

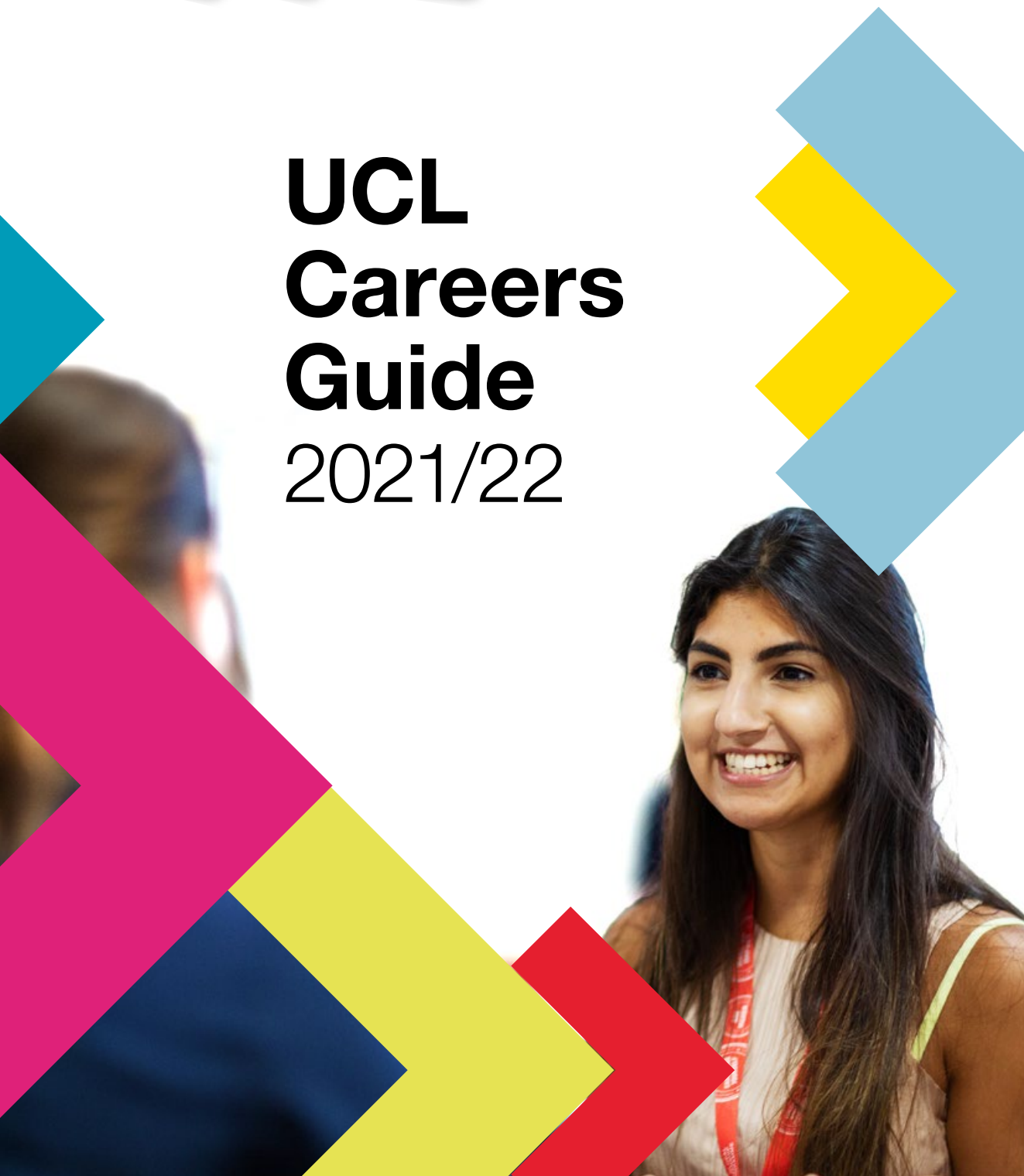
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UCL Careers Guide 2021/22





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Andrei Skorobogatov, He/Him, UK

European Social & Political Studies, 2014

Policy Advisor at Home Office

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

My course meant that I came away with both a broad and deep understanding of politics, law, economics and international relations, which put me in a really good position for policy work in government. After graduating, I worked for a couple of years at London Business School, before I joined the Civil Service Fast Stream, which has led to me a range of exciting jobs all across Central Government, including my current role in the Home Office.

What skills are involved in your current role?

High quality writing, analysis, stakeholder engagement, leadership and strategic thinking are all important skills in my current role.

Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

The Careers service were able to set out various options for me (many of which I hadn't considered) and I found the discussions they

organised with employers to be hugely helpful.



What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

It's fascinating, exciting and hugely rewarding work, but sometimes the Civil Service can be difficult to understand from outside. So I would advise current students to read widely and show curiosity and passion – those are the things that matter!



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How we can help you

Our team of experienced careers professionals are dedicated to helping you find the right path to ensure success in your future career. We have regular contact with employers and gather labour market information so that we can give you the best and most up to date advice, no matter what your starting point or ambition. We are here, not just to help you find graduate jobs or further study positions, but to advise you on the opportunities you have now – during your time at UCL.

We will help you to develop employability skills and to undertake work experience or internships. We also help you consider your options through our:

- ◆ events
- ◆ workshops
- ◆ one-to-one guidance services

We are here to help you find *your future* and we look forward to meeting you either on-line or in person.

Online resources – The UCL Careers website will direct you to a wide range of curated resources related to your career planning, helping you quickly identify key starting points for the areas you’re researching.

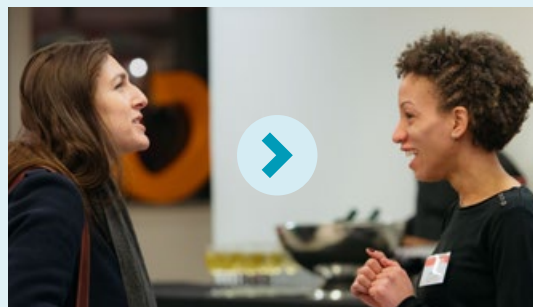
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Employer connections – We are connected to almost 8,000 employers in the UK and around the world. Recruiters and employers engage with us, throughout the year to participate in a range of careers events and activities as well as providing job opportunities for UCL students.

