Study Abroad Widening Participation Ambassador Programme

The Study Abroad Widening Participation (SAWP) Ambassador Programme is a paid, in-person opportunity. The programme brings together a group of ambassadors who collaborate to enhance the experience of widening participation students abroad.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for the programme, you must:

1. Be in good academic standing
2. Have completed a work or study abroad placement through UCL (year abroad, semester abroad or short-term international mobility). Applications are open to UCL students from any academic discipline.
3. Meet one or more of the Widening Participation criteria as detailed 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
Whilst your duties will vary throughout the year, but 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 content based on your personal experiences of underrepresented students in international mobility
- Working with departmental Student Advisers to advise on events, communications, and activities
- Provide insights to increase participation underrepresented backgrounds in international mobility

You are expected to commit a total of 20-30 hours to the role of SAWP ambassador during the 2023/24 academic year.

BENEFITS OF THE SAWP AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME
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! Below are just some of the skills last year’s ambassadors said they gained from participating in the programme:

- Public speaking
- Teamwork
Creative thinking
• Project development and delivery
• Receiving feedback
• Interpersonal communication
• Time management

SAWP ambassadors will be compensated at a rate of £21.29 per hour.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
To apply, you must complete 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.

We will also ask for some information about your other commitments during the upcoming year for scheduling purposes.

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, 2nd October 2023.