



# 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.

Sign up at [www.ucl.ac.uk/public-policy/newsletters](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/public-policy/newsletters) and follow our blog at <https://medium.com/policy-postings>

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

## Get in touch

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