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UCD 2025 ORIENTATION
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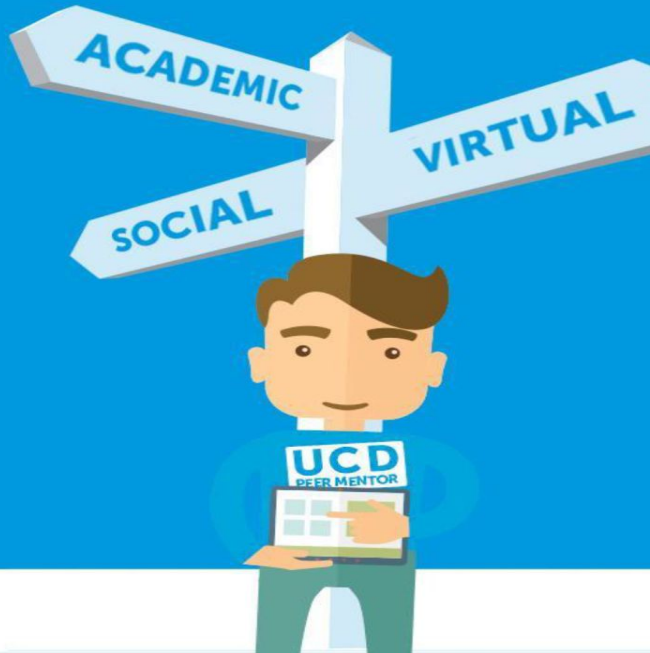
UCD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE

Welcome Event
4 September 2025



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13:45: Housekeeping And Welcome: **Ms. Niamh Fitzgerald**
13:50: College Principal Welcome: **Professor Aoife Ahern**
13:57: Head Of School, Architecture Planning & Environmental Policy: **Assoc Professor Oliver Kinnane**
14:04: VP For Internationalisation: **Assoc Professor Tom Curran**
14:10: Careers Support, Preparing For Your Future Career: **Ms. Nicola Fortune**
14:25: Welcome From The College Office: **Ms. Sue Philpott**
14:40: Dignity & Respect: **Dr Veronica Sofianos** Vice Principal, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
14:50: Overview Of Student Supports Available: **Dr Julia Maher & Emma Somers**
14:55: Engineering Society - **Ms Rebecca Aslett**
15:00: Q&A
15:10 Finish

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Professor Aoife Ahern

College Principal
& Dean of Engineering

Promoting the safety of our Campus

Key Contact Details:

UCD Estate Services
00353 1 716 7000
Email: estates@ucd.ie

University Emergency Line
00353 1 7167999

National Emergency Services (Off Campus)
Police (Garda Síochána)/Ambulance/Fire Brigade
999 / 112

Further Information:

UCD Estates Website
www.ucdestates.ie

Unicare Webpage
www.ucdestates.ie/unicare/

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Associate Professor Oliver Kinnane

Head of School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy

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Associate Professor Tom Curran

College Vice President for Internationalisation

UCD CAREERS NETWORK: SERVICES & SUPPORTS

Nicola Fortune

Quick Poll!

When do you think graduate recruitment starts

(to begin work next summer)?

- May - Once exams are over
- Jan - After Christmas
- Sep - In the next month

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UCD Recruitment Fairs 2025

MyCareer

What are they looking for?

