciences Society
- UK-based – Being part of UCL Advocates, a scheme which helps alumni to visit their former schools and colleges, giving presentations which highlight the benefits of going to university
- UK and international – Taking part in panel and speed networking events in the UCL Connect professional development series [https://aoc.ucl.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-professional-development](https://aoc.ucl.ac.uk/alumni/alumni-professional-development)

NEXT STEPS

If you haven’t already registered your interest in speaking to student and alumni groups please email your volunteer manager directly (see information below). It would be helpful to let us know what you are currently doing professionally and what kind of opportunities you are interested in. Please note that alumni speakers are contacted as and when opportunities arise, registering your interest in volunteering in this capacity does not mean you will definitely be given a speaking role.

If you originally got in touch with the Alumni Relations team about speaking and have gone through the volunteer registration process then you will be contacted in due course. However, if there is a particular student society or alumni group that you are keen to work with then please let your volunteer manager know and they will make the introductions where appropriate.

Your volunteer manager’s details will be on a business card included in the Volunteer Toolkit. If you are unsure though please get in touch at [alumni@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ucl.ac.uk) and we’ll be able to put you in touch with the right person.