



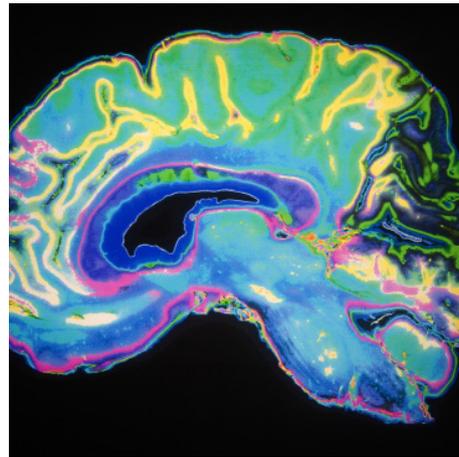
**Anna Freud**  
National Centre for  
Children and Families

**Yale**



# Programme Guide

## MPhil/PhD in Developmental Neuroscience and Mental Health



### Overview

The UCL–Yale Doctoral Training Programme in Developmental Neuroscience and Mental Health is a unique graduate program for exceptional students in the field of developmental psychology, neuroscience, and mental health. It brings together two of the world's leading research universities, with an outstanding track record of research across these domains in partnership with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families (AFC), a leading UK child mental health charity and the Child Study Centre at Yale. The focus of this fully-funded four-year international PhD programme is on developmental psychopathology drawing on multidisciplinary perspectives, with a specific emphasis on neuroscience. Students spend their first two years in London, based at the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families and UCL and years 3 and 4 at Yale University in New Haven, USA, supervised by leading Yale researchers.

### University College London

UCL is one of the foremost teaching and research institutions in the United Kingdom. It was founded in 1826 to provide higher education for all who could benefit from it, regardless of religion, race or class, and is both the oldest and the largest of the various colleges and institutes that make up the University of London. Psychology at UCL has an [outstanding track record](#) of innovative research. (it is consistently ranked in the [world's top universities](#)) For more information visit: [www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk)

### The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

The Centre is a leading UK children's mental health charity with over 60 years' experience of caring for young minds through direct clinical services, research and teaching. The vision of the Centre is a world in which children and their families are effectively supported to build on their own strengths to achieve their goals in life. For more information visit: [www.annafreud.org](http://www.annafreud.org)

The programme encompasses:

- Conducting leading research into identifying developmental processes at a biological, neural and cognitive level that drive and maintain symptoms of mental illness during childhood and adolescence into adulthood.
- The opportunity to conduct research in the context of three world-leading institutions and under the supervision of academic leaders in their research field.
- Participation in training at Master-level modules across UCL, the Anna Freud Centre and Yale, bespoke to student needs including statistics, data analysis, and computer programming, as well as other transferrable skills also related to clinical work.
- The opportunity to gain teaching experience to support delivery of some of the renowned post-graduate programmes at the UCL Division of Psychology and Language Sciences and delivered by the Anna Freud Centre.

### Yale Child Study Center

The Child Study Center is a department at the Yale University School of Medicine. The mission of the Center is to understand child development, behavioural and socio-emotional adjustment, their link to the emergence of psychiatric disorders and how to help children and families in need of care. The strengths of the Center are reflected in the breadth and integrative nature of research, clinical services and training. For more information visit: <http://medicine.yale.edu/childstudy/>

## Eligibility

We would like to invite applications from candidates with:

- i) An upper second class honours degree of a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard obtained after a programme of study extending over not less than three years in a university (or educational institution of university rank), in a subject appropriate to that of the programme to be followed; or
- ii) A registrable qualification appropriate to the programme to be followed awarded by a UK university; or a qualification of an equivalent standard appropriate to the programme to be followed awarded by a university (or educational institution of university rank) outside the UK; or
- iii) A Masters degree from a UK University in a subject appropriate to the programme to be followed; or
- iv) A professional or other qualification obtained by written examinations and approved by UCL as an appropriate entrance qualification for the MPhil or PhD degree in question.

Applicants should also consult the relevant departmental/divisional admission requirements.

In addition to meeting the above criteria, candidates with a strong academic background in psychology, neuroscience, medicine or related disciplines are encouraged to apply and your application would be welcomed.

## Fees

2021 – 2022

Fees are funded by UCL-AFC-Yale

Application deadline:

**31st January 2021**

## Application Process

Applications can be made at:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/apply>

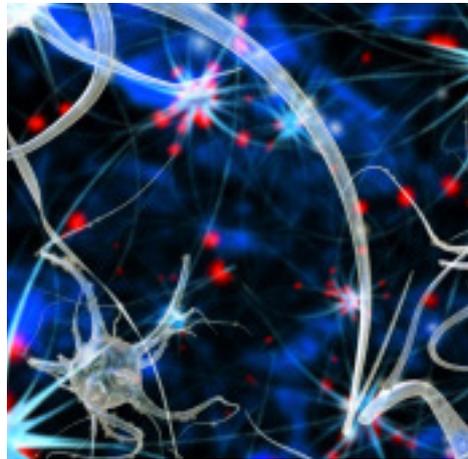
## Teaching

This programme will begin in September 2021 at the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, Kings Cross.

## Further Information

Full details of the course can be found on the UCL website at:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/pals/study/pals-phd-and-doctorate-programmes/mphilphd-developmental-neuroscience-and-mental-health>



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