Faculty Focus - February 2017

Spotlight on...

Professor David Price, Vice-Provost (Research)
As the Vice-Provost for Research I am responsible for our research strategy and ensuring UCL’s research output is top-notch in terms of performance, distinctiveness and impact. I am involved in making sure we attract research funding, recruit and retain the best researchers, secure provision of suitable research environment and infrastructure, and achieve the best possible results in external research assessment. These objectives are supported by my office who deliver innovative and effective approaches to research management and planning as well as supporting cross-disciplinary developments including UCL Grand Challenges and Research Domains.

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News, Announcements and Updates

UCL Employee Benefits
Information about the voluntary healthcare schemes are found under Health and Wellbeing. Participation in the AXA PPP is not salary sacrifice but the rates have been discounted for UCL employees.

Find out more...

UCL Doctoral Research Poster Competition 2017
The competition, open to UCL graduate research students, will be held on 7-8th
March 2017. The deadline for students to register their poster details online is: Friday 17th February 2017.

Read more...

BEAMS Research Funding Office
BEAMS Research Facilitators, Sinéad, Cat, Matt, Jen and Laura, provide support to researchers within Mathematical & Physical Sciences to identify potential funding sources for their research and to develop strong applications with the best possible chance of success.

Find out more...

UCL Careers
Based in the old University of London Union (opposite Waterstones) on the 4th Floor on Malet Street, UCL Careers is here to help your students (and staff) find a good career path. They run events, workshops and offer specialist support.

Find out more...

Developing Health Inclusion at UCL
If you're researching or teaching on the health of vulnerable or marginalised groups at UCL, then this Grand Challenge of Justice and Equality funded project on Inclusion Health would like to hear from you.

Find out more...

2017 Call for Crick Attachments now open
The Attachments initiative at the Francis Crick Institute supports the development of collaborative research between Crick
group leaders and academic researchers from the founding partner universities.

Find out more...

UCL Grand Challenges: Cultural Understanding
There are a number of initiatives under the heading India Voices over the next year. We currently have two exciting opportunities for UCL researchers to collaborate with colleagues in a different department, working on Grand Challenge priority themes.

Find out more...

Faculty Highlights

Dr Zhonghua Yao and Professor Chris Owen awarded Royal Astronomical Society prizes
The Winton Capital Award for Geophysics is awarded to Dr Zhonghua Yao (UCL Space & Climate Physics). Professor Chris Owen (UCL Space & Climate Physics) will deliver the 2017 James Dungey Lecture.

Read more...

Museum in the Kathleen Lonsdale Building nears completion
The Kathleen Lonsdale Building (KLB) is being refurbished and will provide a new space for the Rock Room museum, which will display the UCL geology collections to the public. The refurbishment is part of the Transforming UCL programme which will see an overall investment into the UCL
UCL Science & Technology Studies launches Alchemy
The new STS newsletter, Alchemy, offers a means for highlighting student successes, staff comings and goings, recent developments in STS research, the arrival of new programmes, and so much more.

Data science institutes at University of Michigan and UCL sign academic cooperation agreement
The Michigan Institute of Data Science (MIDAS) at the University of Michigan and the UCL Big Data Institute have signed a five-year agreement of scientific and academic cooperation.

Events

TECH PLANTER by 'Leave a Nest'
UCL Innovation and Enterprise
7 February 2017, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Hosted by the UCL Entrepreneurship team, this session will help you consider access options to funding.

UCL Professional Services Conference
15 February 2017
More info...

UCL Environment Domain's Early Career Network
16 February 2017
More info...
If you are interested in hearing about how one of UCL's alumni is working towards helping others to progress their research and/or how you could apply come along to this session.

More info...

Apprenticeships @ UCL
23 February 2017, 2:30pm
More info...

MAPS Faculty Colloquium:
Professor Dame Jane Francis
15 March 2017, 4:00pm
More info...

Training and Development

Digital Learning Opportunities for the New Year
Did you know that as a UCL member you get a fantastic range of learning opportunities for free? These include face-to-face courses and workshops, demonstration sessions and online learning.
See more...

Introduction to Research Support @ UCL
A new regular training course is running to introduce PhD students to research support available during the course of their studies. The course is co-organised by the Doctoral School, Office of the Vice Provost (Research) and Library Services.
See more...

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.