What is UCL Public Policy?

A guide for UCL researchers & staff
What are we trying to do?

UCL is London’s research powerhouse – with 6,400 research and academic staff, and 5,700 research students – generating specialist knowledge across the entire spectrum of academic disciplines. UCL Public Policy is an initiative of the Office of the Vice-Provost (Research). It aims to maximise our collective expertise by enabling researchers to inform public policy.

What we do:
- offer routes for public policy engagement
- connect researchers and policy professionals
- translate research into public policy-focused outputs
- draw together public policy-related activity at UCL
- deliver specific public policy-focused activities

What can we offer you

Funding – to enable policy engagement

Opportunities to participate in policy-focused activities – Roundtables, public policy events and development of research summaries for policy professionals, and opportunities to raise awareness of your research

Advice, guidance, and training – Online resources and advice sessions on topics including pathways to impact statements, funding applications and Select Committees

Support for researcher-led policy engagement – Including funding applications and Select Committee inquiries

How you can get involved

Researchers can contribute to regular UCL Public Policy activities such as:
- policy events held with external partners
- policy roundtable meetings, which bring together researchers and policy professionals to discuss topical issues, facilitating dialogue and networking
- research summaries aimed at policy professionals

If you have an idea for a potential partner, event or topic, please get in touch.
Funding
UCL Public Policy provides funding for researchers via schemes including:

- **Policy Placements**: enables researchers to spend time in policy organisations on a flexible basis
- **Small Grants Scheme**: annual awards to encourage activities that enhance policy engagement or policy impact from research

For information on other funding opportunities, please visit our website.

Advice, guidance and training
UCL Public Policy offers advice and support to researchers and departments through:

- guidance materials including:
  - routes to public policy engagement
  - how to write research summaries for policy professionals
  - how to organise an event for policy professionals
  - what to tell policy professionals about your research
  - evaluation
- advice on pathways to impact
- organising ‘Up Close & Policy’ sessions for researchers to hear from policy professionals with experience of engaging with research
- holding ‘advice surgeries’ for researchers

Support for researcher-led policy engagement
UCL Public Policy can offer support for individual researchers or groups wishing to:

- make a submission to a Select Committee inquiry
- contribute to Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology projects
- apply to be on Government advisory committees
- apply for public policy-focused funding schemes
- design an event aimed at policy professionals
- communicate research to policy professionals
Find out more
UCL Public Policy publishes a regular newsletter providing news of ongoing policy inquiries and Select Committees, UCL Public Policy activities, topical policy blogs and funding opportunities.

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We are happy to support other policy focused activities please get in touch.

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