



BRIEFING ON INCOMING ACCESS UCL STUDENTS

What is Access UCL?

[Access UCL](#) is UCL's contextual offer scheme for students who are underrepresented at UCL. Eligible applicants who are made an offer receive an offer that is lower than the standard UCL entry requirements for the programme they have applied for. Eligibility criteria and the contextual offer for each programme can be found on the [UCL undergraduate prospectus](#).

How will UCL be supporting Access UCL students?

Access UCL students may not require any additional academic support, as they may have met or exceeded the standard UCL offer. However, we want to make sure they are fully aware of the UCL support services that are available to them, and that UCL is a place where they are welcome and [belong](#):

- [Careers Extra](#) (a programme of additional careers activities for students from specific underrepresented groups)
- [Student Support and Wellbeing](#)
- [Student Funding Advisers](#)
- [Student Advisers](#)
- [Part-time work as a student ambassador](#)
- [Transition mentor scheme](#)
- [First Generation Society](#)
- [The Academic Communication Centre](#)
- [UCL 24/7 Student Support Line](#).

The Student Success Office will be running pre-enrolment information sessions where we will welcome the incoming Access UCL students and highlight the above services.

Why is it important to support these students at departmental level?

We want to make sure that we are ready to support our Access UCL students and that any interventions or services that can support students in their studies are signposted early in their undergraduate journey should they need them.

What does this mean for my department?

You will receive a list of Access UCL students who will be entering your department this year. Departments can help to ease their transition to university through the following:

- Assign them to a personal tutor who has experience of/an interest in working with students from a widening participation background.
- Make sure that personal tutors receive the **UCL Access and Success Guide**. The toolkit can be a useful resource as it includes specific guidance about how to support students from various underrepresented backgrounds in higher education.
- Pair them with a **Transition Mentor** from a similar background.
- Make sure they are aware of and signposted to the support services that are available to them.
- Signpost them to **UCL Study Prep**, an optional module which includes help with the transition to university, academic writing, and study skills amongst other topics.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact smss.studentsuccess@ucl.ac.uk





WHAT TYPES OF SUPPORT ARE AVAILABLE?

	Transition mentors	Personal tutors	Student Support and Wellbeing	Student advisers	Student funding advisers	Careers extra
Who are they?	Transition mentors are students in their second or third year from your department.	Your personal tutor is a member of academic staff from your department.	An expert team of wellbeing, disability, and mental health staff.	Student advisers are the main contact in your department for any support related to your student experience.	Student funding advisers offer advice and support for money management.	A service within the Careers team that offers enhanced careers support.
What do they do?	Transition mentors can talk to you about study skills, accessing support services, accommodation or anything else about your transition to university.	Your personal tutor can help you through your academic journey: you can ask them for advice on assessment, study skills, and for subject-specific support.	Student Support and Wellbeing can provide face-to-face support and advice. They offer mental health mentoring and study skills tutoring for students with specific learning difficulties. They oversee the implementation of reasonable adjustments.	Student advisers can provide pastoral and wellbeing support and are specific to your academic department.	Student funding advisers can provide guidance for money management and budget skills, Student Finance funding, and other sources of financial support.	Paid internships, a bursary scheme, alumni mentoring, a buddy scheme, priority booking for some UCL Careers activities, and extended one-to-one appointments with the Careers Extra team to discuss career ideas, work on applications and prepare for interviews.
How to access	Your transition mentor will be assigned to you. They will contact you to arrange meet-ups – remember to check your email.	Your department will tell you who your personal tutor is and provide you with their contact details and further information.	You can book an appointment through askUCL. For specialist study skills tutoring, contact studyskills@ucl.ac.uk	Open an enquiry through askUCL: ucl.ac.uk/students/askucl or find your student adviser here .	Open an enquiry through askUCL: ucl.ac.uk/students/askucl	You can sign up at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/about-us/who-can-use-our-services/careers-extra