

UCD Graduate Studies

Newsletter

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UCD GRADUATE STUDIES NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

**Dean of Graduate Studies,
Professor Barbara Doolley**



I was delighted to welcome the new cohort of graduate research students on 8th February during our Orientation event. The Post Graduate Student Survey 2023 indicated that more than 66% of students were happy with their UCD Orientation, and with your feedback, we seek to improve this experience each year. It is always a pleasure to meet new students starting their graduate research programme at UCD and I hope you found the event useful. University life continues and we are already in the middle of this trimester, with longer meetings now underway. I am delighted to announce many updates and events for this month that I hope you will find useful.



23Things International: Your Adventure in Research

23Things International 2024 is a unique, self-directed, online global programme for researchers interested in learning new tools for research, building their professional profile, and networking. Topics range from postulating to understanding open access, collaborating to publication strategy, career mapping to infographics. It is free and open to doctoral researchers, and academics from all disciplines.

Each week two blogs - 'Things' - will be released, covering a topic or piece of software that can enhance how you work. The programme runs for 14 weeks, including two break weeks. UCD is pleased to be part of this international programme and we invite you to register your interest and get the most out of it. More information can be found on the [23 Things International website](#), the [registration link](#) is open to the 23rd February.

UCD 23Things Information session

Time: Thursday 22 February 2024

room details:

join zoom meeting

<https://ucd4u.zoom.us/j/82680981117?pwd=TFZlNTk1aUJlbnVlZjZkdzY0eWVhZjZl>

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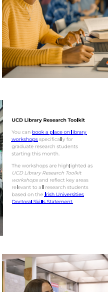
Coffee Morning - February - Save the date!

This month's Graduate Research Student Coffee Morning hosted by Student Advisor, [Eamonn McElroy](#), takes place on **Tuesday 29th February at 10.30am** in the Red Room in the [Student Centre](#). If you are planning to attend please sign up using the [link](#) provided.

Dr Zeljka Doljarin, Director of the [UCD Writing Centre](#) will join on the day to share information of the work of the centre and support available to graduate research students.

Online and in-person Graduate Studies workshops

Please remember to register for a place in our [research skills online workshops](#) which run from February until April 2024. The programme of activities starts with online workshops, which are delivered by the international expert Hugh Kearns (Flinders University, Australia). Based on your feedback to date, these are very popular workshops that students have found both enjoyable as well as useful. Graduate Studies also run in-person workshops that help students to navigate their PhD. Please keep an eye out for workshops offered by colleagues in the Careers Network, Library and the Writing Centre below. You can register for all workshops via the [Workshop Centre](#).



UCD Library Research Toolkit

You can [book a place on library workshops](#) specifically for graduate research students starting this month.

The workshops are highlighted as UCD Library-Research Toolkit workshops and reflect key areas relevant to all research based on the [Joint Universities Central Office Statement](#).



UCD Library Guides and Help

Many of you may be already aware of this excellent resource from the UCD Library where researchers can find useful [guides and help](#). Please take a minute to explore the different supports available to you. In addition, the page provides an instant messaging feature that you can use.

As I know we have many incoming international students, I want to highlight in particular the guide below as it may be helpful for you.

[Academic Integrity - Referencing, Plagiarism & Avoiding Citations](#)
[International Students Study Skills](#)



UCD Careers Network

Join UCD Careers and Skills Consultant for Graduate Researchers, Tara Hughes, for a career workshop covering everything from career planning and job search strategy to identifying and articulating your skills, networking, CVs and interview preparation.

[Book your place on MyCareer.](#)



2024 PGR Student Survey

Advice on career options - survey results

Based on the responses of those who participated in the [2023 Student Survey](#)

45%

agreed that they have received advice on career options.

Even though this percentage is almost 10% higher than the 2021 results, there is still work to be done in this area.

In support of this a new virtual 360-degree career management system MyCareer is available to you all 24/7. Through this system, there are a host of training videos on every topic imaginable in relation to your employability, transferable skills, and job search. MyCareer is offered along with 1-1 appointments with the careers and skills consultant.

More information can be found on the [Career Planning](#) webpage.



UCD is piloting Turnitin iThenticate

iThenticate is an originality checking tool which is targeted at researchers and academics publishing articles. iThenticate compares submissions to premium scholarly journals, books, law reviews, patents, dissertations & theses, pre-prints, conference proceedings, and internet pages. More detail on how iThenticate works is here [Research iThenticate](#)

Commencing in February 2024, there will be a 6-month pilot of Turnitin's iThenticate tool. If you are interested in piloting iThenticate, please complete this [form](#).

Questions and Feedback?

Your questions and feedback are always welcome via our Graduate Studies Connector.

[Graduate Studies Connector](#)