

## UCL MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

### Further Information Provided by UCL

Described by the Sunday Times as “an intellectual powerhouse with a world-class reputation”, UCL is recognised as one of the world's leading universities. UCL is ranked seventh in the world by the Times Higher – QS World University Rankings 2008 and is London's leading multifaculty research university with an international reputation for the quality of its research and teaching across the academic spectrum.

The Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) of 2008 confirmed UCL's international research strength with outstanding results achieved across all nine faculties:

- Arts & Humanities
- Built Environment (Bartlett)
- Biomedical Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Laws
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical & Physical Sciences
- Social & Historical Sciences
- School of Slavonic & East European Studies

UCL is one of the top three UK universities for the volume of its research assessed as 4\* (world leading) and, overall, 65% of its research output was independently assessed as either world leading (4\*) or internationally excellent (3\*).

Our publications in clinical medicine attract more citations from fellow researchers than any other university outside North America. Our excellence extends across all academic disciplines; from one of Europe's largest and most productive centres for biomedical science interacting with eleven leading London hospitals, to world-renowned centres for architecture and urban planning (UCL Bartlett) and fine art (UCL Slade School).

Focused on the translation of research into solutions to the world's major problems, UCL works across the disciplines and with partners all over the world. Current activities include leading the search for an HIV vaccine to developing the clinical use of stem cells in heart disease, blindness and spinal cord repair.

Four themes have been identified for UCL researches to come together from across the academic spectrum to combine their research efforts to address significant world problems. They are called at UCL the Grand Challenges: Global Health, Human Wellbeing, Intercultural Interaction and Sustainable Cities.

Teaching at UCL is research-led, the programmes we offer reflect the very latest research and are often taught by academic staff members who are world-leaders in their fields. UCL has one of the best staff-student ratios in the UK and places a strong emphasis on small group teaching.

UCL offers a stimulating and richly rewarding experience for graduate students who want to study in one of the world's leading centres of research and teaching.

### A cosmopolitan environment

As well as being dynamic and intellectually challenging, UCL is also a very cosmopolitan and international environment in which to study. Nearly 40% of our students are from outside the UK and they come from almost 140 different countries. UCL also attracts academic staff from around the globe and international staff and students are welcomed for the different perspectives and diversity they bring to teaching and learning at UCL.

The university's location on a compact site in the heart of London offers outstanding academic professional and social benefits. UCL is surrounded by the greatest concentration of libraries, museums, archives and professional bodies in Europe. London also has a wealth of opportunities for social and leisure activities.

### The Graduate School

Over 8,000 of our students are studying at graduate level, which is one of the largest populations of graduate students at any UK university. UCL offers an extremely diverse range of graduate qualifications, from taught Master's and shorter programmes to MPhils, PhDs and specialist doctorates.

On entry, all UCL graduate students become members of the Graduate School which offers opportunities that few, if any, UK institutions can match. The aims of the UCL Graduate School are:

- To ensure that UCL continues to be at the forefront of graduate education and research
- To enhance the student experience through offering the finest environment for personal and academic development.

Furthermore, the Graduate School, offers a number of Research and Master's scholarships to outstanding students. Details of the full range of UCL scholarships available for students can be found on our website at [www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships).

### **Career opportunities**

Whatever the reasons for pursuing graduate study, whether for career development or subject interest, the UCL Careers Service can help students to realise their full potential, and offers specialist support for graduate students. We strive to ensure that students are equipped not just with academic knowledge but with other highly valued skills which mean that UCL graduates are extremely employable, and are targeted by world's leading employers.

### **Collaborations with the USA**

UCL has a large number of long-standing research and teaching links with the USA including a very well established study abroad programme in partnership with over 50 American institutions. Our JYA links include the likes of Columbia, Caltech, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell and many prestigious liberal arts colleges. In addition, various UCL departments have bilateral student exchange agreements with institutions in the USA.

UCL offers joint degree programmes with Columbia University (Law LLB/JD), Yale University (Master's in Psychodynamic Developmental Neuroscience) and the National Institute of Mental Health (joint doctoral programme in Neuroscience).

For further information about our programmes and scholarships, please visit our website: [www.ucl.ac.uk](http://www.ucl.ac.uk).