Academic achievement

Work experience

Involvement in extracurriculars e.g. clubs, societies etc

Evidence of relevant transferable skills

ENGINEERS IRELAND

Engaged in their professional community & understands the landscape

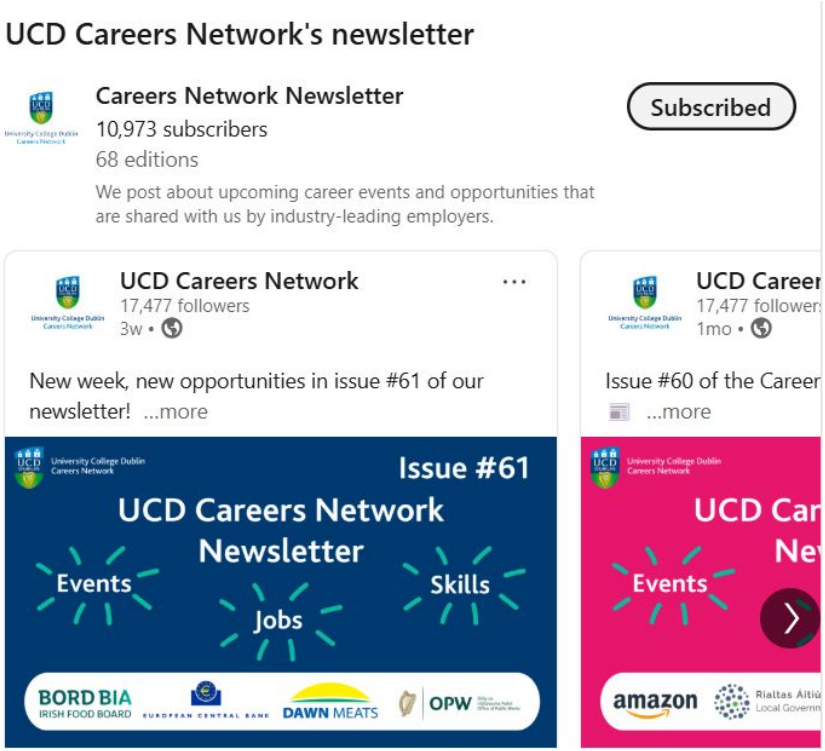
Able to present self well on paper & in person

Take a moment to think ….
Where are your gaps?

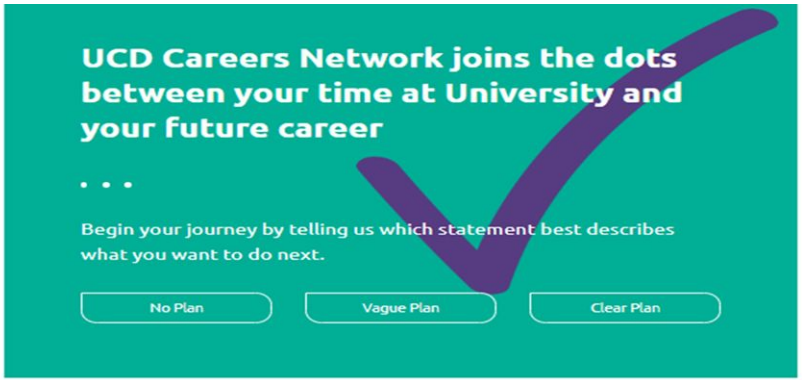
USING THE SUPPORTS (A quick checklist!)

Connect with the **UCD Careers Network** on social media

Subscribe to the **UCD Careers Network** LinkedIn Newsletter



Go to the UCD Careers Network website and download the UCD Career Guide



Career Guides

Explore your career options

Find a job or internship

Build your Skills

Meet with a Career & Skills Consultant

CAREER GUIDE

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- Skills
- Employability
- Careers

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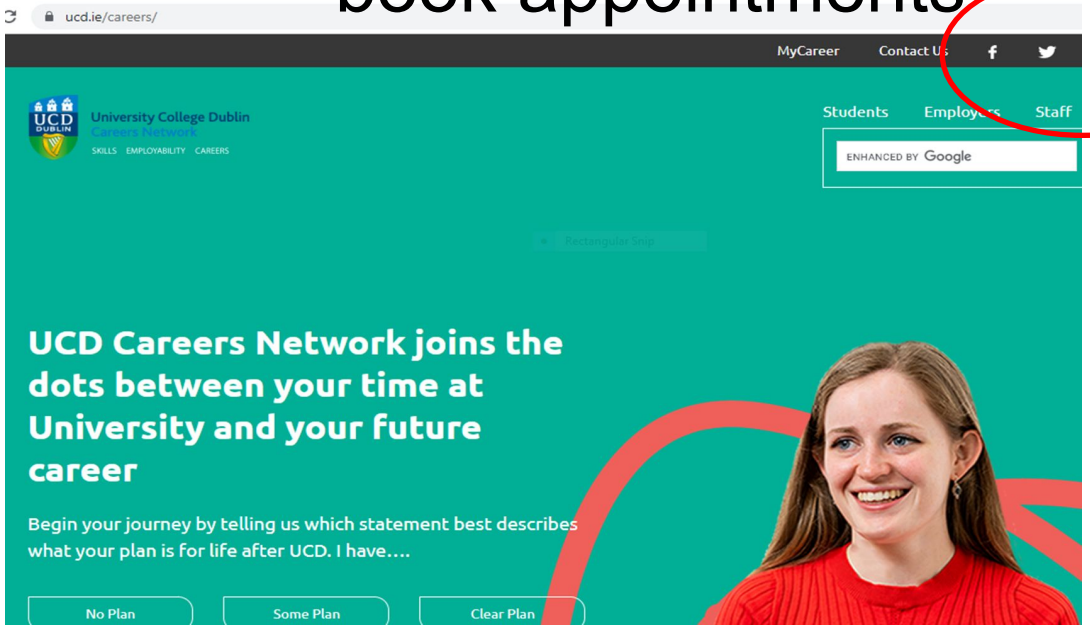
Log into MyCareer to view vacancies, employer events, careers workshops and to book appointments



