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Winter 2021

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As we draw to the close of another challenging year, we can reflect upon the lessons we have learnt, and how we are using these to move forward. It has been wonderful to see students returning to campus, and the sense of community around campus growing ever stronger.

Working with In2ScienceUK, we welcomed a number of pre-A Level students into our Fly Labs this summer to provide them with an insight into the STEM sector and university life. The programme has shown that young people involved have significant increases in key factors after the programme that help to develop their knowledge, skills and career progression.

Our research into COVID-19 continues, with academics from the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre undertaking the largest international study into Long COVID to date. The study, which has reported over 200 symptoms of Long COVID, is advocating for a national screening programme for those who believe they may have Long COVID.

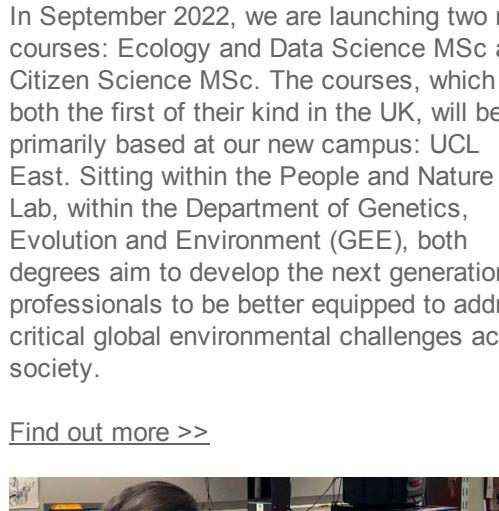
We are delighted to be able to offer our recent graduates an opportunity to celebrate their graduations with us at the ExCel Centre in March next year. For those graduates who missed out on an in-person event during the last eighteen month this will be an opportunity for us to share in their success back on campus.

We are also busy preparing for the opening of UCL East, our campus in Stratford, in September 2022 which will bring together UCL academics, students, local communities and industry to solve some of the biggest challenges affecting people's lives and the planet - today and into the future. The campus will enable UCL to offer a wide range of new courses, including two new Master's programmes within the Faculty of Life Sciences.

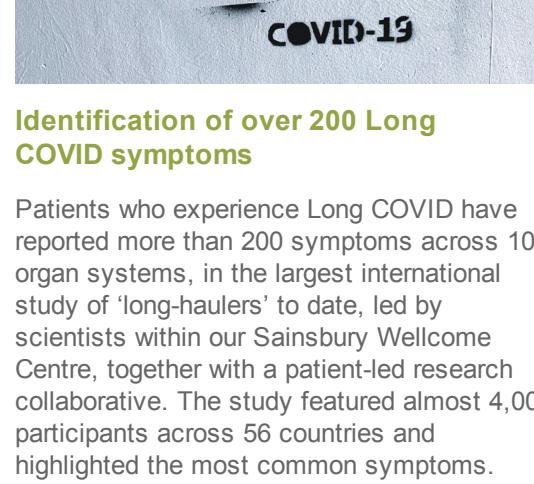
Do keep in touch with us and if you are using Twitter, follow us on [@UCLLifeSciences](#) for lively and engaging content, and to keep in touch with what is happening here at UCL.

We hope that you have a lovely break.

Professor Geraint Rees
Dean, UCL Faculty of Life Sciences



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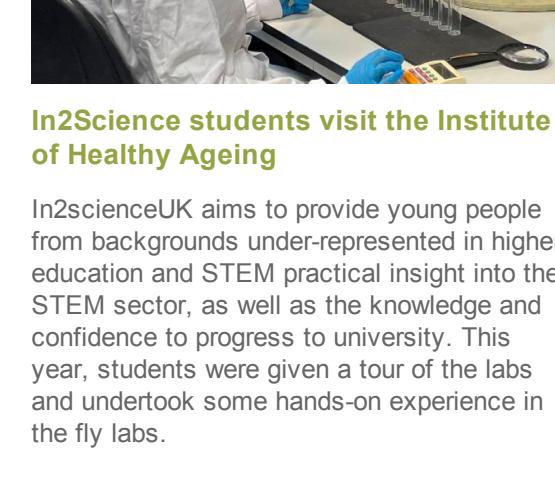


NPP receives Wellcome Trust research grants worth £4.4million

Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology (NPP) group leaders have recently received three separate Wellcome Trust grants totalling £4.4 million.

The awards will fund research focussing on brain energy metabolism studied at the molecular, organelle, cellular and circuit level, and the links between gut and brain function that control appetite and bodyweight.

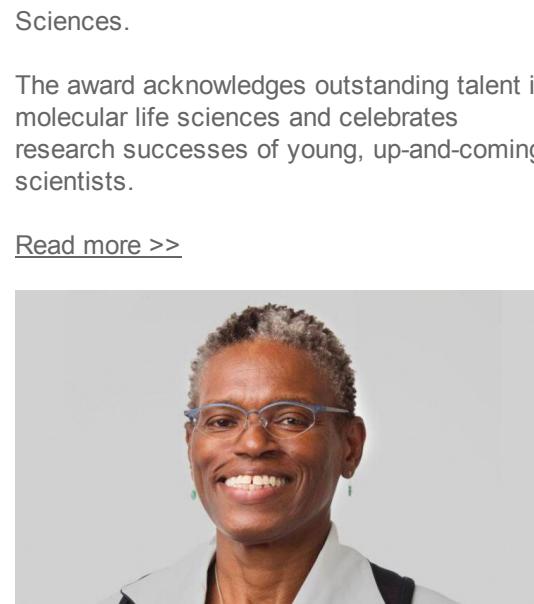
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New courses launching in September 2022

In September 2022, we are launching two new courses: Ecology and Data Science MSc and Citizen Science MSc. The courses, which are both the first of their kind in the UK, will be primarily based at our new campus: UCL East. Sitting within the People and Nature Lab, within the Department of Genetics, Evolution and Environment (GEE), both degrees aim to develop the next generation of professionals to be better equipped to address critical global environmental challenges across society.

