

UNIVERSITY ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION STATEMENT 2019-20

Introduction

- 1 The University of London is committed to widening participation and access to higher education. We have a proven track record, for more than 150 years, of successfully providing the highest quality education and flexible programmes at an affordable price to students from non-traditional backgrounds in the UK, in the University's Institute in Paris and globally.
- 2 The University's core mission has always been, and will always continue to be, to offer life changing access to a university education that meets every student's needs and we will support all our students to enable them to achieve the best possible learning outcomes.

Access

- 3 The University's portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered through its academic bodies, ie the School of Advanced Study, University of London Worldwide and the University of London Institute in Paris, encourages and supports access to higher education through a wide variety of modes of study and flexible provision including distance, and 'blended', learning.
- 4 In addition, the University is committed to the Social Mobility Pledge¹ which is in keeping with its access and participation strategies to make its programmes accessible to all students that could benefit, including those students who might

Homes which works closely with trusted private landlords to offer good quality housing; and through our Housing Services team which provides expert advice to students looking for private accommodation.

- 15 Students have the opportunity to participate in the development and review of student-related policies through representation on the appropriate committees of their respective academic body.

Success

- 16 The positive feedback received from UK and international students, past and present, indicates the University's success in providing a quality learning experience to students who would not traditionally enter higher education. This is further demonstrated by the high level of our completion and graduate employment rates.

Future Direction

- 17 We are actively working to broaden the range and delivery modes for our programmes to meet changes in student demand, employer requirements and technological advancements. Additionally, we are developing new strategies to consolidate our success to recruit students from non-traditional educational backgrounds, both in the UK and globally, and we will continue to offer an open and inclusive learning and research-enabling environment to all students who wish to study for a University of London degree.

Review and Publication of this Statement

- 18 The Access and Participation Statement has been reviewed by the University's academic bodies and approved by the Board of Trustees. It is reviewed annually and/or when required to ensure the content remains up to date.
- 19 It is available on the University's website at <https://london.ac.uk/about-us/how-university-run>.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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