

Your first five steps to get started

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Welcome from the Dean

As Dean, I believe that staff development is integral to our success. Staff who know that they are supported in their professional development will have the ambition and confidence to achieve, whatever their area of expertise.

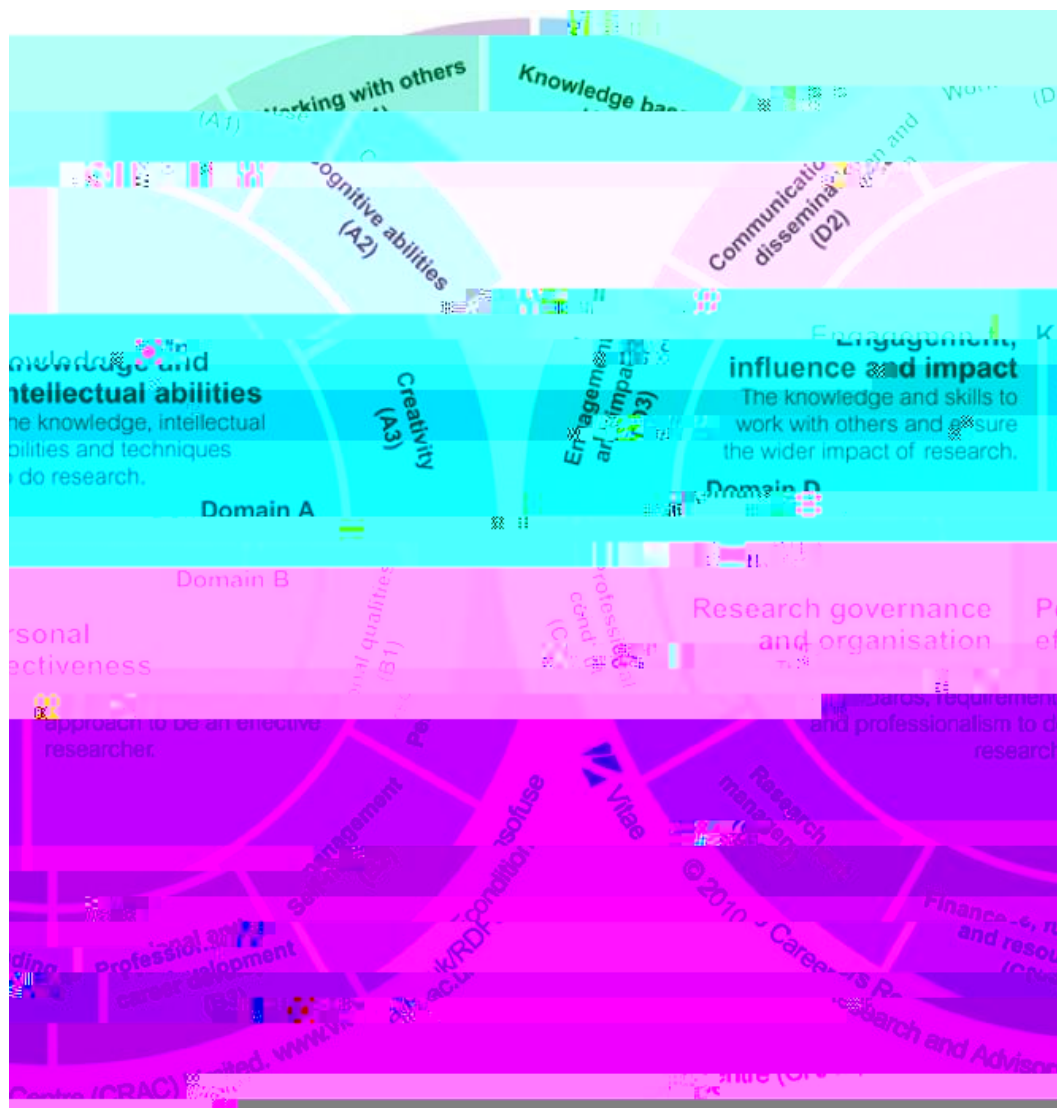
The Vitae Researcher Development Framework

Our starting point for helping you develop as a researcher is the Researcher Development Framework (RDF), produced in 2010 by Vitae. Vitae is a UK organisation dedicated to the personal and professional development of researchers. Produced in consultation with higher education organisations as well as non-academic stakeholders, the RDF highlights four domains critical to the professional development of every researcher, irrespective of career stage or trajectory. Someone with these qualities will be eminently prepared to lead a lab, but also just as ready for a career as a policy analyst or industry consultant.

As postdocs, it is natural for us to focus exclusively on “Domain A”, the bread and butter of our science. We will try our best here at the Faculty of Brain Sciences to help you keep an eye on the bigger picture without compromising your commitment to excellent, ground-breaking research.

