

The University and College Union

How and why to join!

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The University and College Union (UCU)



- Represents academic and related staff across the UK
- Works to support members' rights and interests
- Joining gives you access to Union resources, advice and representation
- As a PGR student you're eligible to join, whether or not you're also tutoring
- Membership is **FREE** for PGR students

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In **Social and Political Sciences**, tutors have organized to have their **paid training allowance** increased from 6 hours to 36 hours per year! We'd like the same!

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How to get involved

To join the union, visit <https://www.ucu.org.uk/join>.

To get more involved, or for advice, contact your local PGR or GTA representative:



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