

The Young Computer Scientist Summer Experience

Ages 15-18 London | UCL Campus



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

This is a unique opportunity to work alongside top programmers, 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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LocationLondon, UCL Campus

Length1 week or 2 weeks

Start Date 28th July 2025





Programme Highlights

Create a working alpha in a 2-day game jam with game design professionals

Assemble and programme an advanced line sensing robot using Scratch and Python

Discover exciting applications of computer science on a visit to a state of the art motion capture studio

Receive expert career coaching, compete in a fintech assessment with invaluable feedback from industry experts

Gain a personalised certificate, industry reference letter & UCAS points for a Level 3 Award in Work Experience

Learn from and network with top software engineers, indie game devs, cyber experts & robotics professionals

"The computer science course was really interesting, met and networked with a lot of professionals and learnt a lot."

"The course featured a diverse range of topics ranging from software engineering, AI (incl. machine learning), and cyber security - with interesting challenges for every topic. Having completed the course, I feel that I have come away much more knowledgeable about computer science as a field and more informed about potential career paths."

Student, the Young Computer Scientist
Summer Experience 2024

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Sample Summer Experience Timetable

Week 1

Sunday

Residential Package

Tuesday

Programme Content

Thursday

Wednesday

Premium Content

Friday

Weekend
(Premium)

Weekend (Residential)

Sunday	/		
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Professional development coaching sessions		+: () : -: - ()	
Lunch Break			
Expert university admissions & recruitment coaching			
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Crafts night		F - 1 7 W V	
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	Breakfast					
	Check-Out	Break - Free time	Break - Free time			
	Week 1 Residential Students Check-Out	Lunch Break				
		London walking tour	Sports day at central London park			
		Dinner & Break				
		Scavenger hunt	Crafts night			
		Lights Out				

WEEKEND - NON-RESIDENTIAL

Break - No Programmes

07:30 - 09:30		Breakfast					
10:00 - 10:30		Travel to venue					
10:30 - 13:00	Residential students	Enter the Summer Experience Programme welcome & networking with peers	User UI/UX & Front-End Engineering Design a website using the industry standard software - Figma	Back End Engineering Uncovering algorithms and debugging code	Robotics Assemble and programme a working obstacle avoidance robot	Cybersecurity Discover key offensive and defensive challenges in the world of cybersecurity	
13:00 - 14:00	- 14:00 arrive & Lunch Break check-in						
14:00 - 17:00	CHECK-III	The World of a Computer Scientist Discover the foundations of computer science	The App Development Work in teams to devise your own tech startup app designs	Reinforcement Learning Explore the world of reinforcement learning in Al	Future of Finance Explore the future of finance & Al	Enter the world of the enigma machine Explore the world of encyrption and ceaser cyphers	
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		

Week 2

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
07:30 - 09:30	Breakfast						
10:00 - 10:30	Travel to venue						
10:30 - 13:00	Enter the Mo-Cap Studio Visit a state of the art motion capture studio in London	Enter the Game Jam Part I Making a video game, UI/UX, level design, build and test your own gam	Enter the Game Jam Part II Making a video game, UI/UX, level design, build and test your own game	Enter the Fintech Forum App creation and pitching within the financial technology space	Career Coaching Expert coaching on breaking into computer science, gaming or robotics		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break						
14:00 - 17:00	3D Modelling with Blender Undertake a Blender masterclass, a 3D modelling software	Continued	Continued	Continued	Awards & Graduation Ceremony Closing speeches & certificates	2-Week Residential students check-out 8 depart	
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 wit	th 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.