

As we are now in October and the first trimester is well underway, I hope you are settling into university life. It is nice to welcome you to our beautiful parkland campus, whether you are returning to campus or you are new to UCD.

Orientation

We had great attendance at our recent Graduate Research Student Orientation and feedback indicates that our incoming students found this a helpful introduction to research study at UCD.

Many thanks to all who attended and to Sergey Katsuba, Mary Davis and Ishani Atukoralalage who participated in the student panel to share their PhD experiences. We have gathered feedback from attendees to ensure we are taking your views into account for future events.

Details and presentation can be found at the 'Graduate Orientation for Graduate Research Students 2023/24' module on Brightspace.

Visualise Your Thesis

It's Trending on VYT week! Trending on VYT is the people's choice award, recognising the entry that gets the most views across Figshare from 00:01 Monday 2 October until 22:59 this Friday 6 October (Australian Eastern Daylight Time).

Ishani Atukoralalage was the [VYT 2023 UCD winner](#), their video can be viewed on the 2023 VYT International Figshare [repository](#), please view and share.

The winner of Trending on VYT will receive a 12-month Gold Membership to the [Research Impact Academy](#), sponsored by Figshare.

Transferable Skills workshops

We are pleased to announce that Graduate Studies will be running Transferable Skills workshops this month and next month. Registrations are now [open](#).

There is a [RESET](#) workshop with Dave Delaney on Wednesday 11 October with additional workshops in November and December.

In these three sessions, Dave (Wellness and Community Projects Officer in the Student Adviser Unit) will expand your understanding of yourself. He will explain the process of thinking, perception and decision-making.

We also offer the **Thesis Boot Camp** with Peta Freestone

- Are you a late-stage PhD student struggling with the writing-up battle?
- Do you put off writing tasks until 'tomorrow'?
- Are you finding it tough 'going it alone'?

Complete the [application form](#) by 10 November to participate.

WOW (Write on Wednesday)

WOW (Write on Wednesday) is a writing group for graduate students which meets every Wednesday morning on Zoom. The group leader is an experienced [UCD Writing Centre](#) instructor. The Student Survey showed that being a part of a WOW writing community gave the students focus, motivation, and a sense of community and accountability, all of which

helped their productivity. If you are interested in joining this group, please email the Writing Centre at writing.centre@ucd.ie for more information.

Career Development Workshops

Tara Hughes is the Career and Skills Consultant for Graduate Research Students and can be contacted directly tara.hughes@ucd.ie The Careers Network offer a series of workshops throughout the year, examples for October below:

- 10 October – CV, Cover letters and LinkedIn
- 25 October – Interview Skills

Please book through [My Career](#).

My Career can also be accessed through UCD Connect.

Coffee Morning

Your Student Adviser Eamonn McHugh (eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie) continues his monthly coffee mornings. This month's Graduate Research Student Coffee morning takes place on Thursday 19 October at 10.30 am in the Red Room in the [Student Centre](#). If you are planning to attend, please [register](#).

We are keen to hear from you, this is a great informal opportunity to stay in touch with your fellow students and hear about activities in the university.

Student Support

We are always mindful of our students' health and well-being 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.

Best wishes for a successful academic year!

Warmest regards,

Paul Professor Paul McCabe, Dean of Graduate Studies

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