UCL is committed to the professional development of its research staff, and in fact encourages you to use the RDF to help frame career discussions with your principal investigator (PI) or line manager. You will find more information on the UCL Learning Academy website.

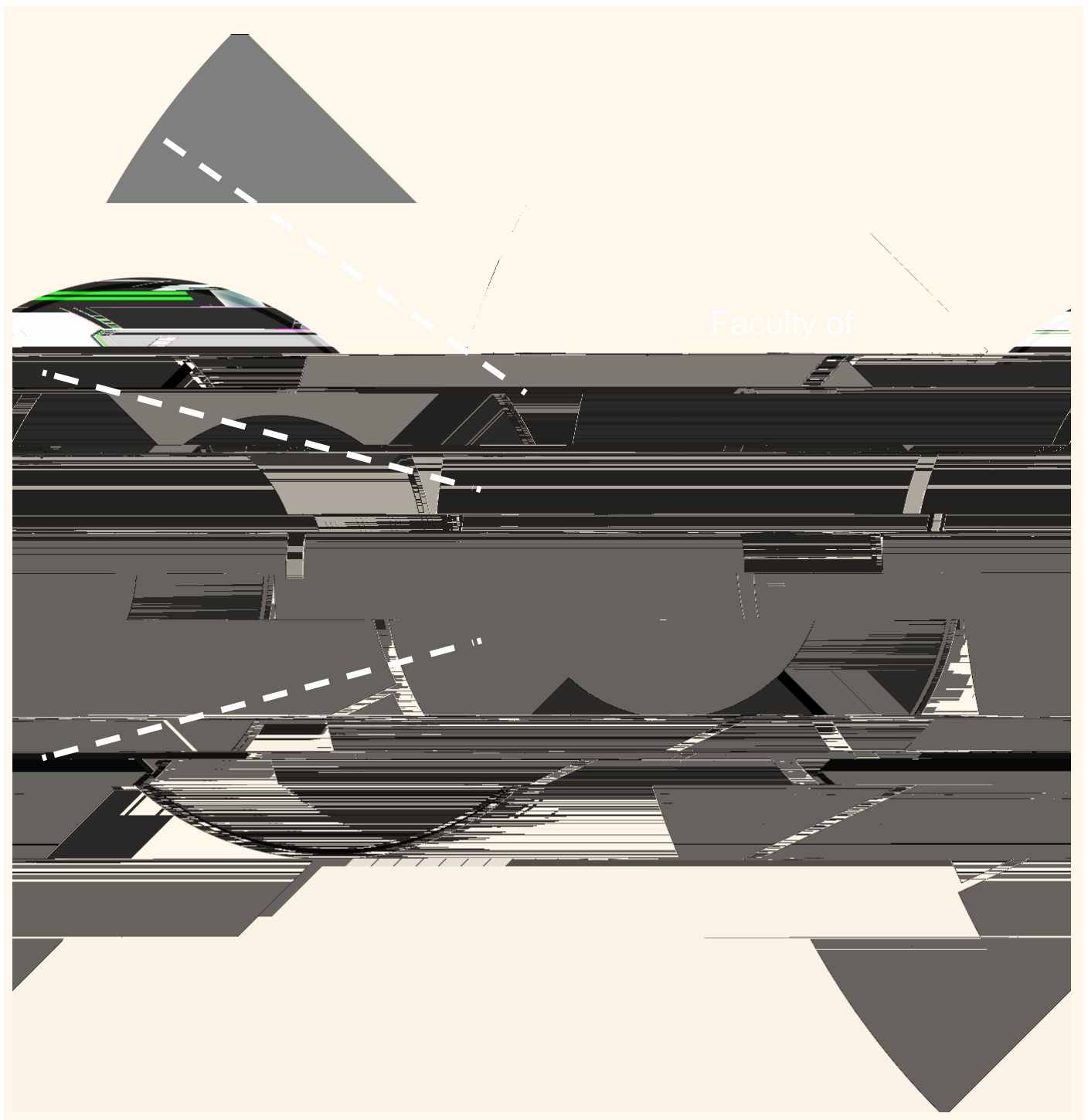
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/learning-development/learning-academy/researcher-development>



An introduction to the Faculty

The Faculty of Brain Sciences was established on 1st August 2011. UCL Faculty of Brain Sciences is a vibrant environment driving forward ambitious plans to solve the greatest health and wellbeing problems in the brain sciences; to educate the next generation of leaders and professionals; and to engage in enterprise and knowledge transfer activities.

Our Faculty is the largest of the four that operate in the Life and Medical Sciences domain at UCL. It brings together expertise from nine Institutes and Divisions in the fields of psychology, psychiatry, prion diseases, ophthalmology and vision, mental health, language sciences, audiology, deafness and hearing, neurology and related basic neuroscience. The Faculty is led by the Dean, Professor Alan Thompson, and the Director of Operations, Mr Geoff Dunk.



