



UCL

George Farha's Philanthropic Support of UCL



George Farha



Support for the Student Experience

As a former student of UCL; George has been exceptionally generous towards projects relating to the student experience, something which is incredibly close to the university's priorities. Through several transformational gifts, he has had a great impact on the whole student community at UCL.

The **George Farha Café Bar**, located in the very heart of campus, is a hub for students of all disciplines and years of study. It is a highly popular meeting point, with its own distinctive atmosphere and character. Being able to offer our students social spaces such as the George Farha Café is increasingly important to UCL, it has a deep influence on student wellbeing and appreciation of their time at university. Without George's gift, we are confident that the student experience at UCL would be significantly poorer.



By funding the **New Venture Awards** George has also shown his support for students by ensuring that they are able to fulfil their entrepreneurial endeavours. These awards offer the most talented UCL students the opportunity to launch their own business ventures, giving them assurance from early on that their ideas and their projects are worth pursuing. Without George's gift, the entrepreneurial spirit so many of our students display would not be able to flourish as it does today.

In a gift that has touched students in the most direct of ways, George recently supported the **UCLU Boat Club** in purchasing a new four-seater rowing boat, completing the club's equipment and enabling them to compete with their peers in optimal conditions. In recognition of George's generosity, and as a testament to how grateful current students are to him, a naming ceremony is to be held by the Boat Club in his honour, the boat will be named *Absolute Breeze*.



Donations for Vital Medical Research

Characteristic of George's philanthropy, is his interest in a wide variety of projects. Separate from his attention to UCL's students is the help he has shown us in furthering our world-class health research.

Thanks to his support we were able to supply research centres with new **MRI scanning facilities**, enabling doctors to conduct scans on children with epilepsy. This important piece of equipment could not have been installed were it not for George's help. He has also supported our work in **Cancer Research**, and of course the scholarship in **Women's Health** which is indicative of his wide ranging interests in philanthropic causes.



Giving to Scholarships

Through his support of numerous scholarships, George has been instrumental in helping UCL maintain its values of inclusivity and diversity. He and his wife Suha have made an outstanding contribution, supporting three scholarships to date which will have helped almost twenty students complete their studies at UCL by the time they reach fruition. The scholarships span various interests, including Real Estate and Women's Health.



His support of the **Professor Sir Malcolm Grant Scholarship** was representative of the significant relationship George had maintained with the previous President and Provost of UCL. This close rapport was further celebrated thanks to his generosity in hosting Malcolm Grant's Farewell Reception, during which he gave the keynote speech in honour of our former Provost.



Supporting UCL in countless other ways

Aside from his direct financial support to UCL, George has been a great ally of the university's by opening up his network to us, and going above and beyond to ensure UCL is able to approach other like-minded philanthropists.

In particular, he and Suha have been wonderful hosts for us on several occasions, including a memorable **Women's Lunch with Professor Peter Brocklehurst**, at the Hertford Club in Mayfair. This kind of support is invaluable to UCL, and it shows how closely involved George is with the developments at the university.



Thank you for all that you do for UCL!

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