

University College Of London To Run Courses In Adelaide

The University College of London (UCL) will offer courses in Adelaide from next year after South Australian Premier Mike Rann signed an agreement which will see a campus established to offer executive education programmes in 2009 followed by a two-year master's degree in Energy and Resources for up to 60 students beginning in 2010.

The UCL School of Energy and Resources will be a collaboration between the university and the state government. Australian oil and gas exploration and production company Santos will make a \$10 MM contribution to the school through funds for scholarships, research and the sponsorship of a professorial chair.

"UCL enjoys a place in the top 10 world university rankings so its decision to set up here in Adelaide reflects our city's reputation



as Australia's 'university city of the future', Rann said. "And this partnership with Santos is the biggest dividend so far from the company's \$60 MM Social Responsibility and Community Benefits fund – a key part of our agreement to lift their 15% share cap which came into effect from 29 November."

Rann said UCL's credentials in science, energy and resource management will complement South Australia's resource development, including uranium, geothermal hot rocks and copper.

"South Australia is an ideal location for UCL because our state continues to lead the nation in renewable energy..." He said. ■

South Australian Premier Mike Rann.