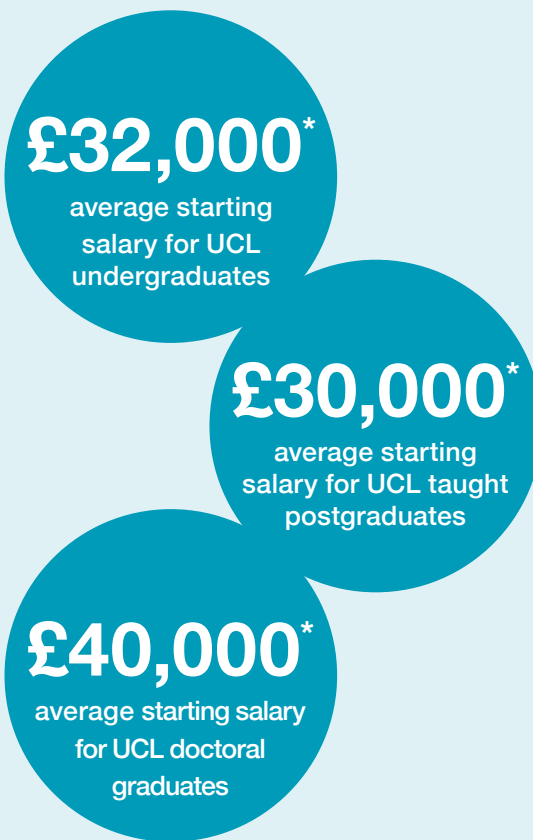
ucl.ac.uk/careers/employers-directory

Connect with us – Contact us and talk to a careers professional about your options. We can help you with the application process and guide you on how to build a portfolio of experience, so that you’re in a better position to access opportunities in your chosen field.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/contact



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youtu.be/M3XZVIOBBG4



* Data taken from Graduate Outcomes 2018-19'



Connect with us

myUCLCareers is the online portal where you can:

- ♦ Book an appointment
- ♦ View our events calendar
- ♦ Access our vacancy board
- ♦ Sign up to our Careers Newsletter
- ♦ Set your personal preferences for news and communications.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myUCLCareers

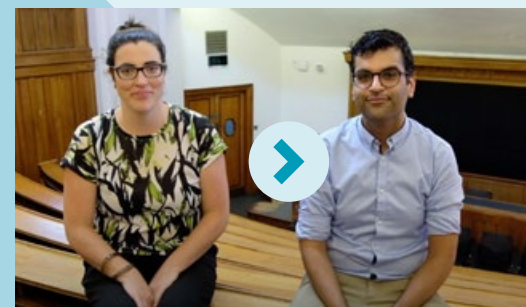
Careers newsletter – Sign-up to receive our newsletter and stay informed of our upcoming opportunities, events and features from employers and staff.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myprofile

Follow us on social media:



Careers YouTube – Subscribe to our YouTube channel for engaging videos on all things careers!



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Careers Extra

UCL Careers Extra is a programme of additional activities and support for UK undergraduate students (home fee status) from the following groups:

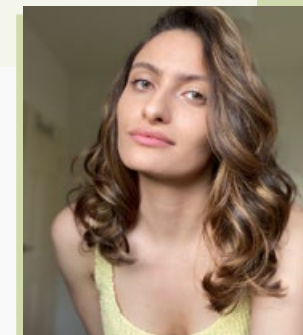
- ◆ Neither parent went to university and you went to a UK state school
- ◆ Care experienced
- ◆ Carer
- ◆ Disabled
- ◆ Household income below £25,000 (as declared to Student Finance England)
- ◆ Black African, Black Caribbean or mixed Black African/White or Black Caribbean/White
- ◆ Received an Access UCL offer.

Students signed up to UCL Careers Extra are automatically added to a

circulation list for targeted employer events and programmes. The Careers Extra programmes includes:

- ◆ Bursaries to help cover the cost of undertaking work experience or volunteering
- ◆ Preferential booking for some UCL Careers events
- ◆ Longer careers appointments (with easier booking)
- ◆ An alumni mentoring scheme
- ◆ Extra careers events that are exclusive to UCL Careers Extra students
- ◆ Unique Moodle pages containing Careers Extra resources and information.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/extra



**Ria Ismail,
She/Her, UK**

**Comparative Literature BA,
2021**

**Project Delivery Fast Streamer
at Civil Service**

**How did you get to where you
are now in your career?**

Lots and lots of research and networking. I managed to pass all the stages of Civil Service Fast Stream by knowing what I wanted, and using internet resources to find out how to be someone they'd want to hire. I also owe a lot to some of the Fast Streamers I spoke to during the process, either at events, on forums, or through LinkedIn, who all helped me gain a better understanding of how to do well at the various assessment stages.