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MyCareer

SIGN UP HERE

Career Essentials

Need a hand constructing your CV, preparing for interviews, strategising your job search or optimising your LinkedIn profile for networking?

Our Career Essentials series is here to help! These 45-minute career workshops are open to all students.

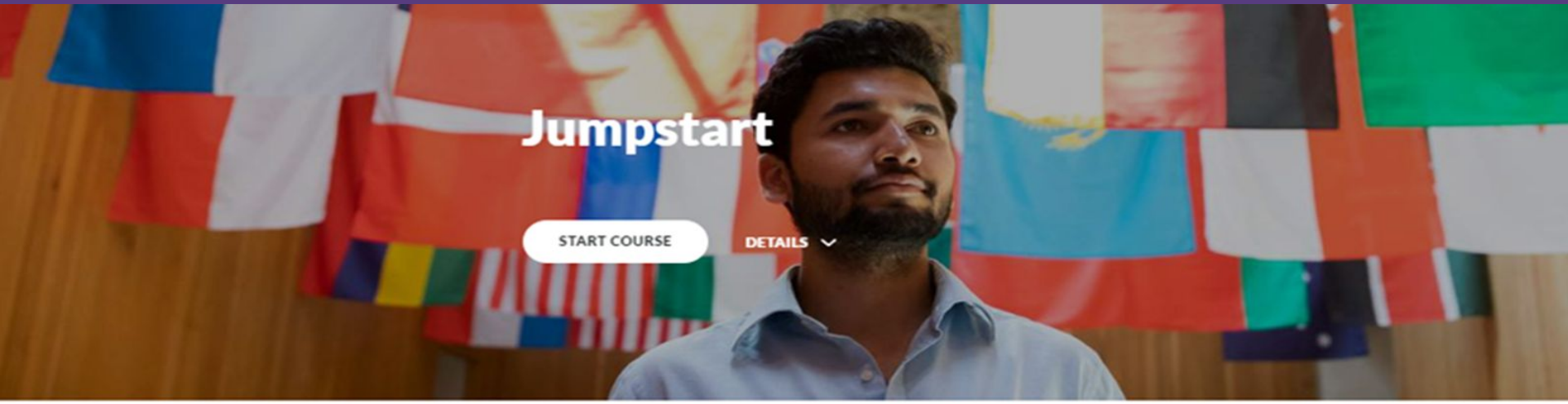
- ✓ CVs and Cover Letters
- ✓ Part-time Job Search
- ✓ Interview Preparation
- ✓ LinkedIn & Networking
- ✓ Job Search Strategy

Get started by using the online tools …

Research Careers Related to your Programme

For International Students….if you only do one thing!

www.ucd.ie/careers/resourcesforinternationalstudents



Jumpstart

START COURSE

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Are you an international UCD student? Discover how you can JUMPSTART your career in Ireland!

Begin your journey to learn more about the graduate recruitment market in Ireland and how to develop the skills Irish employers look for by clicking the first topic below to start the course...

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN IRELAND
RESEARCHING THE LABOUR MARKET
PLANNING YOUR CAREER
WORKING PART TIME
RESEARCHING GRADUATE WORK PERMITS
INTERNSHIPS
THE IRISH RECRUITMENT PROCESS

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN IRELAND

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Jumpstart

Your International Career in Ireland

- Learn about the graduate recruitment market in Ireland
- Developing the skills Irish employers look for
- Applying for jobs in Ireland

Complete Now!

FREE
ONLINE RESOURCE

Before I finish…

Take a moment….

To think of <u>one action</u> you will do this year, to make yourself as employable as possible!