UCL professional development and resources for staff

UCL provides an incredible array of professional development and outreach resources for its staff.

UCLB

UCLB (Business) is the commercialisation company of UCL and its partner NHS Trusts, covering spin-outs, intellectual property, licensing, etc. If you're an academic or student at UCL working on a novel and exciting idea that shows promise and potential, UCLB are there to help and guide you at every step of your journey from innovation to impact.

UCL also has a £100m tech fund for investment in commercialising research, mainly focused around life sciences.

www.uclb.com/for-researchers

<https://www.ucltf.co.uk/>

UCL Research Coordination Office

Research facilitators from the Research Coordination Office are here to support you in your pursuit of research funding. They can support you with your grant and fellowship applications by checking eligibility, reviewing draft applications and arranging mock interviews.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/school-life-medical-sciences/about-slms/office-vice-provost-health/research-coordination-office>

UCL Translational Research Office

The TRO help support making basic research into clinic or market-ready products. They provide integrated support for translational research, industrial partnerships and drug discovery.

www.ucl.ac.uk/translational-research

UCL Research Services

If you need help with grant applications, Research Services has resources that can help you!

www.ucl.ac.uk/research-services/applying-funding

UCL Academic Careers Office

The Academic Careers Office supports academic and clinical academic researchers in SLMS to pursue research. They run niche funding schemes, innovative skills training and personal development support including the UCL NIHR integrated academic training programme.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/school-life-medical-sciences/about-slms/office-vice-provost-health/academic-careers-office>

UCL Joint Research Office

The Joint Research Office can help you when you need to set up a new project involving people (such as patients). They can advise you on whether or not you'll need ethics approval and check your approval application and help with sponsorship when needed.

www.ucl.ac.uk/joint-research-office

Learning and Development

Research Staff Development Programme

The UCL Research Staff Development Programme (RSDP) is a central programme open to all research staff from post-doc to research leaders and principal investigators. It aims to support the professional and career development of researchers, to enable them to make the most of their potential and to help ensure the ongoing creation of excellent research outcomes at UCL and beyond.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/human-resources/learning-development/learning-academy/researcher-development/research-staff-development-programme>

UCL Arena

UCL Arena is UCL's professional development pathway for teaching: a scheme of awards accredited by the Higher Education Academy giving teaching and support staff nationally recognised fellowships. They offer three different schemes that are designed to give the skills to teach effectively.

www.ucl.ac.uk/teaching-learning/professional-development/ucl-arena

UCL Culture - Public Engagement

UCL Culture teams manage museums, theatres, collections and facilitate engagement. The (te-5a)JTJETG

Resources

UCL Libraries

Via the library, you can get access to a huge range of electronic resources, browse special collections and find different spaces to work in.

www.ucl.ac.uk/library

UCL Open Access

UCL has been making a concerted push for open access across its departments, and in fact many grants (and the REF) now require it. This is your one stop shop for all your open access needs.

www.ucl.ac.uk/library/open-access

UCL Institute of Making

Need somewhere to spin a pot or print a rocket ship in 3D? Members of UCL Institute of Making have access to making events and the use of their space and equipment.

www.instituteofmaking.org.uk

Access to LinkedIn Learning

As a member of staff at UCL, you have free access to LinkedIn Learning: a huge range of video tutorials supporting learning in software, creativity and business.

www.ucl.ac.uk/isd/linkedin-learning

UCL Research Services Equipment Catalogue

The UCL Research Equipment Catalogue is a searchable database containing information on all UCL's major research equipment and facilities. After logging in with your UCL ID, you can view information on each item (such as technical specifications and availability) and use an enquiry form

Networks, Benefits

UCL Faculty resources

Events Feed

All Faculty researchers are encouraged to attend seminars and events around the Faculty and UCL. In the Faculty, our Institutes and Divisions hold various seminars, presented by internal and external experts, from PhD to Professors. You can find a full list of these events on the Faculty's website.

www.ucl.ac.uk/brain-sciences/events

Brain Teaser (our fortnightly Faculty staff bulletin)

Brain Teaser is meant to give you a five-minute snapshot of what is happening across the Faculty. It features key topics from the Faculty's executive team (FET) - which includes the Dean, ViceDeans and Directors of Institutes and Divisions - and highlights the latest news and events. You will automatically receive this as a member of Brain Sciences staff - but please make sure it's not being sent to your Clutter folder!

Specialist Libraries in the Faculty

As well as the main library, the Faculty also accommodates four specialist libraries: at the Ear Institute, Queen Square Institute of Neurology, Institute of Ophthalmology, and Chandler House (Language & Speech Science Library).