**Were you able to make use of
our careers service at UCL?
If so, how did it help you?**

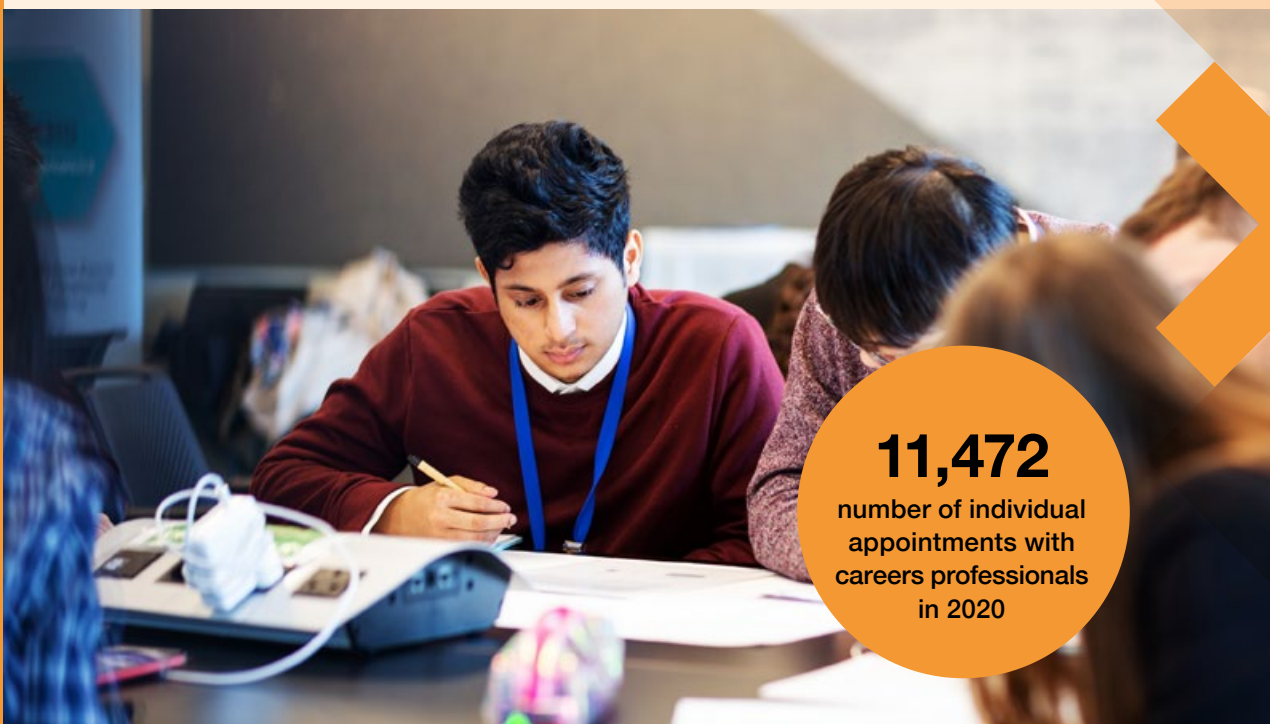
I found out about the Fast Stream in part due to the UCL Careers service, and I attended many events, including ones the Fast Stream was present at (teamwork sessions, mock assessment centres, and general panel discussions). Moreover, UCL Careers Extra team's private 1-2-1 sessions were really useful during the application process. I had multiple sessions in preparation for

each critical juncture. I even did a mock interview, which was tailored to me, before sitting my Final Selection Board. I definitely felt really supported throughout the process by UCL Careers & Careers Extra and credit some of my success to that.

**What skills are involved in your
current role?**

The most important skills for this role are communicating and influencing, working together, developing yourself and others, seeing the bigger picture, and making effective decisions. More specifically to project delivery, being able to effectively plan, organise, direct, and deliver are important as well.

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11,472

number of individual appointments with careers professionals in 2020

Explore your options

› Where to start?

Some people know exactly what they want to do from an early age. Others haven't got a clue!

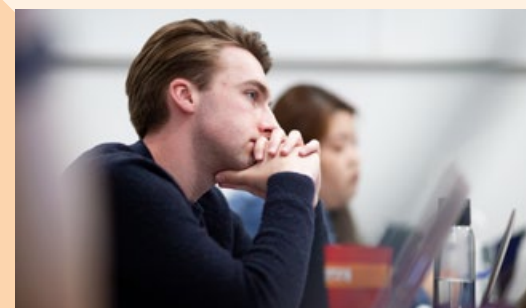
Whether you know what sort of career you're looking for, or don't know where to start, you may find it useful to think more deeply about the sort of person you are, and therefore what sort of work would suit you best.

The next step is to look at the options that are available to you, by

exploring the jobs and career paths that exist in different sectors and industries. By looking at yourself and researching your options, you will be in a better position to **find your future**.

Finally, you will need to learn more about the job application process, and how to succeed when applying for opportunities. Don't forget, UCL Careers is here to help you at each stage along the way.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/options



› Self-awareness

You can get a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses from our personality profiling workshops.

Understanding your personality – and how you relate to other people – will give you an insight into the types of work, and working environments, that suit you best.

At UCL Careers, we use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) profiling tool.

Find out more at: ucl.ac.uk/careers/self-awareness

› Explore options

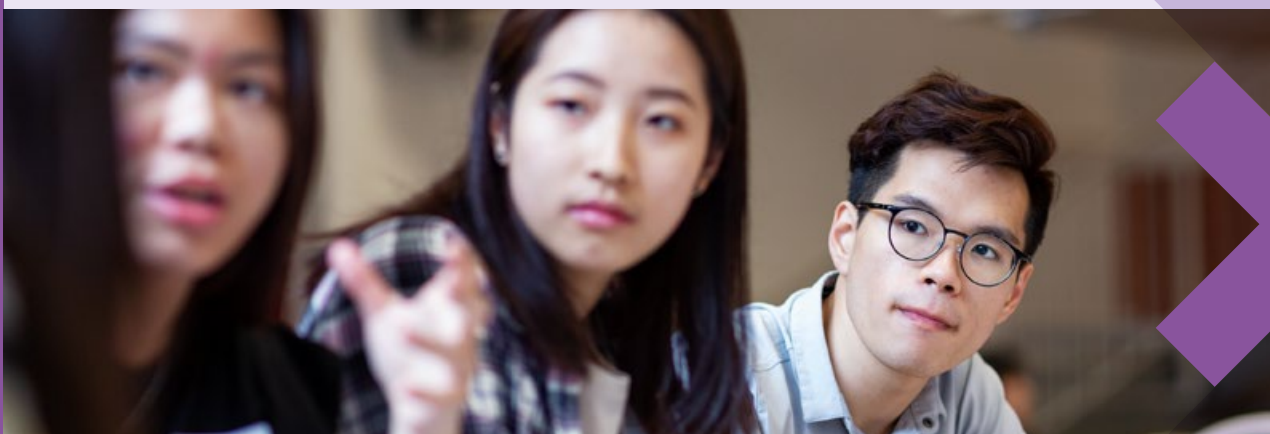
Most people find that connecting with people in various roles and exploring the range of career options available to be a key step towards finding the best fit for their skills, preferences, values and personality. To give you some ideas of how to start exploring your options, UCL Careers suggests you consider the following top tips:

- ◆ Connect with people in the jobs and sectors that interest you, so that you can find out what their work is really like – to assist you with this, you might find it useful to attend one of our LinkedIn workshops or you could connect and learn from alumni worldwide through UCL Bentham Connect. ucl.ac.uk/careers/options/mentoring
- ◆ Be open to ideas and suggestions and you will have more opportunities to choose from
- ◆ Work out what you don't want to do and think about the reasons why – this can help you refine your choices
- ◆ Think about the skills and qualifications you need to be successful in a particular role or sector, and consider what you need to do to ensure you have the right experience and employability skills to improve your chances of success

ucl.ac.uk/careers/explore

ucl.ac.uk/careers/occupations





Find opportunities

Once you have a better idea of the direction you'd like to go in, you should start exploring opportunities – internships, part-time opportunities, full-time jobs and volunteering – that might help you on your way

➤ Looking for work with myUCLCareers

myUCLCareers is regularly updated with amazing opportunities from different sectors and employers – including some who are specifically looking for UCL candidates.

