

Job Description

Grade: 8 Lecturer in Sustainable Supply Chain Management

Department: UCL Global Business School for Health

Location: UCL East

Reports to

Director of GBSH

Context

University College London (UCL) is one of the world's top universities. Based in the heart of London, it is a dynamic, outward-looking institution. At its establishment in 1826, UCL was radical and responsive to society's needs, and this ethos – that excellence should go hand-in-hand with enriching society – continues today.

UCL East

In our single biggest development since we were founded, UCL has expanded to East London. Located on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, UCL East is dedicated to disruptive thinking and discovery across disciplines and beyond academic walls and to finding solutions to the biggest challenges for future living. We are located in Newham, East London – one of the most socially diverse parts of the UK – and we want our staff recruitment to reflect this.

Opened in 2022 and 2023, UCL East unites academic activities across experiments, arts, society and technology, integrating research and education, theory and practice with cross-disciplinarity, innovation and public engagement. More than just a conventional campus, UCL East represents a future focused mindset.

UCL Global Business School for Health

The UCL Global Business School for Health (GBSH) at UCL East campus is an innovative business school in preparing future healthcare leaders to disrupt and reimagine global health systems. GBSH is dedicated to training and developing the next generation of leaders in the global health economy by building on UCL's proud tradition of cross-disciplinary academic excellence in education and research. GBSH develops talent from all sectors – policy makers, technologists and entrepreneurs – to challenge conventional thinking, to improve health outcomes and address health inequalities world-wide.

With a vision for public good, GBSH is dedicated to health as the most important global issue in the 21st Century which is impacting communities and economies worldwide. Its ambition is aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of 'Universal Health Care for All'. At GBSH, we bring together global perspectives from diverse healthcare systems, industry partners and sector networks.

GBSH is an interdisciplinary academic entity that is located within UCL's Faculty of Population Health Sciences which is committed to innovating and improving health worldwide.

Main purpose of the job

This post will contribute to GBSH's interdisciplinary teaching and research agenda in supply chain management, with a particular emphasis on sustainable purchasing, responsible procurement, and supply management in health-related and public service contexts.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop and deliver high-quality teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, contribute to research in sustainable supply chain management, and engage with external stakeholders across industry, healthcare systems, and the public sector. The role is particularly suited to scholars whose work addresses sustainability challenges such as ethical sourcing, environmental and social impacts of procurement, resilience of supply chains, and value-based purchasing.

The post holder will join a growing cluster of researchers working on sustainability, operations, and systems transformation within the Global Business School for Health.

Education

- Teach on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in supply chain management, logistics, operations management, and related areas, including applications to healthcare and the wider health economy.
- Contribute to curriculum development that integrates sustainability, ESG, and responsible management principles into supply chain and operations teaching.
- Supervise MSc, MBA, and PhD students, including dissertation and thesis supervision.
- Develop effective partnerships with students, colleagues, and external partners to support applied and experiential learning.

Research

- Develop and sustain a high-quality research programme in sustainable supply chain management and/or sustainable purchasing.
- Produce a sustained publication record demonstrating the potential to make significant contributions to the academic literature in supply chain management, sustainability, or related fields.
- Contribute to the development of interdisciplinary research projects aligned with GBSH's mission, including work relevant to healthcare, life sciences, or public sector supply chains.
- Build and maintain national and international research networks, including collaborations with industry, healthcare organisations, policymakers, and NGOs.
- Contribute to research funding applications as principal investigator or co-investigator.

Other Professional Duties

- Actively promote UCL East's academic values of interdisciplinarity, collaboration, and public engagement.
- The post holder will carry out any other duties which are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job as requested by the Line Manager
- The post holder will actively follow UCL policies including Equal Opportunities policies and is expected to give consideration within their role as to how they can actively advance equality of opportunity and good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- The post holder will maintain an awareness and observation of Fire and Health & Safety Regulations.
- The successful candidate will need to meet [UCL's expectations of core behaviours](#)

This job description reflects the present requirements of the post, and as duties and responsibilities change/develop, the job description will be reviewed and be subject to amendment in consultation with the post holder.

Benefits

For information on UCL's values, culture, and staff benefits, visit [Work at UCL](#).

As London's Global University, we know diversity fosters creativity and innovation. We want our community to represent the diversity of the world's academic talent, from local to global. We are committed to equality of opportunity, to being fair and inclusive, and to being a place where we all belong.

We, therefore, particularly encourage applications from candidates currently under-represented in UCL's academic, research and teaching workforce.

These include people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds; disabled people; LGBTQ+ people; and women.

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential /Desirable	Assessment method (Application/Interview)
Qualifications, experience and knowledge		
PhD in supply chain management, operations management, sustainability, business and management, or a closely related discipline	Essential	Application & Interview
Research expertise in sustainable supply chain management and/or sustainable purchasing and procurement	Essential	Application & Interview
Knowledge of key debates in sustainability, responsible sourcing, and supply chain management	Essential	Application/Interview
Evidence of the ability to conduct high-quality research, demonstrated through publications or strong publication potential	Essential	Application & Interview
Experience of interdisciplinary research or applied research with industry or public sector partners	Desirable	Application & Interview
A track record of research and/or enterprise funding as principal investigator or co-investigator	Desirable	Application & Interview
Experience of facilitating or coordinating national or international research partnerships or networks	Desirable	Application & Interview
Experience in teaching on an academic programme	Desirable	Application & Interview
Skills and abilities		
Ability to develop significant new knowledge and understanding on health systems and policy	Essential	Application & Interview
Excellent communication skills including the ability to communicate	Essential	Application & Interview
Excellent organisational and prioritisation skills	Essential	Application & Interview
Other requirements		
Ability to engage effectively and sustain partnerships with diverse health system stakeholders, including policymakers, funders, and development organizations	Essential	Application & Interview
Commitment to UCL's policy of equal opportunity and the ability to work harmoniously with colleagues and students of all cultures and backgrounds	Essential	Application & Interview
Commitment to continuing professional development	Essential	Application & Interview
Willing to contribute to the development of UCL East's academic vision, and to building a positive work and study environment.	Essential	Application & Interview

“UCL has always been a place where great things can happen. We were founded on a commitment to service, to the notion that learning happens in a social context, that even our most theoretical work should be undertaken in a spirit of supporting individuals and communities to flourish. That spirit has been present throughout our history and it remains our driving force today.”

Dr Michael Spence, UCL President & Provost