

This flagship project reinforces UCL's commitment to creating one of the most exciting universities in the world at which to study and work.

The building provides a progressive and flexible environment that enhances the lives of UCL students and supports their needs and learning in the heart of the Bloomsbury campus. The building, a student 'workplace' with a rich variety of learning and work environments, has created over 1000 new study seats with areas dedicated to individual research and different group collaboration scenarios.

The building establishes a new campus gateway, and a welcoming and accessible reception for students and the public, staffed and available for

students 24/7. Within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, the building sits adjacent to Grade I and Grade II listed buildings. The Student Centre mediates between the busy Gordon Street entrance, and the existing Japanese Garden at mezzanine level, which has been re-landscaped as a tranquil urban courtyard for London.

The street and garden levels are brought together internally with wide central steps which begin a circulation route that spirals up through the building's lofty atrium, daylit from above and animated with natural light from the south.

Location: London, UK

Scope: New build

Brief: Student Centre, study & collaboration areas, student support & wellbeing areas

Floor area (GIA): 5750 sq m

Sustainability: BREEAM Outstanding

Completion date: December 2018

Project Team

Client: UCL Estates

Architect: Nicholas Hare Architects

Structural Engineer: Curtins

M&E Engineer: BDP

QS: Aecom

PM: Arcadis

Contractor: Mace