Thank you

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Ms Sue Philpott
Director
College of Engineering & Architecture
College Office

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

Welcome to the College of Engineering and Architecture and to your studies at UCD.

As you journey towards your future, we hope that your time in our College will be an enjoyable and enriching one for you, not only in the area of your academic achievement but equally in the area of your personal development.

We hope you make lifelong UCD friends as well by engaging with the UCD Community.

The College Office Team looks after the Student and Academic Support Services for all the **UNDERGRADUATE AND TAUGHT GRADUATE** students in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Environmental Policy.

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

Important to remember:

The College of Engineering and Architecture Office is your **first point of contact for anything to do with your programme of study at UCD**. And we're there to support you throughout your time at UCD.

Where we are located:
UCD Engineering & Materials Science Centre, Room 122.

The quickest way to get your query answered is via our College Office online **Student Connector**.
Queries received via our **Student Connector** are continually monitored and normally, we aim to respond to all queries within one working day, but during peak periods (like now, during registration), it may take a little longer.

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

Also, important to remember:

UCD Connect:
UCD Connect is where you can access your day-to-day UCD applications, such as your email, calendar, Google Drive, Brightspace, Zoom and InfoHub

Your UCD Connect email is the primary channel for official UCD communications. You will have received information regarding your email account when offered your place in UCD. It is the responsibility of each student to regularly check their UCD Connect email account.

In email communications with UCD Staff, always include your student ID otherwise it can delay your query!

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

In respect of the 2025/2026 academic year: Opening Hours:
The College Office opening hours are as follows:
Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm and from 1.30pm until 4pm.

We offer a 'drop-in service' for student enquiries and can deal with basic queries at our reception desk.

However, if you require a meeting with a member of our team, **we will facilitate one-to-one meetings on an appointment only basis** and we are also happy to arrange meetings online via Zoom.

You can request a meeting through our Student Connector.
Our general office hours for email contact are

8.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

How we can help you:

- **Programme and module registration queries**
- **Pastoral support and advice to students in relation to all aspects of University Life; signposting to other UCD services**
- **Help and academic advice**
- **Extenuating circumstances/Recognition of prior learning/ Workload issues/Leave of absence/Withdrawal/**
- **Internships**
- **Who we work with etc?**

Your programme will also be aligned with one of our six **Schools**, so your **School Office** will be another point of contact for you, along with your **Programme Director**.

We interact with many **different units across the University** on your behalf, such as:

Student Advisers, UCD Registry – Student Records,
Assessments, Admissions, Conferring Unit, UCD Global and the UCD Careers Network

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

As you've already heard, there's lots of new words in use "UCD – Speak" or Jargon that you'll become familiar with over the next while- courses, modules, crns etc.!
We even have a **Jargon Buster!**
For instance, your **course** at UCD will now be known as a **Programme.**

And what is a Programme?

According to UCD's Academic Regulations, A programme is an approved course of study, the successful completion of which leads to a **University award**. The award is conferred when the programme outcomes have been appropriately demonstrated by accumulating the required number of credits at appropriate levels over an appropriate period of time and all other programme requirements have been met.

My team's job is to help you achieve that goal!

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

Important: Enjoy settling into your time at UCD, make connections and have fun. Don't forget to:

- Attend your meeting with your Programme Director
- Complete your online registration
- Familiarise yourselves with the
  - UCD Current Student Website
  - College webpages for current students
  - Student Key Dates Calendar
  - UCD Term Dates 2025/2026
  - UCD Fees Website
  - UCD Academic Regulations 2025/2026
  - UCD Policies & Procedures
  - College Contact List

Keep on top of your **UCD Connect Email** and don't forget to use our **Student Connector** to get in touch!

College of Engineering & Architecture Office

IF WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN'T HELP

Please don't be afraid contact the Engineering & Architecture College Office if you need any assistance whatsoever.

We know that settling into a new programme (city or country) can be a challenging experience, and some of you may be feeling isolated and alone.
Please don't suffer in silence, many students feel that same way.
Please let us know and we can try to help you.

Don't forget to use our **Student Connector** to get in touch!

