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THE ULTIMATE WORK EXPERIENCE

The Young Architect Summer Experience

2025

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.

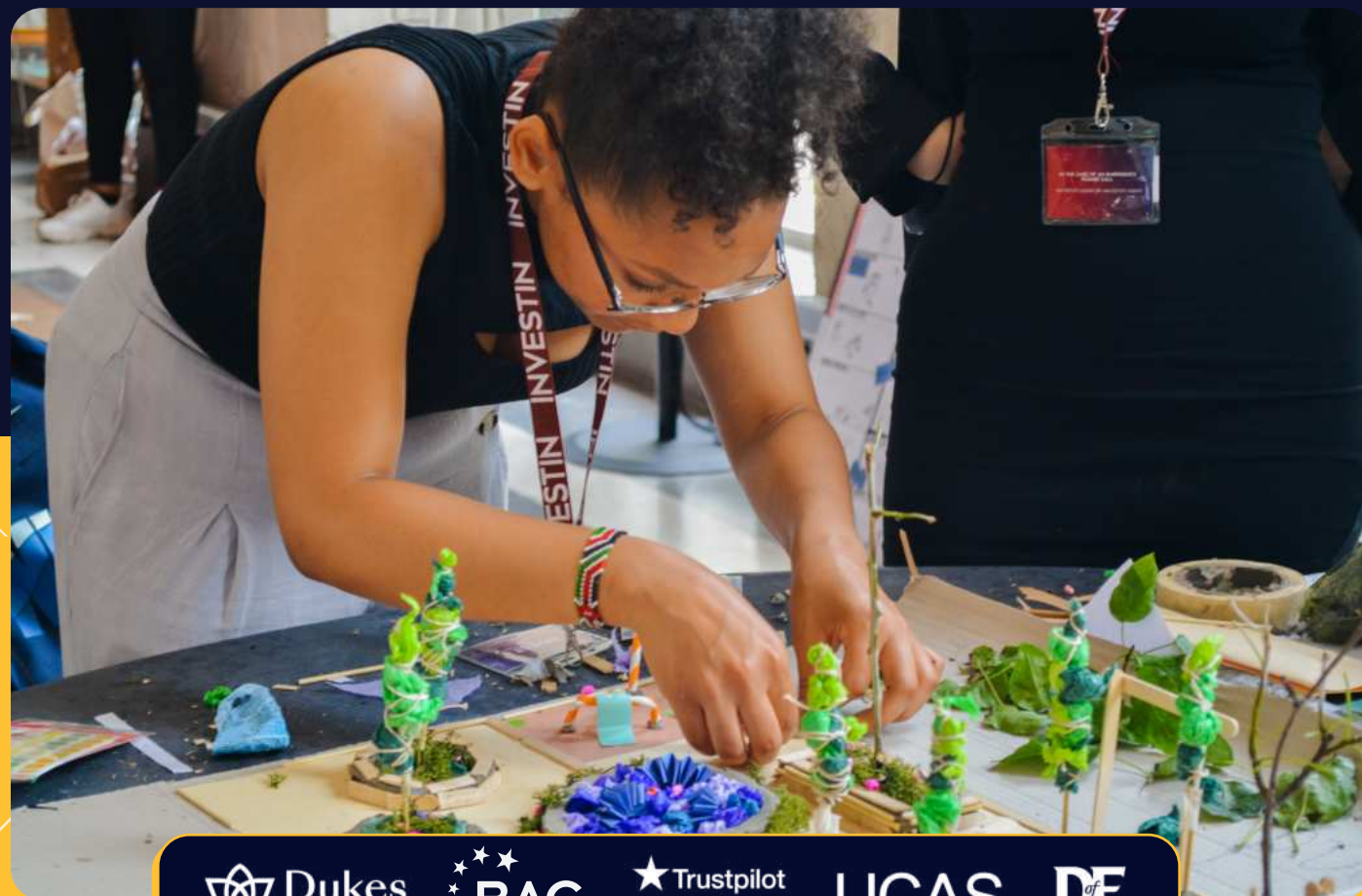
This is a unique opportunity to work alongside top architects, gain hands-on experience to boost university and job applications and experience life on-campus at a world-renowned university, University College London.

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15-18

Location
London, UCL Campus

Length
1 week or 2 weeks

Start Date
28th July 2025



Programme Highlights

- Complete a series of projects in a studio setting using architectural sketching tools & design techniques
- Pitch your final designs to a panel of architects and architectural assistants and receive valuable feedback
- 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

"My highlight has been the firm visit to Foster + Partners because I have never visited an architecture firm before. It not only taught me new skills and drawing techniques but helped me immerse into the world of architecture."

*Student, the Young Architect
Summer Experience 2023*

"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."

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Week 1

Sample Summer Experience Timetable

☐ Residential Package ☐ Programme Content ☒ Premium Content

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:30 - 09:30	Residential students arrive & check-in	Breakfast				
10:00 - 10:30		Travel to venue				
10:30 - 13:00		The Young Architect Summer Experience Meet your Young Architect peers, professionals and network with icebreakers and practical activities	The brief and site analysis Receive an introduction to your brief and conduct your very own site visit and analysis	Foster + Partners visit Visit one of the biggest Architecture firms in the world and participate in a skills training session from top architects	Work on your brief Continue working in groups on your brief	The final push Finalise your research presentation and models ahead of the afternoon crit
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch Break				
14:00 - 17:00		Upskilling: The Basics Practise crucial basic design skills: plans & sections, working with scale, sketching & drawing	Intervention research and prototyping Work in groups to design your site intervention	Modelling workshop Discover the basics and best techniques of physical model making to help you in your brief	Career Coaching: how to navigate the world of architecture Discover the different paths and options available to make your dream career in architecture come true	The Crit 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					
				17:30 - 21:00	Private cinema hire/Arcade	

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			Break - Free time
Psychometric testing & personality profiling	Expert university admissions & recruitment coaching		Lunch Break
			London walking tour
			Sports day at central London park
Dinner & Break			Dinner & Break
Scavenger hunt	Crafts night		Scavenger hunt
Lights Out			Crafts night
			Lights Out

WEEKEND - NON-RESIDENTIAL

Break - No Programmes

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07:30 - 09:30	Breakfast					
10:00 - 10:30	Travel to venue					2-Week Residential students check-out & depart
10:30 - 13:00	Your new site and brief Undertake a new site visit and receive an exciting new brief for the second week	Architecture through the ages Embark on a walking tour of the streets of London and discover its rich architectural history	Enter the Architectural Firm Discover what it is like to run your own architecture firm from professional architects	Work on your brief Finalise your brief and model for the second week project	The exhibition - Final touches Learn best practices on how to present your work ahead of the exhibition	
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break					
14:00 - 17:00	Begin working on your brief Learn what a sustainable system is and how you can incorporate it into your designs	Sustainable Systems: an introduction Learn what a sustainable system is and how you can incorporate it into your designs	Digital Design An introduction to industry standard softwares and how they can be applied in your every day work	Continued	The exhibition 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.

