



UCL Medical School – who we are

We aim to recruit our students from a wide range of backgrounds to ensure our doctors reflect the diversity of society in general and London in particular UCL has educated doctors since 1834.

Working closely with several major teaching hospitals we provide truly world class medical education in the heart of London.

Our six-year, integrated medical degree prepares the distinctive UCL Doctor, a confident and competent doctor able to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's patients and to thrive in 21st century healthcare environments.

Medical Student Challenges

Studying in London can be very expensive, especially for medical students who undertake a long and demanding course with little opportunity to combine study with part-time work. They are also expected to purchase specialist equipment and pay for significant daily travel costs to hospital placements. Their full student loans only cover the first four years of their course.

Financial worries can impact on their studies, with many students struggling to maintain their basic costs of living and at risk of falling behind their peers.

Our objectives are:

- To make a UCL Medical School education open to excellent students regardless of income
- To attract, retain and support a diverse student body
- To ensure once at UCL our medical students thrive without being compromised by financial difficulties
- To create a culture of giving back and doing good amongst our students, staff and alumni

Student Costs (per year)

UK/EU tuition fees	£9,250
Rent	£8,073
Food	£1,950
Household goods	£390
Insurance	£64
Clothes, leisure etc*	£3,627
Travel	£1,300
Books and equipment (incl. laptop)	£585
TOTAL	£25,239

*Phone bills, toiletries, medical expenses, sport, hobbies, social and cultural activities

Living Costs Explained

Students are usually eligible for a tuition fees loan and a maintenance loan, but often have a severe shortfall in income for necessary living expenses. If they are able to live with relatives in London this can save on rent but may also incur extra travel costs. For others, living at home is not possible.

The maximum maintenance loan available to students is £11,002 which leaves a shortfall of £3-£5k per year for costs such as travel, food, toiletries, medications, and phone and household bills. Without extra help, many students have to forego these everyday essentials or compromise on their study time.



MBBS Timeline

