



Structured PhD in Education and Lifelong Learning

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Introduction

The UCD Structured PhD in Education is a challenging, rewarding and exciting graduate programme in Education. It has an international reputation and graduates are currently employed as academics in leading universities, as teachers, as school principals, and as education researchers, policy makers and innovators in the public and private sector.

The UCD Structured PhD in Children and Youth Studies offers students the opportunity to explore an issue of significant interest through research, that will lead to the generation of new knowledge adding to research, practice and policy. All topics relating to children, adolescents and young adults are welcomed, as are applicants from any disciplinary background.

Programme Highlight

A growing range of supports range of supports are also available within UCD for all graduate researchers. Our students are supported in writing applications for grants and scholarships, and we have a very high level of success in attracting student awards from the Irish Research Council, and the National University of Ireland. Our students frequently present their research at doctoral conferences and roundtables, and also present at international conferences such as ECER (European Conference on Educational Research) and IFTE (International Forum on Teacher Education). Many of our research students win places in prestigious graduate summer schools.

Programme Structure

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The PhD programmes can be taken full time over four years or part time over six years. The production of a written thesis of around 80,000 words detailing the student's original research study and how it has made a significant contribution to knowledge, remains the core objective of the PhD. Typically, the thesis will lead to peer reviewed publications in academic journals or a published monograph. A 'by-publication' route to the award may also be agreed in certain circumstances.

For the PhD in Children and Youth Studies, there is an accelerated option, where students can apply to transfer directly to the third year of the part time route, after successfully completing the two-year part time MSc in Children and Youth Studies.

Sample Modules:

- Advanced quantitative research methods
- Advanced qualitative research methods
- Educational philosophy
- Social justice, inclusion and diversity in education
- Social history of education
- Well-being and mental health of children and youth

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Course Assessment

The award of PhD is conferred on successful completion of a doctoral research thesis, or similar appropriate format.

Taught components of the programme draw on a range of assessment methods that are matched to the learning outcomes of each module.

All SoE doctoral theses are examined in written format and through a viva voce.

About the School

The School of Education is a leader in its field, internationally recognized for its research and over 100 years of service to the wider education community in Ireland. We cater for educational professionals across all sectors of the education system – from early years through to higher education and welcome queries from international students.

Graduate Profile



Dr Elena Revyakina
Graduate

The PhD in Education is advertised as a challenging, rewarding and exciting graduate programmes with an international reputation; it is all of this and more!

The teaching staff at UCD School of Education is extremely supportive and has wide experience and expertise in all aspects of doctoral study. Faculty members conduct research within various areas and fields of Education, Childhood and Youth. Doctoral supervisors at the School are very approachable for guidance and advice. The student cohort is small but international. This means a level of individualised supervision and support that is second to none. During my project at UCD I participated regularly at national and international conferences and roundtables; this was immensely helpful to both the project and building my personal networks.

Having completed the PhD, I have been able to use my knowledge and expertise to secure work in teaching and research with the Pedagogical University in Vienna – where I now live – and within a number of large-scale, EU funded research projects. My University College Dublin /National University of Ireland doctorate made this possible.

In summary, I would strongly recommend the UCD School of Education Structured PhD programme to anyone interested in expanding their knowledge and research capabilities in the field of education.

Applicant Profile

- High honours in an appropriate master's degree (or equivalent) and/or evidence of other academic standing and/or relevant professional experience that demonstrates suitability for PhD study.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must provide a Certificate of Proficiency in English. An overall IELTS score of 7 with no area falling below 6.5 is required, or alternatively a masters' degree graded at 2:1 or above, written in English and obtained from an English speaking institution in an English speaking country, within the past 3-years from date of application.
- Applicants who meet our admissions criteria and who have an agreed supervisor will be recommended for admission to the PhD programme.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Resources

- Access to the full range of modules provided at the postgraduate level across the College of Social Sciences and Law
- Seminars, workshops and conferences appropriate to doctoral students in the College of Social Sciences and Law
- Access to International journals and UCD online resources
- UCD Library

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Please make direct contact with the School faculty with your research proposal before making an online application. Research proposals in an area of interest to the School are always welcome.

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