UCL’s participation in Horizon 2020 following the UK referendum decision to leave the European Union

University College London (UCL) is one of the top performing universities in the EU’s “Horizon 2020” programme for research and innovation. UCL has secured more than €100 million to date to carry out world-changing projects, many in collaboration with partners across the EU and beyond. Much has been written, and will continue to be written, by UCL representatives and members of staff about the UK public’s decision to leave the European Union in the referendum of 23rd June. With particular regard to Horizon 2020, however, UCL intends to continue and indeed extend its successful engagement over the remainder of the programme’s duration. In the shorter term, the UK remains an EU Member State for at least the next two years, so there is no immediate material change to the UK’s status in the Horizon 2020 programme. UCL notes the Prime Minister’s confirmation in Parliament that all existing Horizon 2020 grant agreements will be honoured.