

Sustainability Dissertation Guide

Step 1: Choose your topic

- Take a look at the sustainability research topics list to see if they interest you.
- If you require data on energy, travel, procurement, UCL's sustainability engagement programmes or water please email Sustainable UCL to request this.
- If you have alternative research topic ideas for a sustainable living lab dissertation or project please contact us.

Step 2: Discuss with your department

- Speak with your supervisor or someone in your department about undertaking a living lab dissertation and to refine your topic.
- They can advise you on scale, time-scales and the marking criteria.

Step 3: Contact Sustainable UCL

- Arrange a meeting with Sustainable UCL to ensure your project can make a valuable contribution to UCL.
- Sustainable UCL can provide data and put you in touch with relevant operational staff such as catering members and plumbers to test out your ideas.
- You can invite your supervisor to this meeting, but it is not a requirement.

Step 4: Undertake your dissertation.

- Sustainable UCL can meet a further 2 times or 2 hours maximum to support your dissertation or project.

Step 5: Sharing data and findings

- One of the principles of the Living Lab Project is to make available any additional data you generate for others to build on, so the work can keep 'living'
- Once your dissertation is completed, we require a concise 2-3 page briefing or presentation on your findings so that we can implement your ideas onto campus or future students and staff can build on your research. Living Lab projects usually spark off plenty of ideas for further research, including aspects you were not able to cover during the project.