



RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (RPDP)

Guide to using online RPDP Form

UCD Graduate Studies

1. Introduction

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 plays a major part in informing the trajectory of your research and in your training and development as a researcher. Your RPDP will help you develop key skills that will be invaluable for both your current research and your future career prospects.

The RPDP Form 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, your future plans, and a record of credits awards and any professional development activities undertaken.

2. Where to find the RPDP Form

a. Student view

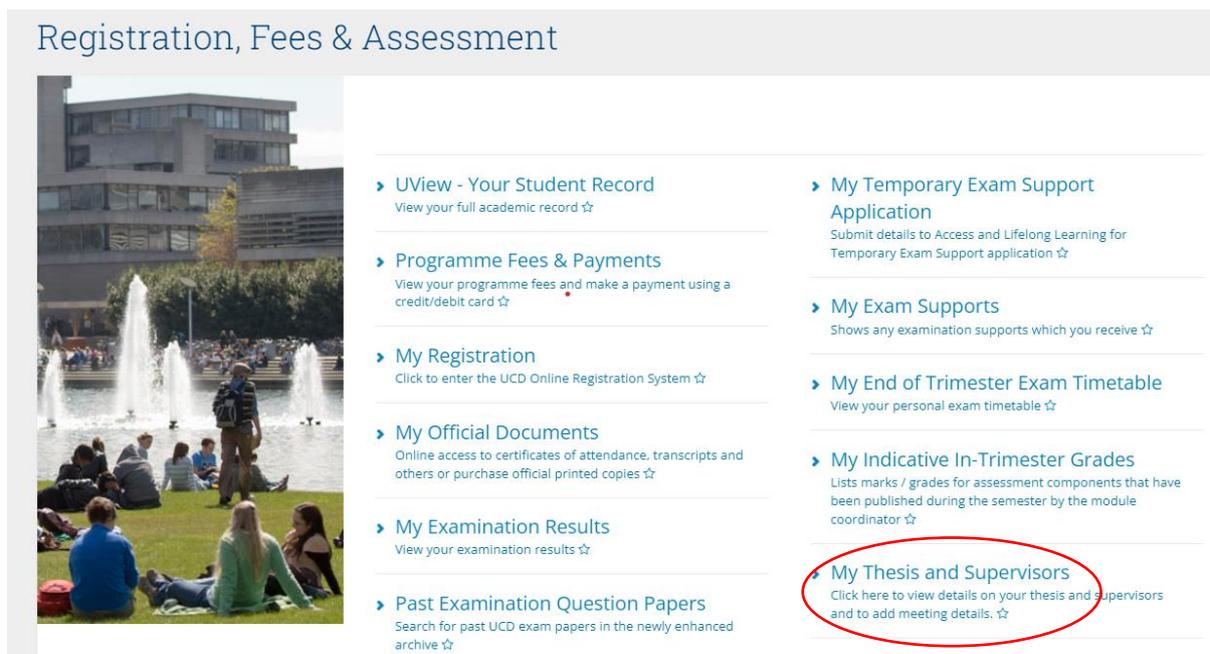


Figure 1. The RPDP Form can be accessed by students in the 'My Thesis and Supervisors' Section of SISWeb



My Thesis and Supervisors

My Thesis

Student Name	Student No	Type	Thesis Title
K [redacted]	[redacted]	Major Thesis	Novel Population Genomics Approaches for Trait Mapping using the Thoroughbred Horse Model

My Supervisors

Type	Supervisor
Primary Thesis Supervisor	[redacted] alter-Townshend P01026899+UCD@asparagus.ucd.ie
Thesis Co-Supervisor	Prof. [redacted] Hill P01008959+UCD@asparagus.ucd.ie

Supervisor Meetings

The student is expected to organise these meetings and to use the area below to record details on each meeting.

[Add Meeting](#)

Date of Meeting	Attendees	Notes	Attached Document	Click to
There are no meetings recorded.				

[Add Meeting](#)

RSP Meetings

Date of Meeting	Attendees	Attached Document	Click to
15 May 2023	me, my supervisor, chair and 2 advisors	Download.docx	Add Meeting Edit

My Research and Professional Dev Plan

[Add New Plan](#)

Student	Stage	Meeting Date	Student Sign Off	Chair Sign Off	
[redacted]	1	01 May 2023		Y	📧 👤
[redacted]	1	10 May 2023			📧 👤
[redacted]	1	15 May 2023	Y	Y	📧 👤
[redacted]	1	17 May 2023	Y	Y	📧 👤
[redacted]	1	23 May 2023	Y	Y	📧 👤
[redacted]	1	21 Jun 2023			📧 👤

