

Reconnect to Education: Preparation for Higher Education

A programme at UCL Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (Central London)

An opportunity for London based refugees and asylum seekers wishing to enrol in higher education, including Teacher Training through the UCL Institute of Education Post-Compulsory PGCE Programme

The programme will cover fees and travel costs

Key aims of the programme

To support progression into higher education at UCL and other higher education institutions, including Teacher Training (PGCE) programmes

The programme consists of a Module, which will include an introduction to

1. Critical Reading, Academic Writing and Academic Presentation in Higher Education
2. Active, interactive and interpretive modes of learning, collaborative discussion, writing and presentation making use of:
 - virtual learning environments – Moodle and associated applications
 - computer labs for developing familiarity with PowerPoint (or similar applications)
 - electronic journal articles and books via online resources accessible through the UCL library
3. Intercultural learning and understanding, and the British education system

Module dates and structure

Two modules (each module up to 20 students) will run over 10 weeks (one term only with a break for half term); each session will be 3 hours:

- **Spring term** – 14 January – 25 March 2021, Thursday afternoons, 1pm to 4pm
- **Summer term** – 28 April – 7 July 2021, Wednesday evenings, 6 – 9pm

Facilities

Students will have a normal student ID card while registered for the programme, giving access to most UCL facilities including the library, computer workspaces, a UCL email address and electronic resources

Eligibility – you should be able to show evidence that you:

- ❖ have a recognised academic qualification enabling you to enter higher education
- ❖ can speak and write an appropriate level of English
- ❖ are an *asylum seeker or someone with a refugee background* (includes those who have been recognised as refugees under the UN Geneva Convention; have been granted Humanitarian Protection and Discretionary Leave to Remain (formerly known as Exceptional Leave to Remain); have obtained Indefinite Leave to Remain; or have been refugees but now have full UK citizenship)
- ❖ are a highly motivated person committed to making good use of this opportunity

How to apply – Please complete the attached **Application Form** and email it back to: applications@reconnectonline.org.uk

UCL Institute of Education is a world-leading centre for research and teaching in education and social science. Ranked number one for education worldwide in the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 QS World University Rankings, it was awarded the 2015 Queen's Anniversary Prize. In 2014, the Institute secured 'outstanding' grades from Ofsted on every criterion for its initial teacher training, across primary, secondary and further education programmes.

Reconnect is a London based Charity that works with unemployed/underemployed professional refugees to enable them to access appropriate mainstream training and qualifications, especially in teaching.

In the light of uncertainties associated with COVID-19, the delivery of the programme is subject to review and adjustment and is likely to include a blend of face to face teaching and on-line or remote teaching and learning activities