Coronavirus - Faculty Update

Update from Ivan Parkin, Dean of Faculty.

We have had our first weeks as a largely virtual university. I hope you have started to adjust to the new normal. It is challenging for all of us, but our departments, faculty office and all of you as staff have come together in extraordinary ways to continue our core teaching and research.

Read in full on the MAPS Website
Ivan has also recorded a video for UCL on the best ways to wash your hands, and alternatives to soap if soap isn't available. Watch by clicking the link above.

**News, Announcements and Updates**

**UKRI open call for research and innovation ideas to address COVID-19**

UKRI invites short term projects the address and mitigate the health, social, economic and environmental impacts of the outbreak.

[Read more on the UKRI website](#)

**UCL and National Physical Laboratory collaborate on major challenges**

UCL and the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), the UK's National Metrology Institute, have signed a memorandum of understanding stating their commitment to collaborate further.

[Read the full story on the Enterprise website](#)
Collaborating with tech companies is key for fighting COVID-19

Professor Rachel McKendry says that with access to relevant and vital information, technology companies have an important role to play in ensuring patients and populations are protected.

[Read the full story on the UCL website]

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**UCL Coronavirus Response Fund**

Help UCL find solutions to the challenges that Coronavirus (COVID-19) brings, at a pace that would, under normal circumstances, be considered impossible.

[Read more on the UCL Covid-19 website]

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**Research and Funding**

**New Hubert Curien Call Launched for UK-France Partnerships**

Funding is available to cover the costs of travel between France and the UK. Collaborations will be funded for two years each, beginning in January, and may be in Mathematics, Chemical and Physical Sciences, Information and Communication Sciences, Biological & Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences or Social Sciences & Humanities.

[Read more on the Grant Finder website]

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**Nominations Invited for 2021 Abel Prize for Mathematics**

The Academy awards a prize of 7.5 million Norwegian Krone to recognise significant and influential achievements. Work in any
field of the mathematical sciences is eligible.
Closing date of 15 September 2020.
Read more on the Grant Finder website

MAPS in the Media

New quantum technology could help diagnose and treat heart condition
The conductivity of living organs, such as the heart, could be imaged non-invasively using quantum technology developed by Dr Luca Marmugi and Professor Ferruccio Renzoni (both UCL Physics & Astronomy and UCLQ), featured in The Daily Mail.

Coronavirus: how values drive decisions in science, not data
Dr Erman Sozudogru (UCL Science & Technology Studies) discusses in The Conversation how the choice between different methods of controlling the Covid-19 outbreak is one of differing values, rather than just pure science.

Covid-19: How to triage effectively in a pandemic
While triage may be an effective way to increase population survival, this is not guaranteed and any protocol should be carefully thought through, write Professor Christina Pagel and Professor Martin Utley (both UCL Mathematics) for the BMJ.

Events
Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, UCL is currently closed, and no physical events are taking place.

Details of future events will be confirmed once more information regarding current developments is available.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

UCL Full Stop Campaign - Flow Chart

The UCL Faculty of Brain Sciences has kindly pulled together a flow chart on the process for reporting bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct. Should you be suffering from any of these issues, this flow chart can provide you with guidance as to how to proceed.

For a full size version, click here

Enterprise

Innovation and Enterprise events

UCL Innovation and Enterprise will continue to run workshops for postgraduate students virtually. These events will look at heightening the impact of your research, and developing entrepreneurial thought. For more information visit the UCL Innovation and Enterprise page.

Training and Development

UCL LinkedIn Learning

A huge range of video tutorials supporting learning in software, creative and business skills – all free to UCL staff and
currently enrolled students. UCL has now migrated Lynda.com content to the LinkedIn Learning platform. You can find out more on the Digital Education blog.

Submit your news: what would you like to hear about?
If you have any upcoming events that you like to be promoted to MAPS Faculty staff please let us know.

Feedback on the faculty newsletter
Thanks to those who completed the UCL MAPS Internal Communications Survey. We have tried to take your comments on board when putting this newsletter together. We are keen to make sure that this addresses your needs so please let us know how we can continue to improve.

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