Figure 2. The RPDP Form is accessed under 'My Research and Professional Dev Plan' Section

a. Research Studies Panel view

Registration & Class Lists

- Programme Requirements Tracking
Answers to programme requirements survey ☆
- My RSP Students**
Click here to view current students of whom you are designated as an RSP Chair or Advisor. ☆
- UView - Student Enquiry
View a summary of a student's records ☆
- School Class Lists
View class lists available for modules in your School. Use the 'My Class Lists' link to see only modules where you are the assigned module coordinator. ☆
- Programme Class Lists
Click to view students registered to programmes in your College (including photo lists and details of module registrations) ☆
- Student Registration Progress by
- Current Registration Tracking - School Summary
Current status of module & major registrations, summary of registration status for graduate research students, and module capacities management ☆
- Graduate Research Students By Academic Year
Summary of Graduate Research students, with an active registration, by academic year ☆
- Official Registration Statistics
Official census data on student registrations to modules & majors, module capacities, and student FTEs ☆
- Stage Assignment Management
Assign stages to modules where required ☆
- Research Student Management
View thesis and RSP details including anomalies. Manage student records, approvals, stage transfers & funding

Figure 3. The RPDP Form can be accessed by RSP members via 'My RSP Students' Section

My RSP Students

List of current students of whom you are designated as an RSP Chair or Advisor

Student No. ↑↓	Student Name ↑↓	School ↑↓	RSP Role ↑↓	View Research & Dev Plan ↑↓
[REDACTED]	Vincenta Fiang	School of Biosystems and Food Engineering	RSP Advisor	View Research & Dev Plan
2 [REDACTED]	K [REDACTED]	School of Mathematics and Statistics	RSP Chair	View Research & Dev Plan

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Figure 4. RSP members can view submitted RPDP Forms



3. RPDP Form is in Two Parts

Part 1 of the form is to be completed by the student prior to the Research Studies Panel (RSP) Meeting. Part 2 is completed by the Chair of the RSP after the RSP Meeting. The Chair will sign off the form on behalf of the RSP members. The student is the final signatory.

2.1 Part 1 of RPDP Form

Part 1 is for the research student to outline their research plan, research progress, plans for the future, credits awarded to date, and any professional development activities undertaken. When completing Part 1 of the form the research student can save their work using the 'Save' button and return as often as is required. Once Part 1 is complete the student can submit the form online using the 'Submit' button. When Part 1 is submitted, it will be visible to the members of your RSP and they will receive an email alert that it has been uploaded.

Part 1 of the form is comprised of the following sections:

- **Record of Ongoing Research:** to provide updates on research progress
- **Future Plan:** to provide updates on the research plan for the following year
- **Credit-bearing Module Details:** record any credit-bearing modules completed or currently registered to. Please include the title, module code and ECTS value
- **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) where applicable:** record of any RPL awarded that is contributing to the University 30 credit requirement
- **Professional and Career Development Activities:** record and structured or unstructured activities
- **Research Integrity Training:** record of any Research Integrity Training undertaken
- **Other Relevant Activities:** Any additional information not covered in the sections above

When Part 1 is completed it can be saved by clicking the 'Save' button.

***Please note that the document must be saved before it can be submitted . ***



Research and Professional Development Plan

Part 1 of the form is to be completed by the student prior to the RSP Meeting.
Part 2 is completed by the Chair after the RSP Meeting.
The Chair will sign off the plan on behalf of the RSP Members.
The student is the final signatory.

Student Details

Student*

Sign Off

Student Sign Off

Chair Sign Off

Part 1: to be completed by student

Meeting Date*
e.g. 01 Sep 2022

Record of ongoing research*
Please provide updates of your research progress. 3000 characters left

Future Plan*
Please provide updates of your research plan for the following year. 3000 characters left

Credit bearing Module Details
Record any credit bearing modules that you have completed & those you are currently registered to. Please include the title, module code & ECTS value. 2000 characters left

Recognition of Prior learning (where applicable)
Please record of any Recognition of Prior learning that you have been awarded that is contributing to the University 30 credit requirement. 2000 characters left

Professional & Career Development Activities
Record of professional and career development modules / workshops / activities. 3000 characters left

Research Integrity Training
Please record any Research Integrity Training undertaken. 2000 characters left

Other Relevant Activities
Please provide any additional information not covered in the sections above. 3000 characters left

Figure 5. Part 1 of the RPDP Form to be completed by the student.

