

DOMAIN CO-CHAIR – ENVIRONMENT

(NON-REMUNERATED ACADEMIC POSITION)

ROLE DUTIES

1. THE ROLE

The UCL Environment Domain Co-Chair is a non-remunerated position, available to academic staff with an awareness of UCL's cross disciplinary environmental research landscape. The position is offered in line with the evolving UCL Strategic Plan 2022-2027, provisionally for a period of three years in the first instance, subject to interim review.

The role of Domain Co-Chair will report to the Vice-Provost (Research). The new Domain Co-Chair will work closely with the existing Domain Co-Chair, Professor Nick Tyler (Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering) Faculty Deans and the Vice-Deans Research, other Domain Chairs, the Strategic Co-ordinator for the Domain and the Grand Challenges teams to shape and deliver UCL's research strategy.

2. UCL DOMAINS

The UCL Research Domains are large, cross-disciplinary research communities that span UCL and our partner organisations, fostering interaction and collaboration. We believe that by bringing together a critical mass of expertise we can undertake internationally leading research in our key areas of strength.

While UCL prioritises high-quality research in the entire range of subject areas, the UCL Strategic Plan 2022-2027 also introduces a vision for building on disciplinary excellence and cross-disciplinary approaches to address global challenges. The UCL Research Domains aim to facilitate this mission by providing strategic coordination across the University and a platform for research communities to engage with partner organisations and key funders.

The Environment domain works to showcase individual and cross-disciplinary excellence, provide guidance on specific funders and strategic calls and increase the impact of UCL's environment research across society.

The Environment Domain spans all Schools and Faculties, including disciplines ranging from Earth Sciences to Built Environment, Climate Change, Engineering and Laws. The Environment Domain builds upon, and complements, the relevant UCL Grand Challenges, including Sustainable Cities, Global Health and Human Wellbeing and works alongside colleagues from Sustainable UCL, UCL Health of the Public, UCL Public Policy and Innovation and Enterprise amongst others.

The Environment Domain also supports Early Career Researchers across UCL via the Environment Domain Early Career Network (EDEN). EDEN is governed by voluntary early-career Co-Chairs and the Environment Domain Co-Chair will support the EDEN Co-Chairs and champion our early career researchers.

The domains are NOT line management structures. Rather, they represent the 'horizontal' connections between colleagues who work in different 'vertical' organisational structures. Members of the UCL community can choose to engage in one or more of the domains according to their research and educational interests, encouraging interdisciplinarity across the School and beyond.

3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROLE

The Domain Co-Chair will:

- Act as a strategic lead for the development of the Domain alongside the existing Domain Co-Chair and liaising with the EDEN Co-Chairs where necessary. This will be supported by the Domain Strategic Co-Ordinator.
- In line with the evolving UCL Strategic Plan 2022-2027, champion an approach to the Domain that actively seeks intra-institutional and inter-institutional activities, bringing together interested parties from across UCL's Schools and research groups.
- Work closely with the relevant Faculty Deans to support the delivery of strategy and research interests.
- Promote UCL's domain expertise to funders and potential funders, influencers and supporters, leading on major funding opportunities for research and infrastructure investment.
- Develop links with the Faculty Vice-Deans Research, other Research Domain Chairs, Grand Challenges and other relevant colleagues in the environmental research space.
- Encourage engagement with communities at our partnership institutions and external stakeholders.
- Organise and chair regular Domain Steering Group meetings as well as representing the Domain at seminars and workshops.
- Ensure Domain activities fully support and promote UCL's ambitions in equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

4. PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES REQUIRED

The role of Domain Chair will require the following skills and experience:

- The ability to engage with academic staff at all levels.
- Leadership skills, especially as required in a complex, research-intensive academic environment.
- The ability to create and promote a collegiate and collaborative approach to Domain activities.
- Experience of chairing academic committees/meetings.
- The ability to identify opportunities for research collaborations beyond the applicant's own academic specialty.
- Strong communication skills.

5. APPLICATIONS

Applications in the form of a CV (max 2 pages) and supporting statement outlining interest, expertise and a brief vision for the role and Environment Research at UCL (max 2 pages) should be sent by email to Dr Becca Burns (b.burns@ucl.ac.uk)

Closing Date: Tuesday 5 July 2022

About the UCL Environment Domain

The Environment Domain (ED) is a facilitated community of world-class researchers across UCL at the forefront of cross-disciplinary research relevant to the environment.

The role of the Environment Domain is to:

- convene academics from across UCL around environment related research which is cross-disciplinary in nature, and therefore could not be undertaken by an individual unit or department;
- identify strategic environment related research areas for UCL researchers, and partners, to target and gain funding in and communicate these in a targeted and effective way;
- provide an internally and externally visible platform to both raise the profile and awareness of UCL's environment expertise;
- collaborate across organisational and disciplinary boundaries, for example the Domain is part of the UCL team which supports COP.
- enable the delivery of global impact from environmental research through targeted activities and the development of new partnerships and collaborations.
- Support early career researchers via the Environment Domain Early Career Network EDEN.

Support for Domain activities will come from staff within existing research coordination and facilitation teams, as well as a dedicated Strategic Research Co-ordinator.

You can find out more about the Environment Domain and the Environment Domain Early Career Network online at: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/environment>