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Associate Professor Veronica Sofianos

Dignity and Respect

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Dignity and Respect

A positive working and learning environment in which everyone is valued

An environment which is free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying

Bullying Behaviour & Harassment

- Verbal abuse/insults
- Physical abuse
- Intrusion -pestering, spying or stalking
- Exclusion
- Intimidation
- Aggression
- Humiliation
- Any form of unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, verbal, non-verbal, physical
- Violating a person's dignity
- Creating a hostile, degrading, or offensive environment
- Discrimination

Dignity & Respect Training

www.ucd.ie/dignityandrespect/training/dignityandrespecttraining

UCD Supports for Dignity & Respect

- D&R policy: lists supports, who to contact, guidance from informal resolution to formal complaints
- https://www.ucd.ie/dignityandrespect/
- Training
- UCD Report and Support Tool
  - Anonymously report incidents of bullying/harassment, experienced or witnessed
- Dignity & Respect Support Colleagues
  - Volunteer, fully-trained faculty and staff, to listen and advise

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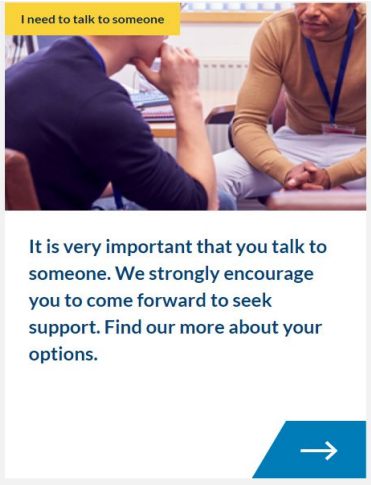

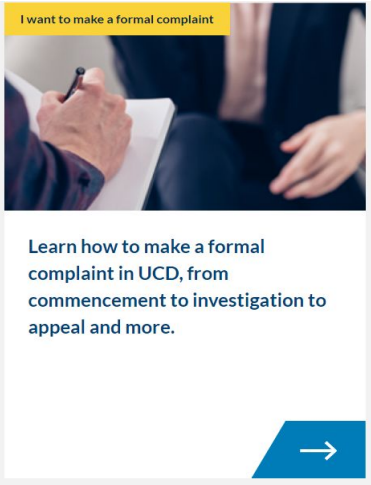

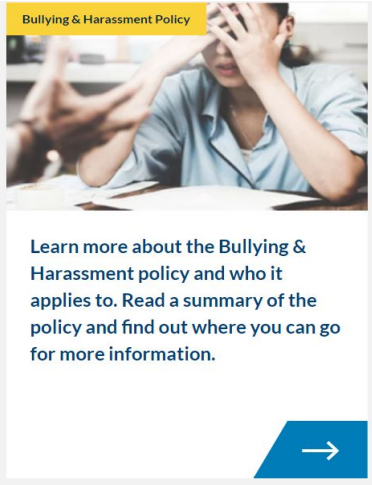

Informal Procedure Options

- Seek Advice and Support
  - Head of School/Associate Dean/Programme Coordinator
  - Student Adviser or Chaplain
  - Student Union Welfare Officer
  - Student Counsellors and Student Health Centre
  - Dignity and Respect Support Colleagues
    - Facilitative role
    - Specially trained to advise on options available under the policy
    - Provide Information on formal complaints process

Informal Procedure Options

- IF POSSIBLE Approach the person causing offence
- Contact the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Representative – For guidance about supports and procedures
- If these actions do not succeed or the case cannot be treated informally – Formal Complaint

College of Engineering & Architecture EDI

- Visit our website https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/edi/

