

2024-25

Constitution of Students' Union UCL

PHDCONNECT SOCIETY

Guidance for Presidents/Treasurers: Completing this Constitution

- Download your current constitution from [your page on the Students' Union website](#).
- Move content over to this new template, without making any [unratified changes](#) to the text.
- Ensure all green text and text boxes have been edited or deleted as applicable.
- Make sure the formatting remains correct and everything is readable. This Constitution will be published on your webpage, so it is important that it looks great!
- Sign and date your Constitution and upload it through our [Club/Society Registration Forms webform](#).

1. Name

- 1.1. The name of the club/society shall be Students' Union UCL **PhDConnect Society**.
- 1.2. The Club/Society shall be affiliated to Students' Union UCL.

2. Statement of Intent

- 2.1. The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the club/society shall abide by all Students' Union UCL policy, and shall be bound by the [Students' Union UCL Memorandum & Articles of Association](#), [Byelaws](#), [Club and Society Regulations](#) and the club and society procedures and guidance – laid out in the '[how to guides](#)'.
- 2.2. The club/society stresses that it abides by Students' Union UCL Equal Opportunities Policies, and that club/society regulations pertaining to membership of the club/society or election to the club/society shall not contravene this policy.
- 2.3. The Club and Society Regulations can be found on the following webpage:
<http://studentsunionucl.org/content/president-and-treasurer-hub/rules-and-regulations>.

3. Committee

- 3.1. **President**
 - 3.1.1. The Presidents' primary role is laid out in section 5.7 of the Club and Society Regulations.
- 3.2. **Treasurer**
 - 3.2.1. The treasurer's primary role is laid out in section 5.8 of the Club and Society Regulations.
- 3.3. **Welfare Officer**
 - 3.3.1. The Welfare Officers' primary role is laid out in section 5.9 of the Club and Society Regulations.
- 3.4. **Additional Committee Members**
 - 3.5. Management of the club/society shall be vested in the club/society committee which will endeavour to meet regularly during term time (excluding UCL reading weeks) to organise and evaluate club/society activities.
 - 3.6. The committee members shall perform the roles as described in section 5 of the Students' Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.
 - 3.7. Committee members are elected to represent the interests and well-being of club/society members and are accountable to their members. If club/society members are not satisfied by the performance of their representative officers, they may call for a motion of no-confidence in line with the Students' Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

4. Terms, Aims and Objectives

- 4.1. The club/society shall hold the following as its aims and objectives.

Aim: To connect PhD Students to UCL spaces, staff and services

Objective: Implementing a user-friendly digital platform calendar with across the year UCL PhD related events; creating on campus PhDConnect pop up spaces; enhancing communication channels from PhD students to staff both professional, academic and related services during the PhD experience and streamlining administrative processes.
- 4.2. The club/society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.
- 4.3. The **core activities** of the club/society shall be:

Within the three groups, PhDConnect Networking; PhDConnect Socials; PhDConnect Research.
- 4.4. In addition, the club/society shall also strive to organise **other activities** for its members where possible:

Welcome/induction to PhD event, FESR event, End of Year Ceremony

- 4.5. This constitution shall be binding on the club/society officers and shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a club/society general meeting. The Activities Executive shall approve any such alterations.
- 4.6. This constitution has been approved and accepted as the Constitution for the Students' Union UCL [PhDConnect Society](#). By signing this document, the President and Treasurer have declared that they have read and abide by the Students' Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

President	Name: Yasmin Garcia- Sterling
	Signature: Ygsterling
	Date: 05/10/2024
Treasurer	Name: Beatrice Mensimah Ossei- Gudom
	Signature: BMOG
	Date: 05/10/2024