



# United Kingdom

## Highlights

The United Kingdom remains the top destination for UGA study abroad, with 466 students visiting in the 2016-2017 academic year, representing 15 distinct study abroad and exchange programs; similarly, the United Kingdom represents a key location for joint academic output involving UGA faculty with the main areas of co-publication including Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Ecology, and Genetics and Heredity.

Enhancing study abroad opportunities, UGA has maintained an active physical presence in the United Kingdom since 2007. The UGA at Oxford Centre, a 10,000 sq. ft. residential and teaching facility in North Oxford, features teaching rooms, computer facilities, and living spaces that can comfortably house 42 UGA students per program.

UGA has maintained a broad-ranging, strategic partnership with the University of Liverpool since 2009, which incorporates collaboration in both research and student mobility. Supporting the establishment of new projects, these two institutions jointly provide seed funding to faculty research teams, leading to multiple publications and significant external funding.



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Active Partnerships

7 

Joint Publications

1,293 

UGA Students Abroad

466 

Visiting Scholars

8

UGA Faculty Visits

196 

International Students

18 

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## UGA Students in the United Kingdom

During the 2016-2017 academic year, 466 UGA students studied in the United Kingdom. Current UGA study abroad and reciprocal exchange programs in the UK include:

| <b>Program</b>   | <b>City/Destination</b>                             | <b>Focus</b>                      |
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| Aberystwyth University   | Aberystwyth   | Student Exchange                  |
| Art and Gardens of Italy, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland | Italy, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland       | Study Abroad                      |
| Discover Abroad  | Britain-Scotland                                    | Study Abroad                      |
| Lancaster University   | Lancaster   | Student Exchange                  |
| London Study Abroad  | London  | Study Abroad                      |
| Social Issues in Northern Ireland                                | Belfast   | Study Abroad                      |
| Studies Abroad Europe  | Kenmore   | Study Abroad                      |
| Study Abroad in Scotland   | Glasgow, Fort William, Edinburgh, Melrose, Stirling | Study Abroad                      |
| UGA at Oxford  | Oxford  | Study Abroad                      |
| Theatre and Film Studies   | London  | Study Abroad                      |
| University of Leicester  | Leicester   | Student Exchange                  |
| University of Liverpool  | Liverpool   | Student Exchange;<br>Study Abroad |
| University of Nottingham   | Nottingham  | Student Exchange                  |
| University of Reading  | Reading   | Student Exchange                  |
| University of Sussex   | Sussex  | Student Exchange                  |

## UGA at Oxford Program

The UGA at Oxford program has been in existence for over twenty-five years. The program offers a vast array of courses in a wide range of disciplines – humanities, sciences, international affairs, business, communications, law, and more. Students on Fall, Spring and Junemester programs live in the UGA at Oxford Centre. Owned by the UGA Foundation, the Centre features teaching rooms, computer facilities, and living spaces for 42 UGA students and maintains a small on-site staff to help facilitate programs and liaise with visitors. The UGA Oxford Center also hosts other UGA study-abroad programs with specialized curricula and faculty, including the Terry College of Business at Oxford, the School of Public and International Affairs at Oxford, a British Studies Program, the Grady College of Journalism at Oxford, and UGA Law at Oxford. More recent additions include a Maymester program for freshmen on the prestigious Foundation Fellowship, as well as the Oxford/Washington Program, allowing students a unique opportunity to study the political systems and international policies of governments in both the U.S. and U.K. by first visiting Washington D.C. and then travelling to Oxford.

## Academic Collaboration in the UK

Between 2007 and 2017, UGA faculty collaborated with colleagues in the United Kingdom to jointly publish over 1,200 scholarly articles. Top areas of cooperation during this period included: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Ecology, and Genetics and Heredity. Top collaborating institution in the United Kingdom during this period included the University of London, University of Oxford, Imperial College London, and the University of Liverpool.

