

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES UNION

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About the UCU

The University and College Union (UCU) represents more than 120,000 academics, lecturers, trainers, instructors, researchers, managers, administrators, computer staff, librarians and postgraduates in universities, colleges, prisons, adult education and training organisations across the UK. UCU is the largest post-school union in the world: a force working for educators and education that employers and the government cannot ignore.

We negotiate salaries and conditions of employment for our members, as well as seeking to represent their views on professional matters affecting all aspects of higher education.

The LSE UCU branch negotiates directly with LSE management on all matters which affect the terms and conditions of employment of staff and on the associated policies and procedures. Together with our colleagues in UNISON and Unite, we represent academic, research and professional services staff across the LSE, including staff on fixed-term and hourly-paid contracts and PhD students.

We also provide individual and collective support for colleagues experiencing problems in the workplace, and requiring help, advice and representation.

How to join:

To join the UCU, you must join your Local Association. Please join online or contact ucu.membership@lse.ac.uk or <a href="mailto:ucu.membership@lse.ac

There is also information about the <u>benefits of membership</u> on the national UCU website.

How to get involved:

Our branch committee members, reps and case workers are all volunteers who give their own time for the benefit of the members, and there is often more work than we can handle. If you want to get involved, contribute to a campaign or become a branch rep get in touch with us at ucu.secretary@lse.ac.uk or come along to one of our branch meetings. There is a particular need for people willing to do case work, so if you are interested in this satisfying and rewarding role please get in touch. Training and support is available.

Branch officer roles: https://www.ucu.org.uk/article/4790/Branch-officer-roles

Being a rep: https://www.ucu.org.uk/article/4897/A-brief-intro-to-being-a-rep

How to contact us:

The best way to contact us is via email at: ucu.secretary@lse.ac.uk

You can use this email for general queries about membership, requests for information, to discuss concerns about issues in the workplace or across the sector more generally, or if you'd like to become more involved with the LSE branch.

If you are seeking advice, support and representation around an issue you are experiencing at work, you will be put in touch with a branch caseworker who can offer advice, information and support directly.

Whilst we will endeavour to give you advice and help, or point you in the direction where you might obtain it, our resources are limited and our main aim is to serve and represent the interests of our members. For that reason, unless you are a UCU member we will be unable to represent you in the event of a dispute or a problem.

Information about the UCU nationally

National UCU web site

Web pages published on behalf of LSE UCU Committee.