You can:

- ◆ Search from thousands of vacancies in the UK and abroad and apply for them online
- ◆ Apply directly to employers, the 'vacancies' tab displays opportunities, whilst 'UCL

managed' opportunities tab will show you roles you can apply for through UCL Careers

- ◆ Find any role (Vacancy or Managed opportunity) by using the filters on the left-hand side when viewing vacancies

When you set up a myUCLCareers account, you can set your preferences to include the sectors you're interested in. Your own personal dashboard will highlight the vacancies that match your preferences.

You can also **sign up for daily or weekly careers emails**. These will alert you to all the latest opportunities that might interest you.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myUCLCareers-jobs

Francesca Kurlansky, She/Her, UK

MA Hebrew and Jewish studies

Current Student

What useful things have you done to find work experience or work in your chosen field?

I have two key tactics when looking for work whilst studying at UCL. The first is taking advantage of all UCL opportunities that are advertised to me, and the second is to sign up to email alerts from UCL careers. As a part-time MA student, I am constantly looking for flexible, part-time work to help support my studies and all opportunities I have had this year have been found through one of these two methods.

Why did you arrange/take part in an internship or volunteering?

The opportunities provided with the UCL Connected Learning Internships scheme are unique and challenging. When I saw there was the opportunity to take part in an internship for greater digital accessibility and representation for the Disaster Studies department, I knew it was a way to access an experience I otherwise wouldn't have been afforded. I worked with academics and got to understand

where my skills lie, as well as producing a report that has been shared within the university.



Are you excited about your future career? If so, why?

I am because I am excited to make a difference to other people's lives and to help them access all types of resources and content regardless of their needs and background.



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Shixue (Sasha) Shen, China

MA Higher Education
Studies, 2019

Senior Recruitment Marketing Executive at University of Reading

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I am currently working as the Recruitment Marketing Executive at University of Reading. I found this job because I have previously worked as an International Officer for one of the universities in Beijing, China, and I have worked as an Education Consultant for an Education Agency in London. The London job opportunity was found by the support of UCL Careers staff when they guided me how to find a suitable job based on my profile and experience. Without their help, I would not have been able to find a job offering a working visa in London.

Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

Yes, I did take the advantages of UCL Career service. I attended two sessions with the Career Consultants. One was for asking advice on how to find a job in the UK as an Asian student. The other was for modifying my CV and Cover Letter according to a job

description. The staff are very nice, friendly, and supportive!

What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

I would suggest students try to gain as many experiences as possible during your study and summer breaks. For example, working as a Student Ambassador or Student Representative for UCL will enable you to develop your leadership skills, communication skills, and organisational skills. If you are interested in the Education Industry, try to find a relevant internship opportunity as early as possible.



UCL Careers staff guided me on how to find a suitable job based on my profile and experience. Without their help, I would not have been able to find a job offering a working visa in London."



11,199
number of job
vacancies advertised
between August 2020
and July 2021

Internships and jobs

› Internships and work experiences

At UCL Careers we know that students gain a variety of skills and career-boosting experience through internships, such as:

- Optional internships that take place during university vacation periods
- An internship taken after your degree programme has finished
- A year in industry where you have interrupted your degree.

You can browse internships and work experiences on the myUCLCareers jobs board, making use of our **Internships Toolkit** and our application and CV advice resources. Make sure you've had a look through the advice on our website on **sourcing and making the most of internships**.

UCL Careers also runs managed schemes to help connect you to exciting opportunities, locally and even globally. Alongside internship schemes focusing on London, and even within UCL, our Global

Internship Programme supports students to undertake an internship abroad – helping you to develop your global awareness and build your network internationally.

For up to date information about the internship schemes currently run by UCL Careers, please **keep an eye on our website**.

➤ **Simulated Work Experience**

Get an insight into what it would be like to work in specific sectors and companies – completely virtually.

UCL Careers **have partnered with Bright Network and Forage** to enable you to try out bite-sized virtual work experiences in a variety of organisations.

You might like to apply to take part in one of Bright Network’s annual three-day online programmes, taking place in the summer term, to offer simulated work experience. Choose from between a range of sectors, delivered by leading employers and industry experts, and contribute to a project that simulates real-life graduate work.

You can also access Forage’s virtual work experience programmes at any time and at your own pace. These programmes let you sample “life-like” tasks that provide a better

understanding of what it might be like to be a junior employee at a leading company. Taking about 5-6 hours to complete in total, you can enroll and start your choice of programme whenever you wish.

To read more and access these programmes, please **visit our website**.

➤ **UCL Unitemps**

UCL Unitemps manages the recruitment of student ambassadors and other paid roles on campus that are often undertaken by UCL students.

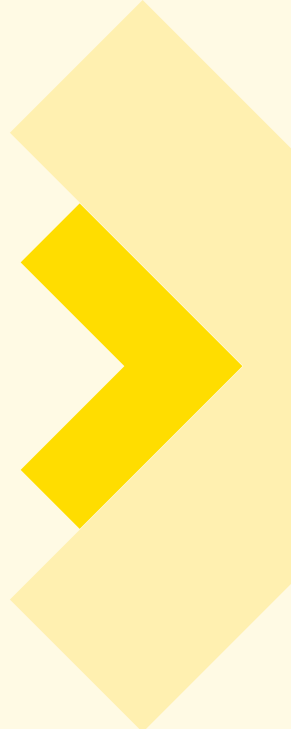
ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/unitemps

➤ **Students’ Union UCL Jobshop**

If you’re looking for work to fit around your studies, you might want to find casual temporary, part-time and seasonal vacancies from the Students’ Union UCL Jobshop.

You will need to log in with your UCL ID and password.

studentsunionucl.org/jobshop



Hannah Taaffe, She/Her, UK

Modern Languages BA (French and Italian), 2017

Senior Campaigner at Save the Children UK

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I started sending speculative emails and eventually managed to secure myself an unpaid internship at the Fawcett Society, initially set to last 4 weeks but later extended to last the rest of the summer, and with pay! After graduating, I took a new role as Digital Campaigner at Save the Children UK as I knew that Save the Children did a lot of campaigning with young people and in communities and I saw it as an entryway into an organisation which did lots of different kinds of campaigning.

