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UCD GRADUATE STUDIES NEWSLETTER



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Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor Barbara Dooley

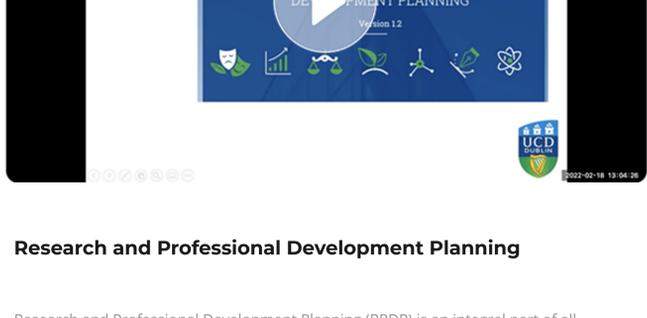
I am delighted to welcome you all to the new academic year 2024-25, whether you are starting your degree with us in UCD or continuing your studies. As we prepare for the new academic year, I wanted to share some initiatives and information from Graduate Studies to support our community of research students.



Orientation Graduate Research Students Wednesday 18th September 2024

UCD Graduate Studies will host a Graduate Research Student Orientation for incoming graduate research students only on **Wednesday 18th September 10am - 12noon**, coffee from 9.30am, in Sutherland School of Law, A&L Goodbody Theatre.

This event is intended to give research students a helpful overview of key information and supports at UCD as well as an opportunity to meet other incoming research students from across the University. Please register [here](#).



Research and Professional Development Planning

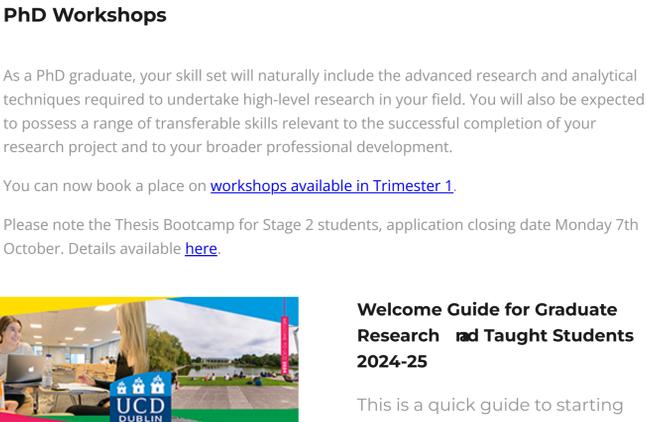
Research and Professional Development Planning (RPDP) is an integral part of all research degree programmes at UCD. Its purpose is to ensure that your work is clearly focused on achieving your research and professional goals. The RPDP Record captures the outcomes of meetings between you and your Research Studies Panel (RSP): that is, your current research plan, the progress you have made in your research, future plans, and a record of credit awards and any professional development activities undertaken. [Please see full details on our website.](#)

Programme Registration for Graduate Research Students - Reminder for September Start Students

Please note that all graduate research students need to confirm their enrolment/registration at the start of each year of their studies. To do so, please log into your SISWeb account via UCDConnect and confirm your details and pay fees. Failure to do so might cause your account to be deactivated and incur a penalty. Further information can be found on [UCD Online Registration Guides](#).

Module Registration for Graduate Research Students

All graduate research students have the opportunity to take taught modules relevant to their area of research or for their professional development in the course of their programme. Each research programme differs in taught module requirements. For the academic year 2024-25, graduate research students can currently register for modules using online systems until Friday 20th September. Further information about registration and a full list of curated modules is available on the [Taught Modules for Research Students](#) webpage.



PhD Workshops

As a PhD graduate, your skill set will naturally include the advanced research and analytical techniques required to undertake high-level research in your field. You will also be expected to possess a range of transferable skills relevant to the successful completion of your research project and to your broader professional development.

