Study Abroad Widening Participation Ambassador Programme

The Study Abroad Widening Participation (SAWP) Ambassador Programme is a paid opportunity that will bring together a cohort of ambassadors to improve both the recruitment of students from widening participation backgrounds to study abroad, and the experience of widening participation students whilst abroad. Applications are open to UCL students from any academic discipline who have pursued either a semester or year abroad and/or a short-term international mobility.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for the award you must:

- Be in good academic standing
- Have pursued a work or study abroad placement through UCL (year abroad, semester abroad or short-term placement)
- Meet one or more of the Widening Participation criteria as detailed below

WIDENING PARTICIPATION CRITERIA
To apply for the programme, you must meet at least one of the widening participation criteria in the table below:

| Household income of £42,000 or less (or £25,000 or less in another currency) | Receiving income-related benefits |
| Care-experienced student | Student with caring responsibilities |
| Refugees and asylum seekers | Received an Access UCL offer |
| For UK-domiciled students, Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed Black African/White or Black Caribbean/White | Mature (aged 21 or older at the beginning of your current, undergraduate, degree) |
| Estranged students | Part-time students |

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAWP AMBASSADORS
The SAWP Ambassador Programme is brand new for 2022-23. If selected, you will play a key role in shaping the scheme for future cohorts. Whilst your duties may change throughout the year, your responsibilities may include:

- Running focus groups for current students underrepresented in mobility at UCL
- Supporting the delivery of UCL-wide Study Abroad events (e.g. pre-departure sessions, peer-led drop-in/advice sessions, WP Summer School)
- Creating new, online content based on your personal experiences of underrepresented in international mobility
- Consulting on UCL’s Turing Scheme Application
- Working with departmental Student Advisers to advise on events, communications, and activities
Designing a campaign to increase the number of students from underrepresented backgrounds in international mobility

You are expected to commit a total of 50-70 hours to the role of SAWP ambassador during the 2022/23 academic year.

**BENEFITS OF THE SAWP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME**
SAWP ambassadors will be compensated at a rate of £24.40 per hour.

The SAWP Ambassador Programme is an excellent opportunity to use the skills you learned while abroad, and to highlight them on your CV after graduation!

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
To apply, you must complete and submit this short [ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#).

So that you can prepare your responses in advance, the application portion of the form focuses on these three questions:

1. Please tell us about the international mobility you have undertaken with UCL.
2. What motivates you to become a Widening Participation Study Abroad Ambassador?
3. Having studied, worked, or volunteering internationally, what advice would you give to other widening participation students considering the opportunity of a placement abroad?

We ask that each answer is no more than 200 words in length.

**SELECTION AND APPLICATION DEADLINE**
Applications will be considered by staff from UCL’s Study Abroad Team. The Study Abroad team will prioritise students who meet the widening participation criteria and have written a high-quality application.

Applications for the award should be submitted using [the application form](#), no later than 1pm (UK time) on Monday, 17th October 2022.