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The first building for UCL East, Pool Street West, features a range of academic, retail and community uses alongside student residences. The building has been designed by Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands Architects, appointed in 2016.

The proposal is for a three-storey podium of academic space with a communal terrace above. Retail and café uses are proposed on the ground floor, as well as a café space at the terrace level. Above the podium and terrace, there are two student residential towers of 16 and 12 storeys, consisting of 524 student bedrooms arranged in flats, each with its own private bathroom. The design of Pool Street West, features a range of academic, retail and community uses alongside student residences. The building has been designed by Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands Architects, appointed in 2016.

Construction of Pool Street West is due to start in 2019, with the building scheduled to open its doors by autumn 2021.

Looking at the past, present and future of living, researchers at the Future Living Institute will explore global challenges such as artificial intelligence, planetary sustainability, understanding nature, environment and urbanisation, disability, innovation, global communications, and social inclusivity.

At Pool Street West, performances, exhibitions, workshops and lectures will contribute to a lively and creative learning atmosphere. It will be truly multidisciplinary and the first time UCL has created an institute cutting across five faculties.

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The second building of UCL East, Marshgate I, will be the main educational building of UCL East. This research and teaching facility has been designed by Stanton Williams Architects, appointed in 2016.

The lower levels of Marshgate I are a network of public spaces, which draw people into the heart of the building, blurring boundaries between indoors and outdoors. The ground and first floors, known as the ‘Fluid Zone’, are accessible to the public during opening hours. Opening onto the riverside, the scheme extends the building’s activities externally to provide an animated public realm, engaging with the Park and community.

Marshgate I will have nine academic floors. It includes a range of laboratories, research and group-working spaces, design studios, student-led fabrication workshops and exhibition areas. The design is focused around collaborative social areas, promoting interdisciplinary work and interaction between teaching and research, staff and students, academics and members of the public.

Marshgate I will be the centre for the UCL East academic vision, unifying Experiments, Arts, Society, and Technology (EAST) across taught programmes, research and innovation.

Academic activities will range from media, making, human settlements, conservation and heritage, to advance propulsion, future manufacturing and training for financial and business leaders.

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The new campus for UCL East sits within Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Lee Valley. It represents an opportunity to create an educational and urban environment which draws inspiration from its context.

The public realm will support the creation of a community, providing places for exchange and for engagement between staff, students, visitors and members of the public.

The public realm is rooted in the geology, history and culture of this unique part of London. A study of the area from pre-1800s to the present time outlined the transformation of the Park from marshland to heavy industry, through to the Olympic Games and ongoing legacy.

Thornton Street forms the major link at UCL East. It will connect Pool Street West and Marshgate I, as well as connect the campus to Stratford.

A series of large London Plane trees are proposed, uniting the campus buildings and the adjoining Park.

The promenade along Marshgate I and the Waterworks River is the primary north-south connection that links the Park to the campus. A continuation of the existing promenade to the north strengthens this pedestrian connection, bridges the buildings and creates amenity space along the river terrace. An assortment of urban trees integrates with the existing Park planting, providing seasonal colour and identity for UCL East.