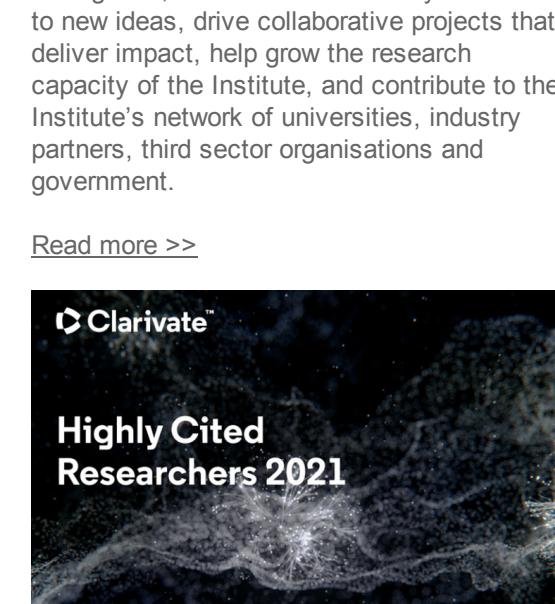
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Identification of over 200 Long COVID symptoms

Patients who experience Long COVID have reported more than 200 symptoms across 10 organ systems, in the largest international study of 'long-haulers' to date, led by scientists within our Sainsbury Wellcome Centre, together with a patient-led research collaborative. The study featured almost 4,000 participants across 56 countries and highlighted the most common symptoms.

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In2Science students visit the Institute of Healthy Ageing

In2scienceUK aims to provide young people from backgrounds under-represented in higher education and STEM practical insight into the STEM sector, as well as the knowledge and confidence to progress to university. This year, students were given a tour of the labs and undertook some hands-on experience in the fly labs.

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Faculty Awards and Accolades

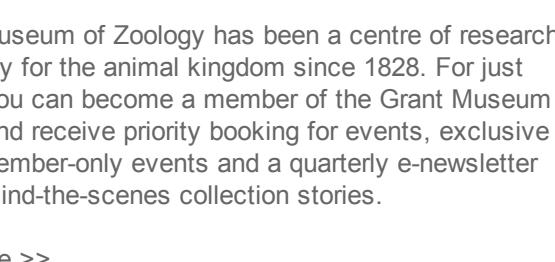


PhD graduate awarded the International Birnstiel Award 2021

Doctor Kristina Stapornwongkul, PhD graduate from the Division of Biosciences, is one of six outstanding young scientists to have been awarded the International Birnstiel Award 2021 for Doctoral Studies in Molecular Life Sciences.

The award acknowledges outstanding talent in molecular life sciences and celebrates research successes of young, up-and-coming scientists.

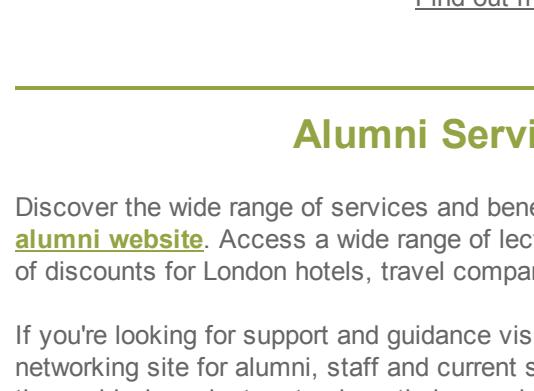
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Professor Chris Barnes awarded prestigious Turing Fellowship

Professor Chris Barnes has recently been appointed as a Turing Fellow. Turing Fellows are established scholars with proven research excellence in data science, artificial intelligence, or a related field. They contribute to new ideas, drive collaborative projects that deliver impact, help grow the research capacity of the Institute, and contribute to the Institute's network of universities, industry partners, third sector organisations and government.

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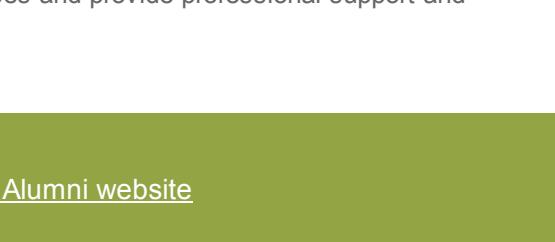


Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu joins Wellcome's Board of Governors

This year Professor Uchegbu (School of Pharmacy) was one of five UCL academics elected Fellows of the Academy of Medical Sciences in recognition of exceptional contribution to biomedical and health science.

Professor Uchegbu is a Professor of Pharmaceutical Nanoscience and the co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of award-winning UCL spinout company Nanomerics.

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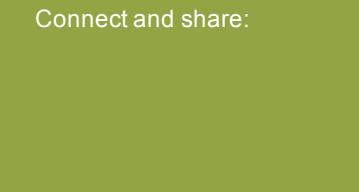
Faculty of Life Sciences academics identified as global scientific pioneers

Academics from the Division of Biosciences and the School of Pharmacy have been listed amongst the World's Most Highly Cited Researchers by the Clarivate Web of Science™ group. In 2021, just 0.1% of the world's researchers have earned this exclusive distinction.

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Explore the Grant Museum



The Grant Museum of Zoology has been a centre of research and discovery for the animal kingdom since 1828. For just £30 a year you can become a member of the Grant Museum of Zoology and receive priority booking for events, exclusive access to member-only events and a quarterly e-newsletter featuring behind-the-scenes collection stories.

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