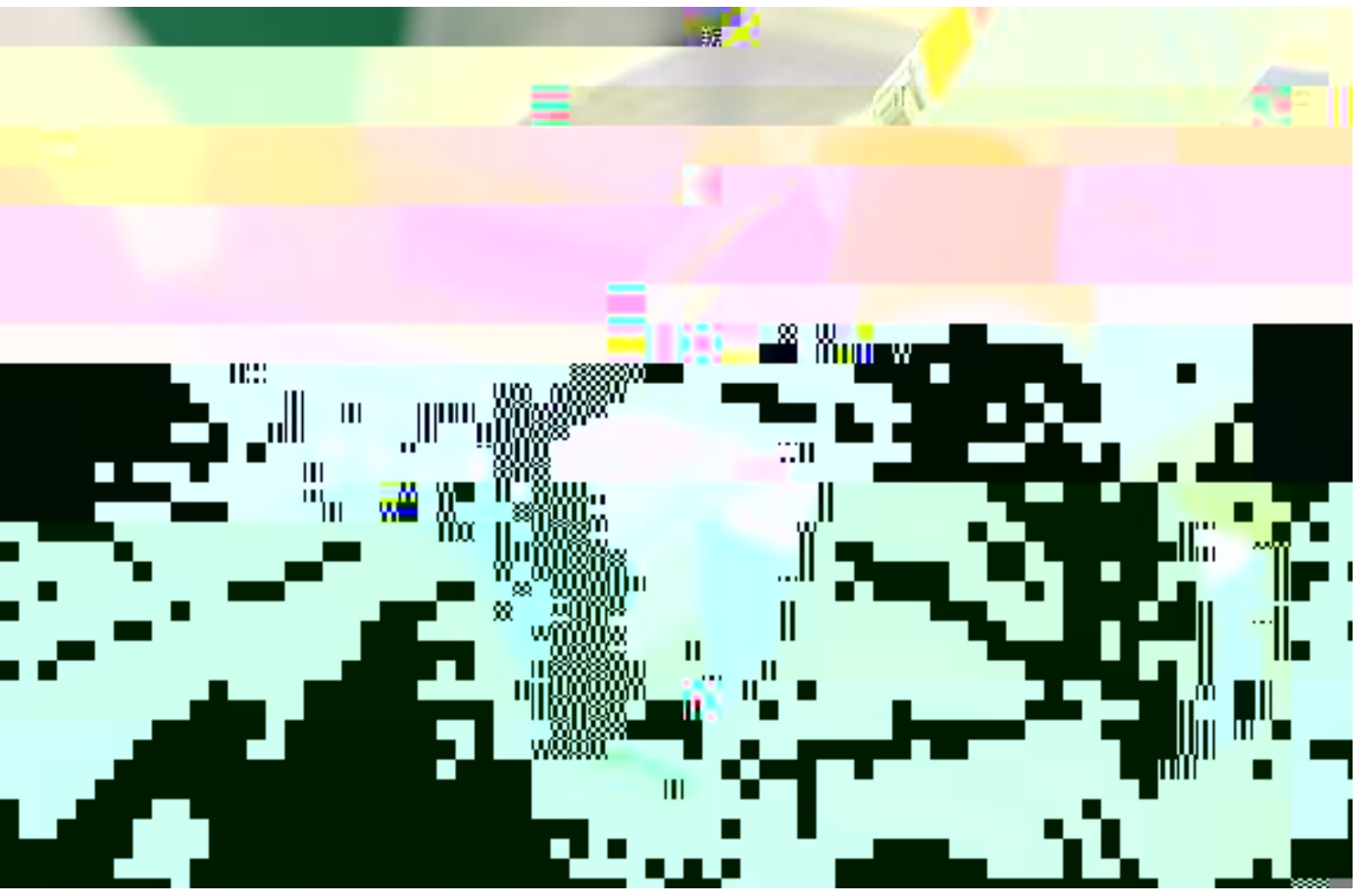
www.ucl.ac.uk/library/libraries-and-study-spaces/ucl-libraries



Early Career Researcher Portal

We realise how hard it can be to navigate UCL's resources, initiatives, policies and procedures. And how hard it can be to find funding, careers advice and all the other stuff that can be found externally to UCL. So, as well as creating this welcome pack, we have also created an online portal with signposts to the resources such as mentoring schemes and networks and the things we find most helpful. If you have any ideas about what you'd like to see there please get in touch the Faculty Doctoral and Researcher Development Manager, Rik Ganly-Thomas, r.ganly-thomas@ucl.ac.uk.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/brain-sciences/research/early-career-researchers>



Teaching opportunities for our ECRs

UCL's teaching strategy

Maps

The Faculty of Brain Sciences is made up of nine different institutes and divisions, which are housed in buildings scattered throughout Bloomsbury and beyond. Most of them can be seen on the map of UCL in London