What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

Show them that you are passionate! I’ve worked on campaigns across a range of issues, but I haven’t been an expert in any of them – you learn what you need to on the job. The most important thing you need for a job in campaigns and advocacy is the passion that will drive you to keep fighting for change in a challenging and ever-shifting political environment.

If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you’d have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

Don’t undersell yourself! When I started applying for graduate roles after finishing my exams, I already had experience working part-time as a Campaigns and Communications Assistant at a well-respected women’s rights charity, and I knew I wanted to work in a similar role in the charity sector after university. But when I started applying for jobs using the CharityJob website, I immediately looked for more Assistant level roles when I should have been looking for Officer level roles – the next level up. I often wonder if I might be a step further ahead in my career by now if I had just believed in myself a little more when I was doing those initial applications!



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Joonsoo Yi, He/Him, USA

MA U.S. History & Politics,
2018

Congressional Staffer at U.S House of Representatives

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I think I've always been a 'problem-solver' and someone who likes to mediate, rather than to escalate a conflict. I also love learning about different people (and different cultures), which compelled me to study political science and to work in public service thereafter.

Without knowing anyone in Washington D.C., I had to network with over 70 people before securing an internship and another 200 or so people (staffers, elected officials, etc.) before finding a job. It's tough, but it goes to show that you can form your own network from scratch.



UCL's resources helped me narrow down my options and think about the things I'm most passionate about."



What skills are involved in your current role?

Integrity and hard-work. There are a lot of hard and soft skills involved too, like research and writing skills, social intelligence, etc. But at the end of the day, I think it comes down to believing in what you're fighting for. And because staffers must be knowledgeable about a wide variety of issue areas and there's always a lot to do, they need to be inquisitive and diligent.

Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

Yes! Like many people, I didn't have a clear idea as to what I wanted to do after graduation. UCL's resources helped me narrow down my options and think about the things I'm most passionate about.

› Jobs at UCL

You can browse current vacancies at UCL – both academic and administrative – on the **UCL Human Resources page**. The search facility allows you to filter results according to your interests, apply for roles online and sign up for email alerts.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobsites

› Working abroad

We can help connect you to the opportunities you want in the UK or overseas.

If you're thinking of working or studying abroad – either during or after your time at UCL – you can take advantage of our events and online resources.

Resources on our website offer guides to different countries and information about studying abroad.

You will find links to resources such as our digital careers library – an online careers library that you can search for more detailed information about working and studying in a specific country.

You can even use your UCL login and password to access **GoinGlobal**, with advice for more than 30 countries, covering everything from adapting your CV to cultural awareness.

You can also search for internships and other global vacancies on myUCLCareers, by filtering your search by country or region. See more information on our website:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/work-abroad



› Volunteering

Build new skills and meet new people with the **Volunteering Service**.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to develop your skills while connecting with other people from across London. Whatever sector you're thinking of for your career, employers really value volunteering experience – it shows commitment, flexibility and a spirit of adventure.

As a UCL student, you've got access to a great range of volunteering roles, with over 500 opportunities on offer. The Volunteering Service – based in Students' Union UCL – is one of the biggest departments of its kind in the UK, helping you find volunteering opportunities that are just right for you.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/volunteering

➤ Further study

Some people embark on further or postgraduate study after their degree to help them progress in their career. Others love their subject and want to study it in greater depth, to further their academic interest. If you are considering further or postgraduate study the following links and services will help you find the right course.

Explore more:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/explore-your-options/explore-opportunities/further-study

For information and advice on funding, take a look at the UCL Financial Assistance page, which has links to information on doctoral fellowships, scholarships and prizes, as well as the Financial Assistance Fund.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/funding

➤ Competitions and business challenges

Think you could beat other students from across the UK and around the world to win great prizes, and even paid work experience with top companies?

Get involved with one of the many competitions and business challenges running across industries such as Marketing, Journalism, Financial Trading, Project Management and more!

ucl.ac.uk/careers/competitions



Events

Start exploring your ideas in more depth at one of our many employer events.

Meet employers and UCL alumni to hear them talk about their careers in a wide range of different sectors, and the skills and attributes you need to be successful.

24,869

student attendance at
UCL Careers events

172

number of employer
led events in 2020/21



› Careers fairs

Would you like to talk, one to one, with employers who might be interested in hiring you?

We run sector specific Careers Fairs, to give you the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire UCL graduates.

By talking to representatives from a range of recruiting organisations, you will get a better idea of what it's like to work in a particular sector or company, and whether it's right for you.

As a UCL student or graduate, you're welcome to attend all UCL Careers Fairs, no matter which course you are studying.

Please refer to our website for booking arrangements and you can also sign up for the UCL Careers newsletter:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/fairs

Management Consultancy Fair
Wednesday 6 October 2021
4–7pm

**Banking, Finance
& Economics Fair**
Tuesday 12 October 2021
4–7pm

Life & Health Sciences Fair
Monday 18 October 2021
10am–4pm

IT & Technology Fair
Wednesday 20 October 2021
4–7pm

**Engineering & Built
Environment Fair**
Monday 25 October 2021
4–7pm

Law Fair
Tuesday 2 November 2021
4:45–7:45pm

All Fairs for 2021 will be held virtually.



Eleanor King, She/Her, UK
Digital Media: Critical Studies MA

Current Student

Have you taken part in any UCL Careers events such as a fair or skills session? If so, what did you gain from them?

UCL Careers has been invaluable in my pursuit for job advice and support. I have had a one-to-one meeting with a careers consultant, who encouraged me to network with journalists, they even gave me advice on how to write emails introducing myself. I have also attended an event where I met a former-UCL student, and, through the Q&A session, I was able to garner advice from them about navigating the job market. It was great to also chat to other current students about their career journeys so far, and learn from each other. Recently, I attended a workshop about how to write good cover letters and application forms.

Through showing participants both good and not so good examples and encouraging us to comment our thoughts, I was able to build on my knowledge, enabling me to refer back to this when writing my own letters and forms.

Why did you arrange/take part in an internship or volunteering?

