Provost’s View: How we plan to secure our place in the world top 10

Context

UCL’s world top 10 status enables:
• attracting the best minds
• increased government funding
• exciting partners from business and industry.

We want to maintain this status and take the next steps to make sure all our disciplines can be world-leading.

Currently, we are world-leading in around half our disciplines.

We need to innovate and take measured risks.

Listening and learning

Our planning processes enable us to anticipate the impact of further UCL growth and ensure that it doesn’t harm teaching and learning nor the student experience.

Through constructive discussions with Council, we have agreed that it is appropriate to take more time to reach our financial targets. We are also aware that our professional services need to support the academic mission.

Later this year, the Transforming Our Professional Services programme will provide a number of quick wins and a clear plan for achieving transformation.

Our plans

The ideas that we plan to take forward do the following:
• demonstrate genuine, grassroots academic enthusiasm
• come from areas that have the potential to become world-leading
• are deeply cross-disciplinary.

The chosen ideas have different levels of academic vision and support at this stage of development.

Established ideas:
School of Economics and Public Policy
UCL East phase one

Emerging ideas:
Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Science

Early stage ideas:
School of Future Media and Communications/Creative and Applied Humanities
Harwell for developments in physical and space science

If there is something else that you would like to know more about, please contact us: provostfeedback@ucl.ac.uk