Faculty Focus - September 2018

Spotlight on...

Dr Marina Fuentes
Dr Marina Fuentes Sainz joined the faculty as an Innovation and Enterprise Officer in May this year. Marina’s role focuses on encouraging a spirit of enterprise across the faculty, through activities such as assisting the creation of collaboration networks with external partners and providing guidance about research commercialisation e.g. spin-outs.

Read Marina's full profile

News, Announcements and Updates

Regional Pro-Vice-Provosts: applications open
The Global Engagement Office is inviting applications for the posts of Pro-Vice-Provost (Regional), to facilitate knowledge sharing across different regions and help raise UCL’s global profile. Apply here by 23 September 2018. (login required).

Social Science Plus, 2018-19
£10,000 available for a social science led cross-disciplinary pilot project that will lay
the basis for a major external funding application. Deadline: 4 October 2018. Find out how to make an application.

Call for applications: New Digital Charter Fellowships
Applications are invited from leading thinkers to become Digital Charter Fellows to work directly with the UK Government, The Alan Turing Institute and our partner universities to help policymakers address the challenges created by technology. Deadline: 9 September. Find out how to make an application.

Faculty Highlights

Half of London car crashes take place in 5% of the city’s junctions
The location of road accidents is not random and they tend to be highly concentrated in urban areas, according to a new study by UCL Mathematics. Read more on the faculty news page.

UCL scientists to join Arctic research ship ‘drifting’ past North Pole
Experts from UCL Earth Sciences are taking part in what could be the largest-scale Arctic research expedition ever planned. Read more on the faculty news page.
First ever acceleration of electrons in a proton-driven plasma wave
Electrons have been successfully accelerated at CERN using a wave generated by protons zipping through plasma, report scientists from UCL Physics & Astronomy, as part of the AWAKE collaboration. Read more on the faculty news page.

Long-sought decay of Higgs boson observed
UCL particle physicists are celebrating that the ATLAS Collaboration at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has – at long last – observed the Higgs boson decaying into a pair of bottom (b) quarks. Read more on the faculty news page.

Events

JUICED Energy Hub Post Graduate Research Symposium
17th September 2018
Explore cutting edge research based on energy materials including energy conversion and fuel cells, charge storage and thermal energy materials. The Symposium is free, open to all and aims to give PhD Students and Post Docs in the area of energy materials a platform to showcase their research and promote new collaborations. Register on eventbrite

Academic promotions workshop
2nd October 2018
This workshop is aimed at academics within MAPS who are considering going for promotion in the next Senior Promotions round. The workshop will consist of presentations from Mark Rice (Head of Reward Policy) and Professor Ivan Parkin (Dean of MAPS), and will be
It's All Academic
15th September
More information

Save the date: Faculty forum
26th September
2:30 - 4:00pm
AV Hill Lecture Theatre

UCL September Open Day
8th September

Enterprise

Start-Up Workshop
Join this week's Start-Up Workshop to hear from UCL Spin-Out founders and students who launched their own businesses, and learn from their successes and mistakes. Register online and learn about support available at UCL.

Research Impact Training Workshop
The faculty is hosting a research impact training workshop covering: what is impact, how to plan for it, how to evidence it, what makes a good REF case study, and the UCL support network. The workshop is for academics with possible impact case studies for REF2021 or REF2028 submission. Register on eventbrite.

Public Policy

Experience the world of policy
The UCL Policy Fellows programme provides researchers with the opportunity to work directly with policy professionals.
There are currently roles available at the Department for Transport and the Greater London Assembly. See our website for the latest roles in government departments. For more information or advice – please contact Emma Baxter

UK Government Areas of Research Interests
In 2017 the UK Government launched its Areas of Research Interests (ARIs) to expand and improve upon their partnerships with the world of research. These ARIs give details about the main research questions facing government departments which would benefit from more evidence. For a full list of ARIs please see the government website.

If you are working within an ARI then do get in touch with UCL Public Policy to discuss how your work can inform government.

Blog Competition - What would your top climate policy be?
Tell us the one policy you would implement to combat climate change, to be in with a chance of winning a £50 gift voucher or one of four runners up prizes. Your blog should explain what your policy would be, how it will make a difference, and why it would be the best policy. Entries should be no more than 600 words and aim to be interesting, engaging, thought provoking and accessible to all. More information and how to enter can be found on the Public Policy website.

The best entries will be published on the UCL Public Policy and Fantasy Frontbench blogs.

Training and Development

Digital Skills development
Developing the digital skills of both staff and students to meet their academic, professional and personal needs. ISD offer face-to-face training in areas such as data analysis, programming, desktop applications, UCL business systems and 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.

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