I applied to a UCL Connected Learning Internship because I

wanted to add to my CV, showing recruiters that I was building on my skills while studying. It was also a paid internship, meaning that I could also earn money in the process – an invaluable reward for a full-time student. It was refreshing to see a paid internship, amongst a sea of unpaid internships which excluded a lot of students who couldn't afford to apply. The internship really aligned with my principles and passions. It focused on accessibility and inclusivity in learning, something that I am passionate about, having previously worked as an undergraduate student ambassador. As a media student navigating my Masters in the COVID-19 online environment, I wanted to be part of a team that worked to ensure that students felt heard and were not suffering as a result of these unpredictable times.



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Corina Shika Kwami, She/Her, USA

**Civil, Environmental &
Geomatic Engineering, 2018**

**Associate Director at Civil,
Environmental & Geomatic
Engineering**

**How did you get to where you
are now in your career?**

Having lots of conversations with lots of people who I wanted to learn from at every stage of my career path.

**What skills are involved in your
current role?**

The skills I use in my current role include stakeholder management, empowering and mentoring junior staff and developing curriculum for training, learning and development.

**Were you able to make use of
our careers service at UCL? If
so, how did it help you?**

I was able to join events and talks that showcased different career pathways, which I found useful.

**What is on the horizon within
your industry/company that
our students can learn and get
excited about?**

Social impact is a huge field and the role of narratives and messaging is critical in achieving any social aim.



**If you could
give a current
student one
piece of advice on something
you wish you'd have known prior
to starting your career what
would it be?**

Don't be afraid to try something new!



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› Jobs Market 2022

Your last chance in the year to meet employers recruiting for roles starting soon. Keep up to date about the Jobs Market held at the end of the Summer term.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/jobs-market



› Themed Weeks

During the Autumn and Spring terms, we run a programme of Themed Weeks covering a variety of industry sectors which are popular with UCL students.

With a mix of panel discussions, presentations and networking events, Themed Weeks are an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about a particular sector from industry professionals, UCL alumni, and careers professionals to give you a better understanding of what you need to succeed in a particular sector.

Themed Week events will be online during the autumn term and reviewed in the spring.

Media Week

22–26 November 2021

Charities & NGOs Week

24–28 January 2022

International Development Week

31 January – 4 February 2022

Museums, Arts & Cultural Heritage Week

7–11 February 2022

Sustainability Fortnight

21 February–4 March 2022

Careers in Life Science Industry Week

7–11 March 2022

Government & Policy Week

14–18 March 2022

Make sure to book your place for each week's events on myUCLCareers. To find them, go to the events section of myUCLCareers and filter by event type.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/themed-weeks

Prepare to apply

Whatever you apply for, there's support available for the whole process; from writing applications to completing aptitude tests, or preparing for interviews and assessment centres.



➤ Career Essentials

A series of Careers Consultant led lunchtime talks and workshops, covering topics such as writing your CV or cover letter, job hunting, networking, career planning and preparing for interviews and assessment centres.

Career Essentials gives you the chance to engage with all aspects of careers management, no matter where you are in your careers thinking.

Career Essentials will be online for the time being.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/slides/career-essentials

➤ Employer-led Skills Programme

Do you want support in developing the skills, strengths, and qualities employers are typically looking for?

Our skills development programme helps you develop key skills, providing employer-led panel discussions, workshops and coaching. Working in consultation with the Students' Union UCL, these interactive sessions help to upskill and develop your knowledge in areas such as teamwork, leadership, application forms and interviews.

We work with a diverse range of organisations, graduate recruiters, career professionals and alumni on our events.

➤ Panel discussions

Panel discussions are great for:

- ◆ Insight into how different sectors view and look for skills
- ◆ Expert advice on how to improve those skills
- ◆ Hearing from up to five employers from different sectors share their thoughts on what you can do to stand out from the crowd
- ◆ Showing you how to make the best of your application forms, CVs and covering letters
- ◆ Learning about success at interviews
- ◆ Each panel discussion also offers you the chance to ask the questions that matter to you.

➤ Workshops

Employability skills are crucial to success in any career – and you can learn them directly from employers at one of our interactive workshops. Topics include problem solving, networking, digital skills, and more.

➤ Coaching

One-to-one coaching from an employer will help you get your CV up to scratch or provide valuable feedback on an application. You can also practice your interview techniques. Find out more about what we offer on our website.

➤ Mock Assessment Centres

A half day interactive workshop designed to give you practical experience of typical assessment centre exercises. Sessions will be led by a variety of graduate recruiters who will assess your performance in each activity and provide feedback.

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Conor Courtney, He/Him, UK

Law Masters (LLM) in International Commercial Law, 2021

Legal Editor at FromCounsel

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I owe a lot of my career to the opportunities that UCL offered to me, as I found my current position through UCL Careers. In the past, I was also able to hone many important legal skills through contacts at UCL, including my professors and supervisors, including improving my confidence and writing skills. The extra-curricular activities at UCL, such as LawWithoutWalls, the UCL Rare Dementia Legal Advice Clinic, and student societies like ELSA UCL and the Student Pro Bono Committee, were also really helpful in rounding me out as a law student, and to add to my CV.

Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

Yes, the UCL Careers service was really helpful in my search for a graduate job, especially as I only moved to London at the start of my Masters. I knew the big companies in London, but it was actually quite hard to find interesting job

opportunities with smaller or niche companies in the legal sector, and the UCL Careers service delivered perfect opportunities into my email address each week. I would wake up each Saturday and apply for any opportunity that sounded different or interesting, and that was how I came across my current position.

What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

I think that my advice would be to try new things, and to follow your passions. Sometimes your passions will lead you to different or interesting areas, and these are what help to make you stand out in an interview or at an assessment centre.

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It was great to chat to other current students about their career journeys so far, and learn from each other.”



Specialist support

› Guidance from UCL graduates

Would it help to talk to someone who has been in your shoes?

Students from all levels of study, connect and learn from alumni worldwide through **UCL Bentham Connect**.

Whether you are seeking professional advice to perfect your CV or want to explore a particular career path – build global connections, gain valuable employability skills, and learn from experienced UCL alumni

professionals who are ready to support you.

uclbenthamconnect.com

› UCL Connect

Tap into the professional expertise of the UCL alumni community through UCL Connect, our award-winning professional development programme of events, resources and networking opportunities. Aimed at students and new graduates, this is your chance to find out how to break into an industry or sector and learn from alumni experts across UCL's global community.