to find out more of our EDI activiti
including events

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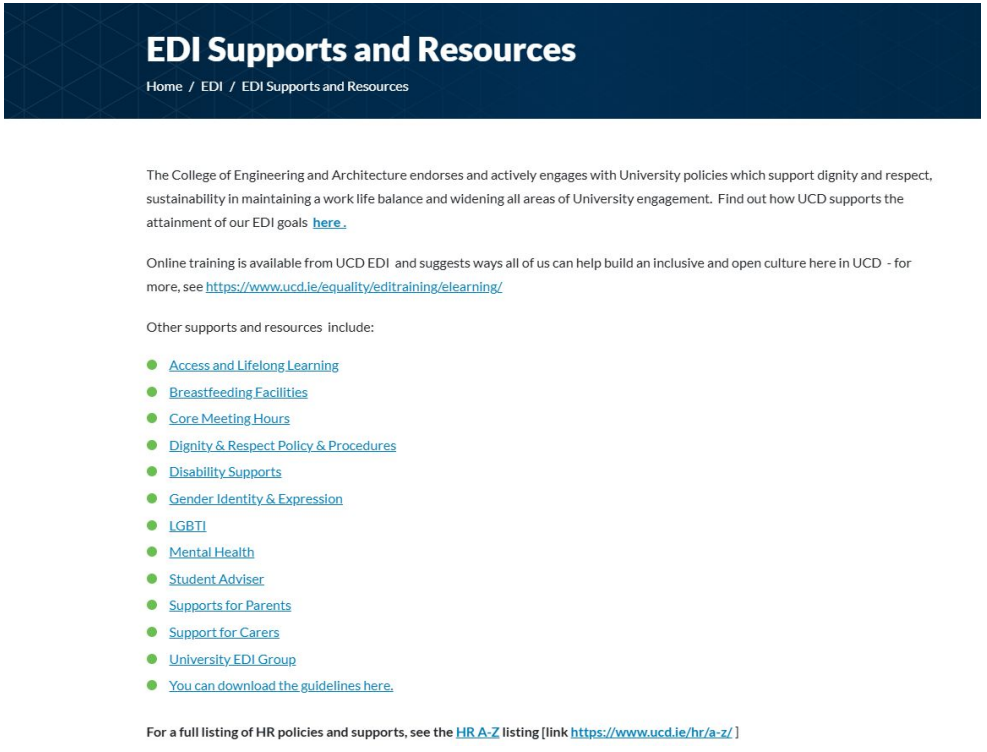
for more Edi support and resources



EDI Supports and Resources

Home / EDI / EDI Supports and Resources

The College of Engineering and Architecture endorses and actively engages with University policies which support dignity and respect, sustainability in maintaining a work life balance and widening all areas of University engagement. Find out how UCD supports the attainment of our EDI goals here.

Online training is available from UCD EDI and suggests ways all of us can help build an inclusive and open culture here in UCD - for more, see https://www.ucd.ie/equality/editraining/elearning/

Other supports and resources include:

- Access and Lifelong Learning
- Breastfeeding Facilities
- Core Meeting Hours
- Dignity & Respect Policy & Procedures
- Disability Supports
- Gender Identity & Expression
- LGBTI
- Mental Health
- Student Adviser
- Supports for Parents
- Support for Carers
- University EDI Group
- You can download the guidelines here.

For a full listing of HR policies and supports, see the HR A-Z listing [link https://www.ucd.ie/hr/a-z/]

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Meet your Student Advisers

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Student Adviser for Engineering Programmes

Emma Somers

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Student Adviser for Architecture, Landscape Architecture, City Planning, and Environmental Policy (APEP) Programmes

Where you can find Emma:

- Email me! - **emma.somers@ucd.ie**
- **Appointment booking** for in-person or online - through my calendar (link at the end of my email signature)
- **Second Floor Office** - Richview, Architecture Building

Where you can find Julia:

- Email me! - **julia.maher@ucd.ie**

- **Appointment booking** for in-person or online - through my calendar (link at the end of my email signature)
- **Office in Room 130A** - Engineering and Materials Science Centre

What you can talk to us about:

Anything on your mind

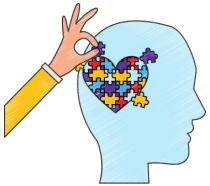
Personal/Family Concerns

Disciplinary Issues

Balancing Life + Study

UCD Policies

Study-related Worries & Queries



Your Wellbeing

Extenuating Circumstances

Financial Difficulties

Social Concerns

Bereavement

Family/Home Concerns

Confidentiality is a priority.

Read more about our confidentiality statement here:

https://www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers/aboutus/confidentialitystatement/

UCD Student Adviser's Confidentiality Statement

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There's no reason to go through anything alone.

Here are some essential resources:

UCD Student Health

Appointment-based service bookable by phone

ucd.ie/stuhealth

UCD Student Counselling

Book appointments via self-referral form available on website or speak to your Student Adviser

ucd.ie/studentcounselling

UCD Chaplaincy

For student support, pastoral care, and spiritual direction

ucd.ie/chaplaincy

UCD Access and Lifelong Learning

For disability support, academic skills workshops, etc.

ucd.ie/all

UCD Writing Centre & Maths Support Centre

Free one-to-one tuition

ucd.ie/writingcentre

ucd.ie/msc

Financial Supports at UCD

Information on Student Support Fund and Student Emergency Fund

ucd.ie/studentsupports/financialsupports

UCD Library

Laptop loans and study room bookings available

ucd.ie/library

UCD Careers Network

Get career guidance or speak to a Career Consultant

ucd.ie/careers

UCD Student Union

For academic support and social events (all student led!)

ucdsu.ie

UCD Student Adviser

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It's okay to need support.