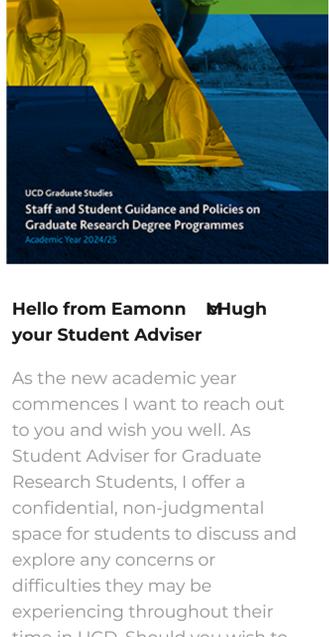
You can now book a place on [workshops available in Trimester 1](#).

Please note the Thesis Bootcamp for Stage 2 students, application closing date Monday 7th October. Details available [here](#).

Graduate Research Student Handbook 2024-25

This is a key support for both staff and students. It is updated for the new academic year and can be found online in the relevant section of UCD Graduate Studies website.

[View Graduate Research Student Handbook](#)



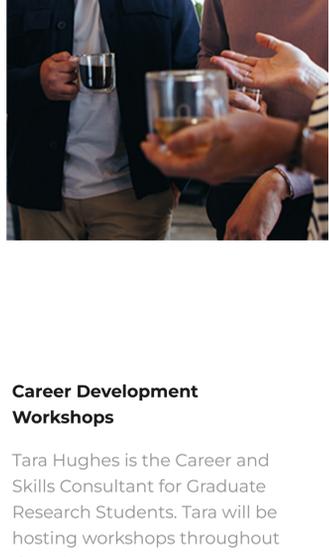
Hello from Eamonn Mchugh your Student Adviser

As the new academic year commences I want to reach out to you and wish you well. As Student Adviser for Graduate Research Students, I offer a confidential, non-judgmental space for students to discuss and explore any concerns or difficulties they may be experiencing throughout their time in UCD. Should you wish to meet **in confidence**, either in person or on Zoom, you can email me directly at eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie or arrange an appointment. During the year I will be hosting monthly coffee mornings/networking events and wellness sessions which I hope you will attend.

Graduate Research Student Coffee Morning - 26th September

The first of this year's Graduate Research Student Coffee Mornings takes place on Thursday 26th September at 10.30 am in the Red Room, in the [Student Centre](#). For those of you new to UCD or those yet to come along to one of the events, this is a great opportunity for you to meet with other grad research students and make new connections. Throughout the year guest speakers will be invited to these events, the details of which will be shared closer to the time.

[Sign up for this event](#)



Career Development Workshops

Tara Hughes is the Career and Skills Consultant for Graduate Research Students. Tara will be hosting workshops throughout the Trimester:

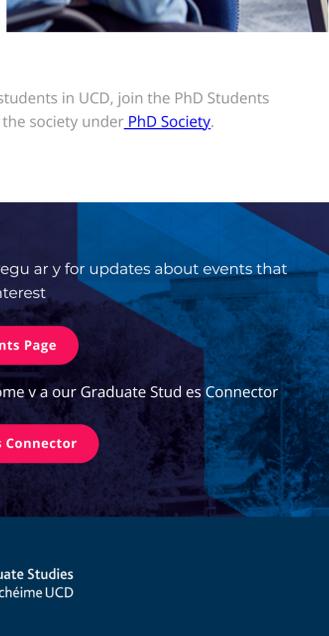
- 25th September, 1.00pm Career Priorities
- 9th October, 1.00pm Skills Review

Please book through My Career [My Career](#) can also be accessed through UCD Connect Email tara.hughes@ucd.ie with any questions or comments.

Please see details of Career Actions Plan at this [link](#)

Student Support

We are always mindful of our students' [health and wellbeing](#) at UCD. The university offers a suite of supports for research students and for the entire student population. Do stay connected and avail of these valuable supports and services, which are there to help you. Specifically you may find our new Staying Well and Disability Supports resources helpful.



Join the PhD Society

If you want to meet and connect with other PhD students in UCD, join the PhD Students Society! Find more info on how to join and follow the society under [PhD Society](#).

It's worth visiting our News & Events page regularly for updates about events that may be of interest.

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