› Recent Graduates Network

With hubs in eight countries around the world, the UCL Recent Graduates Network is here to help you stay connected to UCL and to your fellow alumni. As well as supporting its members in their professional development, the network is a great place to make new connections and nurture lifelong friendships. Join the Recent Graduates Network on **Bentham Connect** and **LinkedIn**.

› UCL Innovation & Enterprise

Make the most of your time at UCL and beyond by developing entrepreneurial skills and thinking.

Enterprise helps students, staff and alumni to be innovative in their chosen career and to start up new businesses and social enterprises.

Entrepreneurial skills are vital if you want to positively contribute to global challenges and create a better society.

No matter what career you have ahead of you, skills to innovate and to be entrepreneurial will be valuable.

ucl.ac.uk/enterprise

› Develop skills through Students' Union UCL

Leading a club or society, or even just joining one and being an active member, will give you opportunities to develop skills that employers really value. Skills like leading a group, managing a budget, fundraising and pitching, communication and events coordination are all part of everyday life for students in clubs and societies. On top of this, joining clubs and societies gives you access to training and development opportunities to really help you set yourself apart. Anyone can join, at any time of the year. Start your journey here.

studentsunionucl.org/clubs-and-societies

Dimtri Visnadi, He/Him, Germany/Italy

MSc Business Analytics with Computer Science 2014

Founder & Data Consultant at Vanalize

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

The values that helped me to get where I am today are persistence, curiosity, and a good sense of humour. I think it's important to try out as many things in life and not be afraid of failing. Take calculated risks and don't be too hard on yourself after a loss. At least this recipe has worked for me and I keep using it today.



Don't jump into something you have no idea about but rather learn enough to have an intuition"

What skills are involved in your current role?

Since I started my own business the range of skills I use have increase a lot. I don't only require the typical skills of a data professional such as analytical ability, business acumen,

and technical hard skills. In addition, I now have to work on new skills like leadership, sales, project management and strategical mindset.

If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

The best advice I received and still like to pass on today is don't jump into something you have no idea about but rather learn enough to have an intuition. If you don't know what to study, if you should change industry, or more from academia to industry, reach out to people and get the answers to your question. It has never been so easy as today to reach out to people through LinkedIn or UCL's Bentham Connect and ask them if they are willing to answer you some questions or jump on a short call. I have done this plenty of times. People are willing to help out if they can. Trust me you aren't the first person having this issue.





› Students with disabilities/long-term health conditions

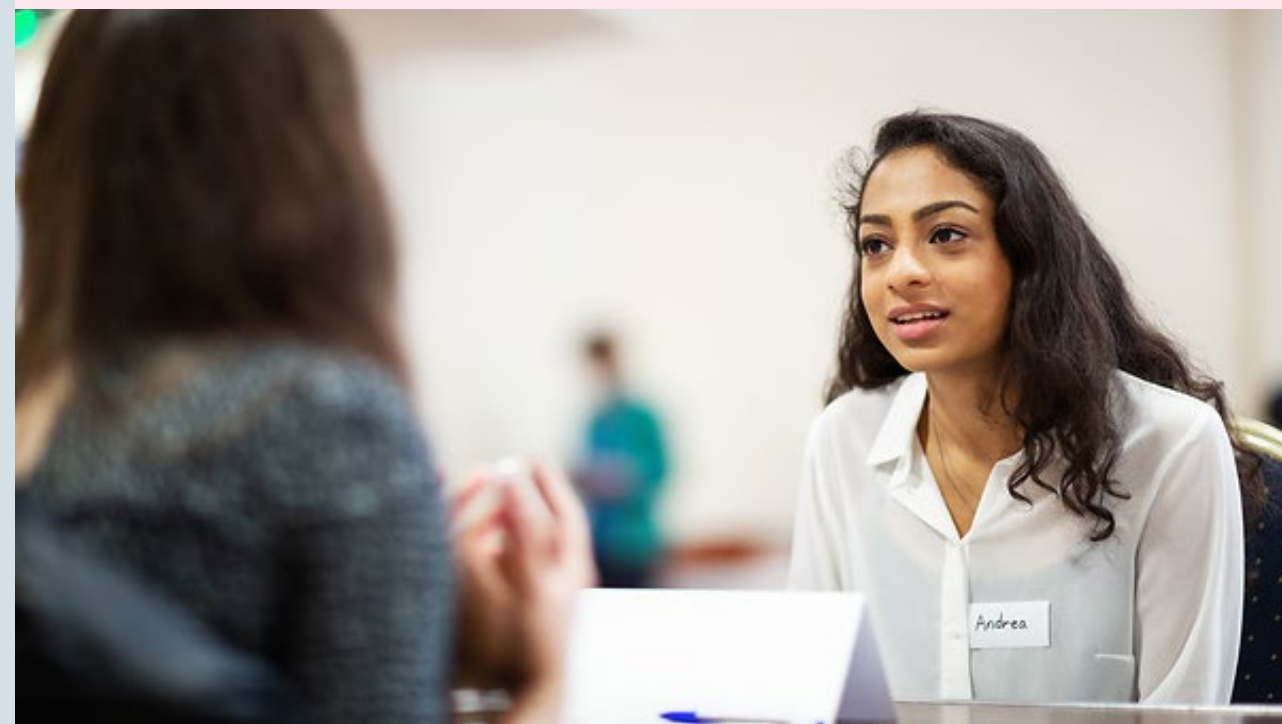
If you have a disability or long-term health condition we can discuss with you how best to approach job hunting, do your best in recruitment processes and also whether, when or how to discuss your disability or health condition with employers.

We are committed to ensuring all our careers activities are accessible to you so please email **careers.disability@ucl.ac.uk** to discuss any adjustments we might need to make for you. You can also use that email address to request a longer one to one appointment with a Careers Consultant, to ensure you have enough time to talk through your situation.

› International Students

Whether you're thinking about working in the UK or planning to return home after your time at UCL, our talks and workshops will help you find *your future*.

See the events calendar on myUCLCareers for more information and don't forget to set your preferences to receive event updates.



Researchers

Are you completing your research studentship or research staff position?

UCL Careers is here for you at every stage of *finding your future*. We recognise that, as a researcher, you need specialist advice about how to use your qualification and expertise.

You may want to stay in academia, or move to a new career. Perhaps you need to learn more about your options.

