UCL and China

China is a priority country for UCL engagement. We have around 30 formal links with Chinese universities as well as key research institutions such as the Chinese Academy of Sciences and agencies such as the China Scholarship Council. More than 3,500 co-authored papers were published with Chinese collaborators in the last five years.

Country highlights

- Increasing fluency in Mandarin through the Mandarin Excellence Programme, funded by the Department for Education and run by UCL Institute of Education with the British Council

- UCL Bartlett won a UK government grant to host the UK-China Infrastructure Academy, helping train Chinese companies and officials on investment processes in the UK

- UCL Faculty of Engineering Sciences and a consortium of Russell Group Universities won a British Council award to establish the ‘UK-China University Consortium on Engineering Education and Research’ with the E9 Chinese Excellence League

High profile collaborations

UCL has a deep strategic partnership with Peking University that spans all 4 Schools and 8 Faculties, with more than 15 collaborative activities. These include the Beijing International MBA (led by UCL School of Management) and the International Centre for Chinese Heritage and Archaeology.

Student recruitment trends

UCL welcomes more than 5,000 students from countries in East Asia every year - more than 3,500 of these are currently enrolled from China (2016/17).

Applications from Chinese students to UK universities has been steadily growing over the past few years.

Chinese students at UCL by School (2016/17)

Famous Chinese alumni

The Honourable Sir Charles Kao got his PhD in electrical engineering from UCL in 1965 and won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2009.

He is known as the ‘Godfather of Broadband’ and ‘Father of Fibre Optics’.

Joint interdisciplinary research

UCL’s Vice-Provost Research announced a call for collaborative research proposals that address UCL Grand Challenges, under the new three-year Hong Kong University-UCL Global Strategic Partnership Fund. The fund enables HKU and UCL academic staff to engage in interdisciplinary research projects. Initial awards for 2017 have included a project on non-pharmacological interventions for dementia, and another on urban literary practices.

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