

Over 70,000 university staff in Britain to strike for 18 days over pay

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**Demonstrators hold signs, as University of Liverpool staff and students attend a rally during a day of strike action, in Liverpool, Britain November 24, 2022.
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London, January 17 (RHC)-- More than 70,000 staff at 150 universities across the UK will strike for 18 days between February and March in disputes over pay, working conditions and pensions, the University and College Union (UCU) said on Thursday.

"The clock is now ticking for the sector to produce a deal or be hit with widespread disruption throughout spring," UCU general secretary Jo Grady said.

The union, which represents academics, trainers, librarians and professional staff in colleges and universities, said it was demanding better pay after employers set a pay rise worth 3% following more than a decade of below-inflation pay awards.

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