UCL and Canada

UCL is continuing to strengthen its engagement in Canada through an increasing number of research collaborations and partnerships with leading institutions.

Country highlights

- An international team led by UCL scientists discovered the world’s oldest known microfossils - remains of micro-organisms around four billion years old - in the Nuvvuagittuq Supracrustal Belt, Quebec.

- Cities Changing Diabetes - a UCL programme working with diverse partners in multiple locations across the world to tackle the rise in urban diabetes, led by Professor David Napier (UCL Anthropology) - expanded its reach to Vancouver on World Diabetes Day.

- Dr Peter Scott (UCL IOE) delivered a live video lecture on the challenges Canadian universities face in dealing with the rise of populism, at the 2017 Worldviews Lecture on Media and Higher Education. The event was hosted by the University of Toronto’s Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Encouraging academic collaboration

UCL and the University of Toronto have contributed matching funds to support collaborative research and education initiatives through a joint call for proposals.

The 2017 call encouraged proposals in the areas of mutual interest and complementary strengths of both institutions such as Child Health, Cities and Education.

Images: 1. Layer-deflecting bright red concretion of haematitic chert, which contains tubular and filamentous microfossils/UCL Flikr; 2. Non-exhaustive map of UCL collaborations in Canada; 3. University of Toronto/Creative Commons
Student recruitment trends

Overall numbers of Canadian students in the UK peaked in 2013/14 and have since dropped off by ~3% across all market segments and by ~9% for postgraduate taught and postgraduate research.*

There are currently 218 students from Canada enrolled at UCL (2016/17).**

Source: *Higher Education Statistics Agency, **UCL Student and Registry Services
Chart created by GEO

Student mobility

Canada is one of the most popular destinations for UCL students wishing to study abroad.

The current top three destinations are the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia and McGill University.

Did you know?

As of 2017, Canada is aiming to become one of the world’s leading research centres for artificial intelligence. Via a public-private initiative, it recently launched the C$170m (£77m) Vector Institute, which will be hosted by the University of Toronto. The mission is to “produce more PhDs in AI than any university in the world”.

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