

Your journey as a PGR student

You received and accepted your UCL History offer.
It is a pleasure to have you onboard!

Take a look below at the main milestones of your PGR journey, to get an idea of what to expect!



Enrolment



Confirm unconditional offer and start Enrolment

Once you receive your unconditional offer letter make sure you accept in within the timeframe indicated.

The next step will be pre-enrolment. Find out more here:

[Home students](#)
[International students](#)

[Pre-enrolment starts 22 August 2023. You must complete the enrolment process by 14 October 2023, to be able to continue on the programme.](#)

Induction



Attend induction

Just before the start of term both the department and the central UCL teams will prepare various induction events.

[UCL central induction events](#)

The department is excited to welcome you on 29 September, starting at 10 am to a short introduction session and a series of presentations from you colleagues over some tea and cake. Details will be confirmed closer to the date.

Start



Start your research

In your first year as a PGR in our department, you will attend the [Research Training Seminar](#) during term time and meet regularly with your supervisor to develop your project and start researching.

In the first few weeks you will also have a short meeting with the Postgraduate Tutor to help start you off.

The [Doctoral School](#) offers a range of training through [InkPath](#)

Upgrade



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The [upgrade](#) occurs at the end of Y1 for full-time students or in Y2 for part-time students.

At the 6 months mark (12 months for PT) you will need to submit a [report to your supervisor](#). Following that, you will need to [prepare a chapter overview](#), a plan for completion, a 5,000 words writing sample and a bibliography, which will be assessed by a small panel (Grad Tutor, Second Supervisor and an external)

While not part of the assessment, you will be encouraged to give a presentation on your current research to your peers as part of your skills development

CRS



Completing Research Status

If you are eligible you may register as a [completing research status \(CRS\)](#) student while you write up your thesis. You will only be permitted to move to CRS status with the approval of your supervisor or other departmental authority.

The CRS period is 12 months for FT and 24 months for PT students.

Thesis submission is expected in the normal period of registration. If you are moved to CRS this means your thesis is pending and that you should submit your thesis ASAP. The end date of your CRS period is the last possible submission date – not your due date.

Submit



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You should start preparing for your [submission](#) four (4) months in advance of your intended submission date. This is done by filling in an online form in Portico.

- you will then receive a confirmation
- your supervisor will identify and get approval for examiners
- you submit your thesis
- your supervisor, the examiners and you agree on a viva date, at least 6 workweeks after the date of your submission
- you defend your thesis

More on vivas here:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/exams-and-assessments/research-assessments/viva>

Resources:

[The PGR Handbook](#)
[Doctoral School](#)
[Academic Manual](#)
[International Students Guidance](#)
[Home Student Guidance](#)
[Visa Team](#)

Please check out all embedded links. For further questions, you can email the PGR Admin at o.borlea@ucl.ac.uk.

Please be advised that if the information you are seeking is available on the UCL pages, your query might not be prioritised.