Once the student has completed and submitted the RPDP Form, an email will automatically be sent from a noreply@ucd.ie email address to all RSP members, including the Supervisor. The email will contain the following text:

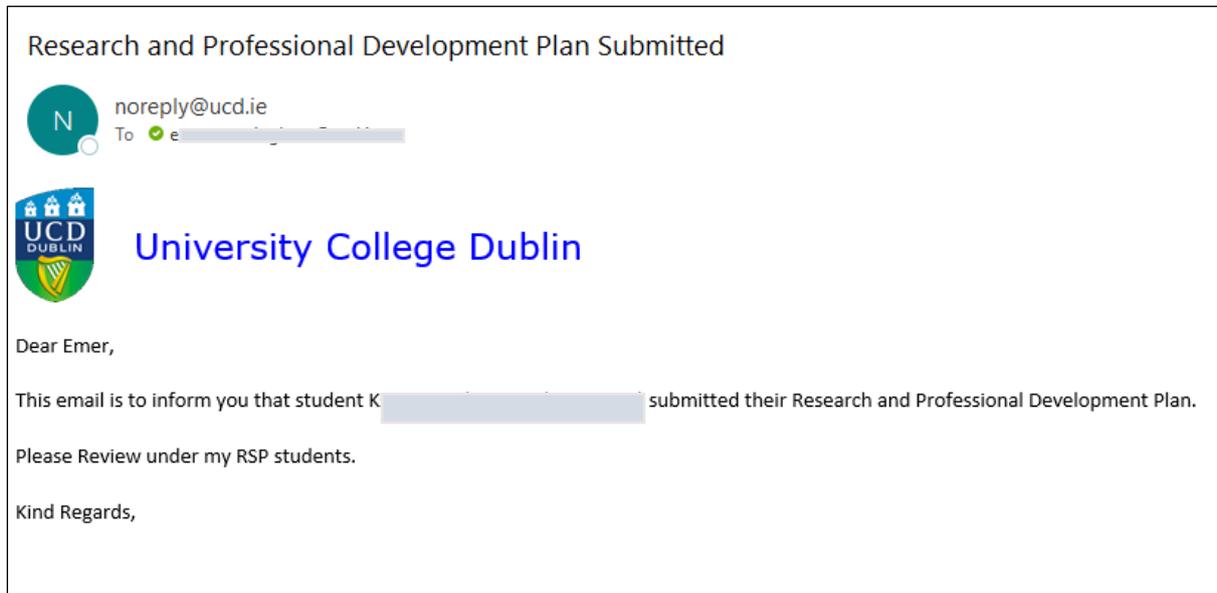


Figure 6. Notification email received by RSP Panel members.

If the RSP member has the role of 'Chair they can view and edit Part 2 of the RPDP Form. If the RSP member has the role of 'Advisor' they can only view the RPDP Form. RSP members can download the RPDP Form prior to the RSP meeting as a PDF. This document will be the basis of the RSP meeting. An RSP meeting is held to provide advice, monitor your progress and make recommendations to the research student on their research trajectory.

3.2 Part 2 of RPDP Form

Part 2 of the RPDP Form outlines the consensus of the RSP on your progress to that point and their recommendations going forward, and is completed by the Chair of the RSP, who will sign off the form on behalf of the RSP members.

Part 2 of the form is comprised of the following areas:

- **Progress Report:** the RSP's opinion of the progress the student has made since the last RSP meeting (or since the student began their programme)
- **Recommendations for the Future:** the RSP's recommendations to the student
- **Comments:** any additional comments not covered above

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based form titled "Part 2: to be completed by Chair". The form is divided into three sections, each with a label on the left and a large, empty text input area on the right. The sections are: "Progress Report", "Recommendations for the Future", and "Comments". Each text input area has a small icon in the bottom right corner, which appears to be a pencil or edit icon. The form is set against a light gray background.

Figure 7. View of Part 2 of RPDP Form, completed by the Chair of the RSP.

Once the RPDP Form has been submitted and signed off by the Chair on behalf of the RSP members, the student will receive an email notification that the RPDP has been completed and a request that they sign off.

3.3 Sign Off

The Chair of the RSP will sign off the document on behalf of the RSP members. This will trigger an email notification that the RPDP has been completed and a request that they sign off.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Research and Professional Development Plan' form. The title is 'Research and Professional Development Plan' in blue. Below the title, there is a grey box containing instructions: 'Part 1 of the form is to be completed by the student prior to the RSP Meeting. Part 2 is completed by the Chair after the RSP Meeting. The Chair will sign off the plan on behalf of the RSP Members. The student is the final signatory.' Below this is a white box with the heading 'Student Details' and a text input field for 'Student*'. The 'Sign Off' section is circled in red and contains two rows: 'Student Sign Off' with an unchecked checkbox and 'Chair Sign Off' with an unchecked checkbox. Below this is another section heading 'Part 1: to be completed by student' and a text input field for 'Meeting Date*'. The form is styled with a clean, modern layout using blue and grey colors.

Figure 8. Sign off section is at the top of the RPDP Form.

