



Students



Ukie's Student Membership has been designed to bring academia and industry together to secure the future of our sector. We aim to give students the support and connections they need to get the career of their dreams through providing unique opportunities and benefits. Ukie's Student Membership is also partnered with NextGen Skills Academy and the IGDA. Membership offers a wide range of benefits to students, which includes:

- A 1-year student membership of the [International Game Developers Association](#), with all associated benefits - including eligibility for the [IGDA Scholars](#) programme
- Unique access to dedicated student section of Ukie website; exclusive blog posts, interviews, and careers advice
- Exclusive webinars and events throughout the year with industry experts, covering a range of careers and skills
- An invite to the annual Ukie Student Conference and the annual Ukie Student Game Jam
- Access to games industry data, research and resources
- Access to the Ukie Sponsorship Scheme which pays for students to attend events such as Gamescom Cologne
- Invitations to careers networking and seminar events
- Paid internship and placement opportunities
- Discounts for industry events such as EGX, London Games Festival, Women In Games Conference, Rezzed and more
- Chance to represent your institution on the Student Advisory Panel
- Exclusive member discounts from third parties e.g. magazine discounts, software, services
- A 20% first year Full Ukie company subscription rate reduction for any student member who goes on to establish a development studio and then joins Ukie as a corporate member
- The academic institute signing up their students will automatically become a Ukie academic member for free

Criteria for student membership:

- Student membership is an individual membership scheme
- However, in order to qualify, a student must be currently enrolled at a UK higher education institution
- The institution is required to register, and pay for all students on each course that they wish to enrol
- Must be a resident of the UK
- Be studying at further education/degree level or higher
- Must be on a games industry course (or related e.g. computer science, interactive entertainment law etc.)



Institutions will be required to:

- Maintain a register of students signed up to the student membership scheme
- Act as the main contact between Ukie and the student members at the institution
- Pay for the annual membership fee of £15 per student

Winning team of the first Ukie Student Game Jam from Goldsmiths University



Being a Student Member of Ukie has opened so many doors for me this year. Ukie have organised some excellent opportunities for me to meet industry leaders, not only at events, but on a one-to-one level. Without being a Student Member, this would never have been possible.

Robin Silcock



Our first year

In our inaugural year, we had 6 founding university members with over 300 students as part of the scheme.



Students from the Ukie Sponsorship program at Gamescom 2014 from NFTS, Birmingham City University and Norwich University of the Arts

Our second year



Our second year saw us partner with NextGen Skills Academy and the IGDA, with 8 institutes and over 600 students. We kicked off the year with the Ukie Student Conference hosted at Staffordshire University, with over 20 speakers and 200+ attendees. In April we had the largest Ukie Student Game Jam yet (sponsored by NextGen Skills Academy and Square Enix Collective), with over 14 student teams competing to win. We also took 3 students to Gamescom Cologne as part of the student sponsorship programme in August.



Our third year

We continued our partnership with NextGen Skills Academy and the IGDA into our third year, and grew our membership to 16 universities and colleges nationwide, reaching 1000+ students. We returned to Staffordshire University for the annual Ukie Student Conference, and hosted our largest Ukie Student Game Jam yet with 20 competing teams from 12 institutes. This was sponsored by Games London and Square Enix Collective. We also developed an exclusive series of interviews with games professionals for our student members, speaking to a wide range of industry experts about careers in games. We continue to offer exclusive discounts, online content, careers events (such as 'An Afternoon With Media Molecule' in March), and other fantastic opportunities for our student network. Plus, we'll be taking several lucky students to Gamescom Cologne with us!

We look forward to growing even more over the next year, and hope to see you as one of our Ukie Student members!

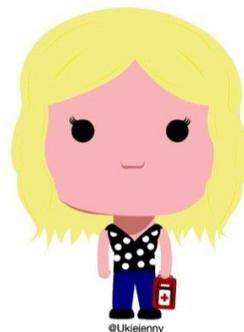
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