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THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE



## The Young Architect Summer Experience 2026



Ages 15-18  
London | UCL Campus



Join us for the ultimate  
work experience in  
architecture this summer  
in London.

Over the course of 2 weeks, students will step into the shoes of an architect through a range of immersive career simulations and exclusive professional site visits.

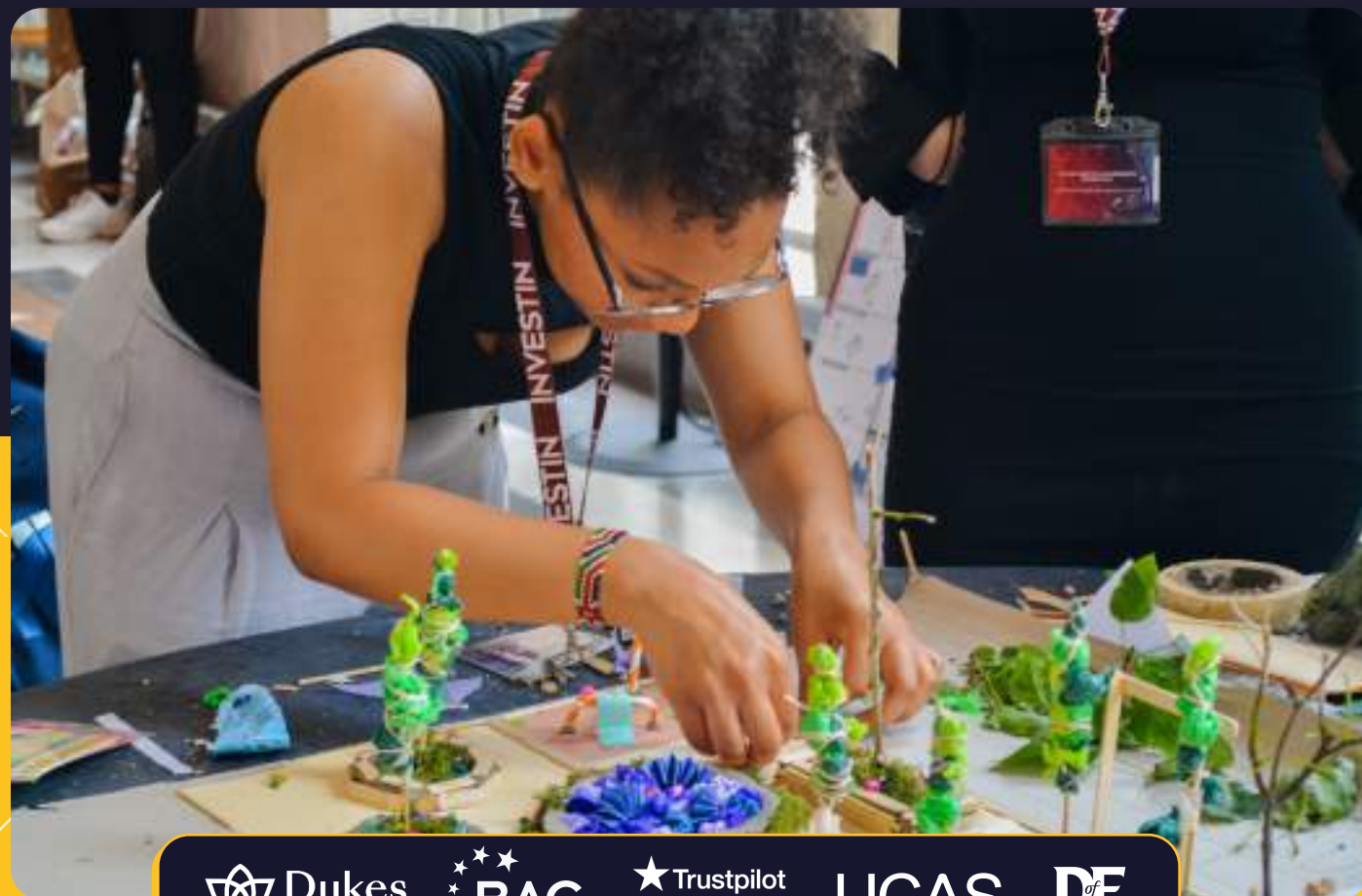
This is a unique opportunity to work alongside top architects, gain hands-on experience to boost university and job applications and experience life on-campus at a world-renowned university, University College London.

**Ages**  
15-18

**Location**  
London, UCL Campus

**Length**  
1 week or 2 weeks

**Start Date**  
27th July 2026



## Programme Highlights

- Complete a series of projects in a studio setting using architectural sketching tools and design techniques
- Pitch your final designs to a panel of architects and architectural assistants and receive valuable feedback on your work
- Experience the day-to-day life as an architect on a visit to a top architecture and urban design firm
- Extensive coaching on all stages of the architecture school journey & receive feedback on your portfolio and models
- Gain a personalised certificate, industry reference letter & UCAS points for a Level 3 Award in Work Experience
- Learn from and network with senior architects & architecture students

"The final presentation was a highlight for me. It was rewarding to showcase our hard work and receive positive feedback from stakeholders. I've loved everything!"