3.4 Record

The RPDP Form can be downloaded as a PDF. The Form will remain accessible to the Student and RSP members for duration of the student’s research programme.



Research & Professional Development Plan

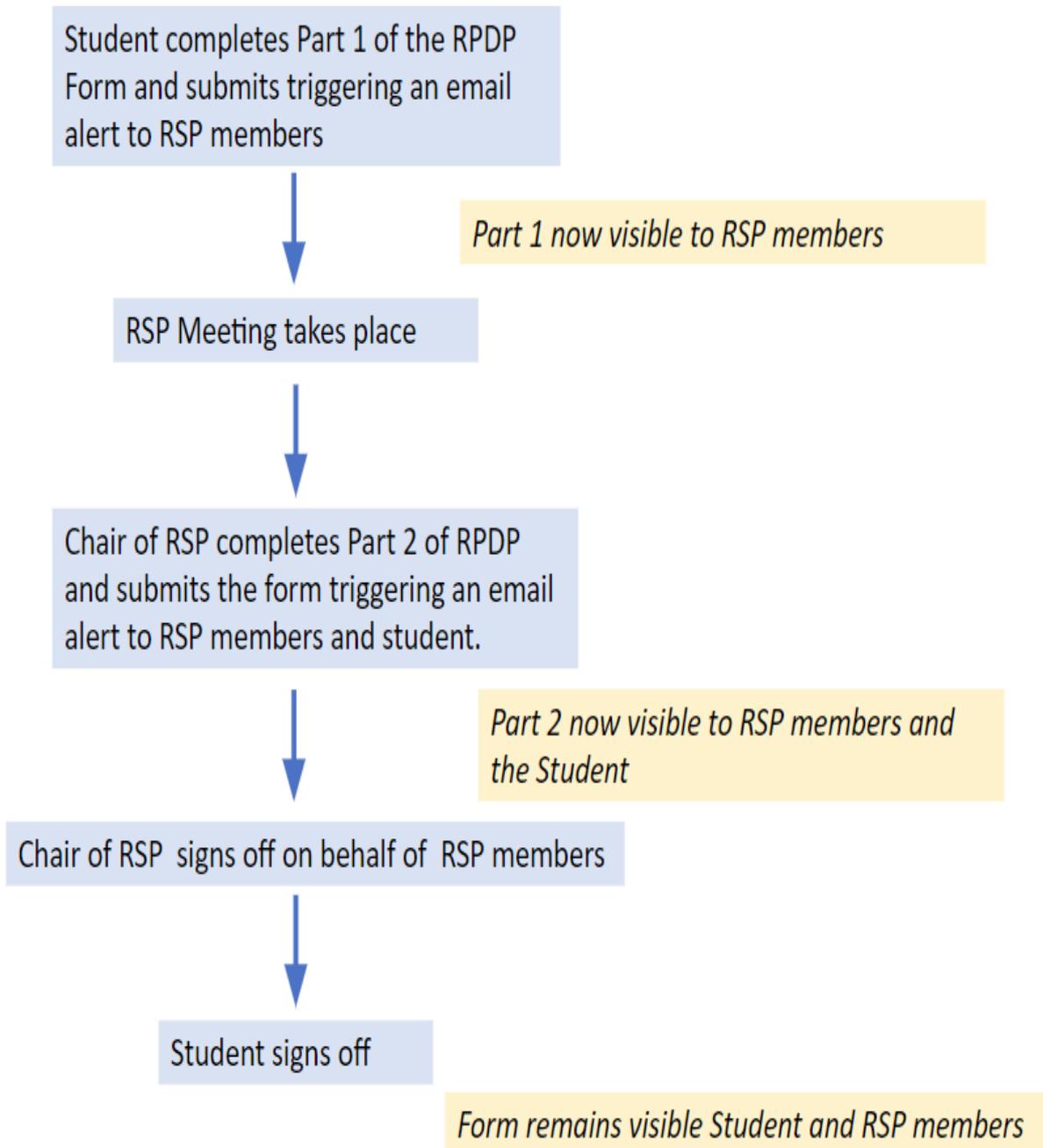
Printed on 1 September 2023
by Ksenia Maksimova

Student Research and Professional Development Plan

User:	[REDACTED]
Date of Meeting:	23 May 2023
Student Sign Off:	Y
Chair Sign Off:	Y
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Figure 7. Completed RPDP Form

Appendix 1: Flowchart





FAQs

Can a student refine wording in Part 1 after the RSP meeting?

Yes, the student can make amendments to Part 1 before signoff. The Chair cannot edit the student's words after submission. The student cannot edit the Chair's words after submission.

Can RSP members have access to the RPDP before and after signoff by the student?

Yes, all RSP members have access to the form prior to sign off and will have ongoing access while the student is registered to UCD