We're only human!

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EngSoc

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What is the Engineering Society?

- Ireland's largest student-lead engineering society
- Host a large number of both social and career-oriented events
- The best way for you to meet fellow engineers

ENG SOC

Social Events

ENG SOC

Career Events

Our Corporate Partners 25/26:

vodafone

PM GROUP

Deloitte.

bam

BUILDERS SISK CONTRACTORS Established 1859

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How do I get involved in the society?

- Join from the stand in the Freshers' Tent 15th-19th
- Membership is €2 and payable by cash/card

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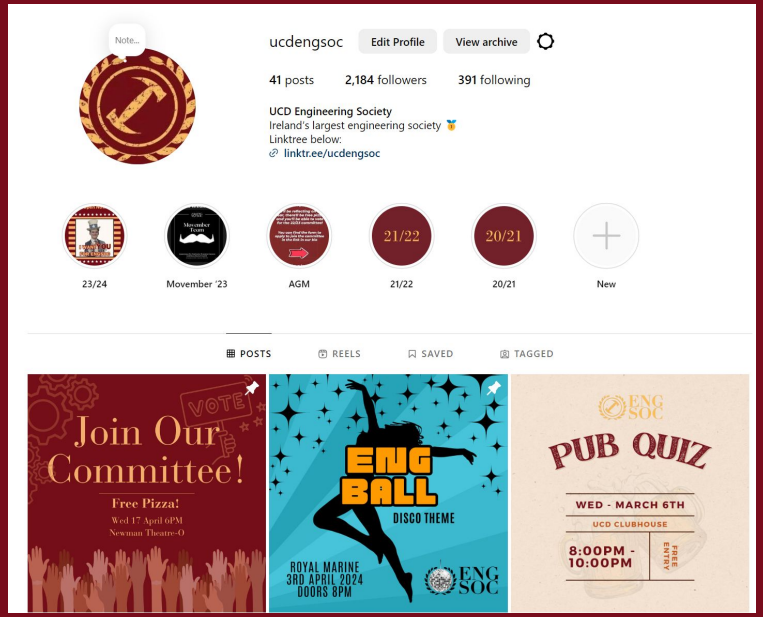
Events 25/26



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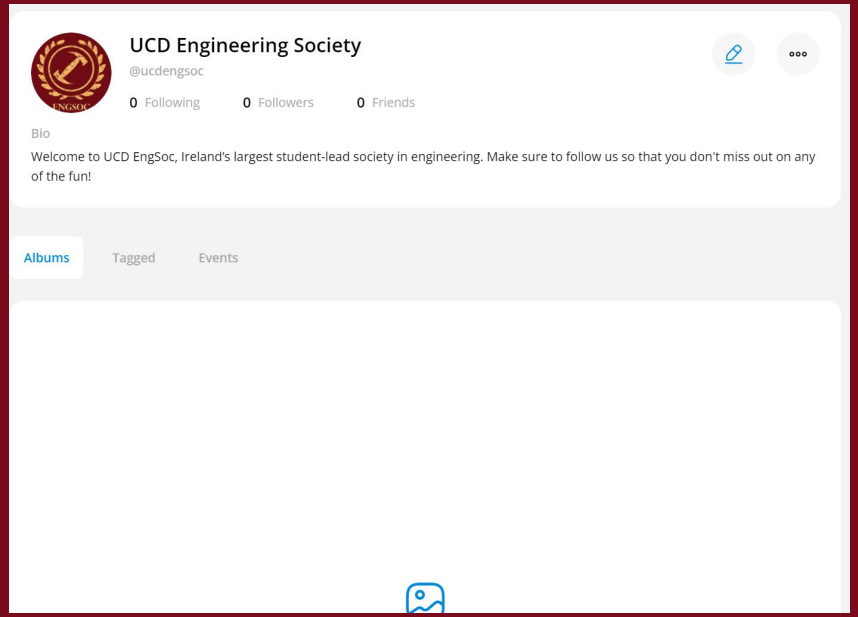

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