Whatever stage you're at, UCL Careers has a dedicated team to support you.

› One-to-one advice

You can book a one-to-one appointment with one of our specialist careers consultants for researchers throughout the year.

Appointments last up to 30 minutes and are an opportunity for you to seek guidance on your career path and ask questions or get feedback on an application.

If you're preparing for an interview, we can also help by offering you a practice interview session. We can support you whether you are looking to progress in academia or beyond.

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› Events for researchers

We organise skills workshops and sector-specific careers events, designed for researchers.

Our specialist careers consultants deliver workshops on career planning, application and interview skills and invited employer representatives deliver workshops on work-place relevant skills.

Sector-specific events typically involve question and answer sessions with panels of guest speakers with backgrounds in academic research. You'll see the ways they are applying their skills and expertise to exciting careers.

› Employer-led Researchers programme

In collaboration with The Doctoral Skills Development Programme and UCL Organisational Development, UCL Careers provides an extensive programme of careers events for UCL's researcher community, (Research Assistants, Research Students (MRes & PhD) and Postdoctoral Research Staff). Events include forums, networking sessions, Q&As, workshops, practical skills sessions and career tasters, all led by employers specifically engaged with researchers, as well as PhD level career professionals and alumni. This programme is

aimed at all researchers looking to explore their career options beyond academia.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers-events

› Information & vacancy provision

We believe that an essential part of effective career management is to learn how others have managed their careers successfully.

Researchers can learn about the career paths of people after a research studentship through our events programme and our online collection of case studies, including doctoral graduates from UCL and beyond.

Research students also have access to our myUCLCareers database of internships and full-time job opportunities. This includes opportunities where research skills or a research qualification may be essential or desirable.

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Rey Syuen Wang Yeh, He/Him, Spain

MSc Management, 2018

**Assistant Vice President,
Political Risk & Structured
Credit at Marsh**

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

Completely by chance! The School of Management careers team (who compiled a weekly newsletter of graduate jobs) brought an opportunity to work on the graduate scheme of one of the largest insurance companies in the world. I started researching more into the world of insurance and came to realise that it was quite an exciting and interesting sector. I joined as a graduate underwriter in a specialty business line called credit insurance and upon my program's completion, I jumped to the other side of the fence, joining an insurance broker working on behalf of clients.

What skills are involved in your current role?

From a qualitative perspective, communication, people, negotiation and influence skills are very important to hone as you are in continuous contact with the market and client. On the quantitative side, research, data analytics, excel modelling also come into play for business development.

Were you able to make use of our careers service at UCL? If so, how did it help you?

For me the most important asset is that the careers team helped me expand the universe of prospective industries by introducing seminars and opportunities in these rare and less mentioned sectors. When I joined the school I was fixated on just three or four when in reality there are dozens more who could be as interesting and rewarding.



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› Online resources

If you would still like some ideas about **finding your future**, you may find the resources on our website interesting and helpful.

Our resources give you the opportunity to watch interviews with research qualification holders in a variety of occupations from across the working world.

There are also seminars on aspects of the application process from a researcher's perspective, such as writing an effective academic CV, funding proposal or personal statement.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/researchers

4,000

UCL Careers online careers information library links to websites and resources on careers

479

number of student and staff research specific events



Graduates

About to finish your degree course at UCL?

Your time at UCL may be nearly over but we're still here to help you **find your future** for three years after you leave.

› One-to-one advice

You'll have continued access to one-to-one support through a range of different appointment types, just as you did when you were a student. We can help you explore options

for work or further study, help you consider the best route for you and assist with the application process.

If you're preparing for an interview (whether via video or in-person), we can help by offering you a practice interview session that includes:

- ♦ A mock interview
- ♦ Feedback on your performance, covering your general interview technique as well as the quality of your answers

- ◆ Advice and tips on how to improve
- ◆ Time for you to ask questions and raise any concerns you may have

We offer in-person and remote appointments so that you can connect with us, wherever you are in the world.

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› Events

You are still welcome to join us at all of our events, including Careers Fairs and employer presentations, where you will have the opportunity to meet employers and graduate recruiters who are looking to hire.

ucl.ac.uk/careers/events-list

› Jobs

You will find UK-based and global graduate job opportunities on myUCLCareers. Find out more at:

ucl.ac.uk/careers/myuclcareers

› Alumni

The global UCL alumni community is here to support you too, not only as you take the next step in your career journey, but for life.

- ◆ **Join UCL Bentham Connect**, UCL's exclusive professional networking platform with over 20,000 students and alumni. You can use it to find professional development support, make connections with students and graduates in your city or country, and search industry-specific groups to reach alumni working in your field of interest.
- ◆ **Access your alumni benefits** which include free access to a fantastic range of academic e-journals, an alumni benefits card and an email account for life.
- ◆ **Network with other recent graduates** through the **UCL Recent Graduates Network** which has specific hubs across the globe and is dedicated to alumni who graduated within the last 10 years. You can also explore **UCL's global alumni groups** to network with alumni local to you, discover opportunities, and stay connected to the UCL community wherever you are.

Ilayda Nijhar, She/Her, UK MA Russian and Post-Soviet Politics, 2019

Eurasia Analyst at PRISM

How did you get to where you are now in your career?

I have always specialised in the Russia and FSU region. Being aware and knowing the key people and players involved in the sector/region you want to specialise in is vital. I would say perseverance has been an important factor helping me reach the position I'm in today.

What skills are involved in your current role?

Analytical and research skills are imperative. This also includes writing skills and the ability to summarise large data points and information into very short and concise briefs. Strong networking skills are also very important, although this is transferable across many different professions. And as always, presentation and organisational skills are of paramount importance.



Don't be afraid to reach out and ask for advice – people are always willing to help out!"

What advice would you give to current students on getting into your sector?

To be sure to know the industry and how it works. It is a very diverse and interesting sector to work in but there is also a lot of competition. In order to be noticed, be sure to demonstrate your interest and passion. Build yourself a network and don't be afraid to reach out and ask for advice – people are always willing to help out!

If you could give a current student one piece of advice on something you wish you'd have known prior to starting your career what would it be?

The importance of soft skills. These are skills you can develop throughout your studies which you can utilise once you begin, or even prior to working. Even if you are a fantastic candidate who can demonstrate all the required skills, companies still keep an eye out for soft skills which are often much harder to develop and not easily recognisable.



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