## University of Liverpool Partnership

The University of Georgia and the University of Liverpool have a long-standing history of collaboration in research and student mobility. The Universities entered into a general collaborative agreement in November 2009 to formalize a partnership in both the biological sciences and the humanities and have subsequently launched a seed grant program to encourage joint research. Notable collaborations include:

### **The Liverpool–UGA partnership in Sciences:**

Jessica Kissinger (UGA) and Christiane Hertz-Fowler at the Liverpool Centre for Genomic Research received a \$2.3 million grant in 2015 from the Wellcome Trust for bioinformatics database development.

Natarajan Kannan (UGA) and Patrick Eyers (Liverpool) are engaged in ongoing collaborative research in the evaluation of the cancer-mutated human kinome. In 2016 the team received a \$1.5 million National Institutes of Health grant to support their work.

Bi-Cheng Wang (UGA) and Samar Hasnain (Liverpool) are engaged in research in structural genomics as part of a larger UK-Southeast USA research collaboration launched in 2005.

Elisabeth Sattler (UGA) and Mark Gabby (Liverpool) are engaged in ongoing collaborative research in the unmet basic needs and health disparity in the U.S. and the U.K. The project is integrated with the National Institutes of Health Research Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research.

Javad Velni (UGA) and Paolo Paoletti (Liverpool) are conducting joint research involving swarm control robotics and intelligent algorithms.

Brett Clementz and Jennifer McDowell (UGA) and Paul Knox (Liverpool) are researching the relationship between oculomotor responses and cognition.

Sergiy Minko and Suraj Sharma (UGA) and Dmitry Shchukin (Liverpool) are developing energy efficient coating materials for heating/cooling applications.

Bingqian Xu (UGA) and Simon Higgins (Liverpool) are collaborating in molecular electronics research.

Ralph Tripp (UGA) and James Stewart (Liverpool) are studying the anti-viral function of defense proteins produced by respiratory epithelial cells.

John Maurer, Margie Lee, Monique Franca, and Timothy Hoover (UGA) and Paul Wigley and Nicola Williams (Liverpool) are studying the mechanism by which enteropathogens are competitively excluded within a microbiome.

Ben Davis (UGA) and Huajiang Ouyang (Liverpool) are engaged in ongoing collaborative research in vibrational self-assembly of materials for manufacturing applications.

In late-2016, the third round of UGA-Liverpool seed grants were awarded to teams investigating host macrophage signaling pathways (Drew Ethridge and Robin Flynn), metal matrix syntactic foams (Xianqiao Wang and Yuyuan Zhao), comparative genomics of water use efficient Crassulacean acid metabolism (CAM) photosynthesis (James Leebens-Mack and James Hartwell), narcissism and perpetration of sexual coercion and aggression towards women (Joshua Miller and Minna Lyons), and Islam, feminism, and female agency (Esra Santesso and Lisa Regan).

### **The Liverpool–UGA partnership in Humanities:**

The ongoing Atlantic Archipelagos Research Consortium, which includes researchers from both UGA and Liverpool along with faculty from other institutions, was launched in January 2015.

Ben Ehlers (UGA) and Stephen Kenny (Liverpool) are engaged in ongoing research of 19th century Atlantic economy and are constructing a historical database of Atlantic shipping.

Other collaborative research projects in the humanities focus on the African diaspora, migration and identities, and Iberian/Atlantic connections.

### **Summer Franklin-Morris International Scholar Program:**

Since 2012, the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences invites faculty from Liverpool to teach one summer semester course in order to develop substantive faculty collaborations.

### **Franklin-Liverpool Graduate Research Fellows Program:**

Each year since 2013, the ongoing UGA Franklin College-University of Liverpool Doctoral Student Short-Term International Research Fellowship program has hosted five University of Liverpool Ph.D. candidates as Fellows who collaborate with faculty in the UGA

departments of Entomology, Microbiology, History, Genetics, and English (British-Irish Studies Program). Similarly, the University of Liverpool hosts five UGA Ph.D. candidates as Fellows to collaborate with University of Liverpool faculty in the fields of Microbiology, Psychology, English, History, and Theatre/Film Studies/Media.