*Student, the Young Architect  
Summer Experience 2025*

"It was well organised, the staff were friendly, the programme was very practical, I met some interesting people, and got a great insight into the profession. I would highly recommend this."

*Student, the Young Architect  
Summer Experience 2024*

# Week 1

Residential Package

Programme Content

Premium Content

|               | Sunday                                 | Monday                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                |
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| 07:30 - 09:30 | Residential students arrive & check-in | Breakfast                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |
| 10:00 - 10:30 |                                        | Travel to venue                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |
| 10:30 - 13:00 |                                        | <b>The Young Architect Summer Experience</b><br>Meet your Young Architect peers, professionals and network with icebreakers and practical activities | <b>Architecture Firm Visit</b><br>Visit one of the biggest architecture firms in the world and participate in a skills training session from top architects | <b>Intervention Research and Prototyping</b><br>Work in groups to design your site intervention                         | <b>You Become the Architect</b><br>Work in groups to create innovative designs that address your brief                                                                      | <b>The Final Crit</b><br>Finalise your research presentation and models ahead of the afternoon crit   |
| 13:00 - 14:00 |                                        | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |
| 14:00 - 17:00 |                                        | <b>Upskilling: The Basics</b><br>Practise crucial basic design skills: plans & sections, working with scale, sketching & drawing                     | <b>Introduction to Your Week 1 Architectural Brief</b><br>Receive an introduction to your brief and conduct your very own site visit and analysis           | <b>Modelling workshop</b><br>Discover the basics and best techniques of physical model making to help you in your brief | <b>Career Coaching: How to Navigate the World of Architecture</b><br>Discover the different paths and options available to make your dream career in architecture come true | <b>Continued</b><br>Present your work to a panel of expert architects and receive invaluable feedback |
| 17:00 - 17:30 |                                        | Travel to accommodation                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |
| 17:30 - 19:30 |                                        | Dinner & Break                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |
| 19:30 - 22:00 | Induction & icebreakers                | Movie night                                                                                                                                          | Board game café                                                                                                                                             | Sports & games night                                                                                                    | Wellness evening                                                                                                                                                            | Quiz night                                                                                            |
| 23:00         | Lights Out                             |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       |

| Weekend (Premium)                            |                                                     | Weekend (Residential)                 |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday                                     | Sunday                                              | Saturday                              | Sunday                            |
| Breakfast                                    |                                                     | Breakfast                             |                                   |
| Immersive strategy game & workshop           | Professional development coaching sessions          | Week 1 Residential Students Check-Out | Break - Free time                 |
| Lunch Break                                  |                                                     | Lunch Break                           |                                   |
| Psychometric testing & personality profiling | Expert university admissions & recruitment coaching | London walking tour                   | Sports day at central London park |
| Dinner & Break                               |                                                     | Dinner & Break                        |                                   |
| Scavenger hunt                               | Crafts night                                        | Scavenger hunt                        | Crafts night                      |
| Lights Out                                   |                                                     | Lights Out                            |                                   |

WEEKEND - NON-RESIDENTIAL

Break - No Programmes

# Week 2

|               | Monday                                                                                                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                                             | Saturday                                       |  |
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| 07:30 - 09:30 | Breakfast                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Travel to venue                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
| 10:30-13:00   | <b>Architecture Through the Ages</b><br>Embark on a walking tour of the streets of London and discover its rich architectural history                              | <b>Introduction to Your Week 2 Site and Brief</b><br>Undertake a new site visit and receive an exciting new brief for the second week | <b>Introduction to Digital Design</b><br>An introduction to industry-standard software and how they can be applied in your everyday work | <b>The Design Studio</b><br>Work on your brief with feedback from architects                                                                  | <b>The Exhibition</b><br>Put the final touches on your designs                                                     | 2-Week Residential students check-out & depart |  |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
| 14:00 - 17:00 | <b>Introduction to RIBA</b><br>Discover what it's like to work in an architectural firm from professional architects and receive feedback on your independent work | <b>Sustainable Systems</b><br>Learn what a sustainable system is and how you can incorporate it into your designs                     | <b>The Design Studio</b><br>Work on your brief                                                                                           | <b>The Architectural Portfolio</b><br>Learn best practices on how to present your designs like an architect in preparation for the exhibition | <b>The Exhibition</b><br>Exhibit your work to professional architects and receive personalised feedback and awards |                                                |  |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Travel to accommodation                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
| 17:30 - 19:30 | Dinner & Break                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
| 19:30 - 22:00 | Film night                                                                                                                                                         | Sports & games night                                                                                                                  | Wellness evening                                                                                                                         | Karaoke night                                                                                                                                 | Prom                                                                                                               |                                                |  |
| 23:00         | Lights Out                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |
|               |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                       | 17:30 - 21:00                                                                                                                            | Gala dinner with professionals                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                    |                                                |  |

Exact start/end times of each day will vary. Students will receive their personalised timetables with specific locations and venues, as well as a finalised social programme schedule, closer to the programme start date.