



### Competitions, Student Survey & Upcoming Workshops

University life continues and we are already past the middle of this trimester. Longer evenings are now noticeable, and our campus looks magnificent this time of the year. I am delighted to announce many updates and events that I hope you will find useful.



#### ThesIn3 Competition 2025

UCD Graduate Studies have launched the eight annual UCD ThesIn3 competition. This exciting initiative supports graduate research students in their development as confident research communicators.

We invite all UCD Stage 2 PhD Students to submit an entry and share your research with the UCD community. The submission deadline for applications is **Monday 28 April**. The ThesIn3 Competition will take place in person on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30 AM, coffee from 11 am**.

The winner of the UCD ThesIn3 Competition will receive a €250 One-For-All voucher and will represent UCD in the National Irish Universities Association and the global Universitas 21 competitions in T1 2024-25.

Please find the application form and see all ThesIn3 details on [our website](#).

To help you prepare for these competitions, UCD Graduate Studies is hosting a [workshop](#) in April. The workshop is designed to enhance the presentation skills of PhD students and is OPEN TO ALL.

- **16 April 2024:** Practical presentation skills – workshop, [please book here](#).



#### PGR StudentSurvey.ie Update

Thank you to all students who participated in the national PGR StudentSurvey.ie.

We achieved a 33% response rate and anticipate receiving results later this year. This data will inform school-level quality enhancement plans, ensuring student feedback directly improves research student support and resources at UCD.

We will provide updates on the survey results once received and internal processes based on the feedback received. Thank you once again.

Early Career Researchers Alumni Roundtables - Spring 2025. A detailed infographic listing moderated Q&As for PhDs and Postdocs on dates from 6 March to 10 April. It includes speaker profiles for Anna Visser, Carolina Correia, Charles Nwankire, Yu AN, Gabriella Farries, Nik Maheshwari, and Claudette Pratorius, along with registration links for Postdoc and PhD.

#### Early Career Researchers Alumni Roundtables - Spring 2025

The Spring 2025 PhD/ Postdoc Alumni Roundtable series offers in-person opportunities for Early Career Researchers to learn more about a wide range of career options and opportunities. It is the place you get to have a chat with your colleagues and have someone else ask questions about what different roles and companies do, how much you can earn and how you can achieve work-life balance while still really enjoying what you do and using your skills and experience.

[Book on MyCareer](#)



#### Reminder about On-line Research Professional Planning (RPDP) Forms

The Research Professional and Development Planning (RPDP) form moved online over Summer 2023 and has proved very successful with faculty and students. Guidance on this form, and how to use the online version, can be found on the [Graduate Studies website](#). It is important to remember that students must [sign off on this form](#). After the Chair has signed off on behalf of the RSP, to properly close out this process for a given meeting.



#### How to prepare to close your Connect IT account

If you have completed your studies, you should consider what you are going to do with your files and emails as you prepare to leave the University.

Access to most IT services that you are entitled to, as a registered student, will end on the last day of the term which you were last registered to.

Generally these dates are August, December and May. Any actions should be completed on or before these dates. [Link with details](#).

If your current academic year is:

- May 2023/2024, the last day of your registered term is 18 May 2025.
- September 2024/2025, the last day of your registered term is 31 August 2025.
- January 2024/2025, the last day of your registered term is 31 December 2025.

Please refer to the UCD Registry [Key Dates web page](#) for further details.