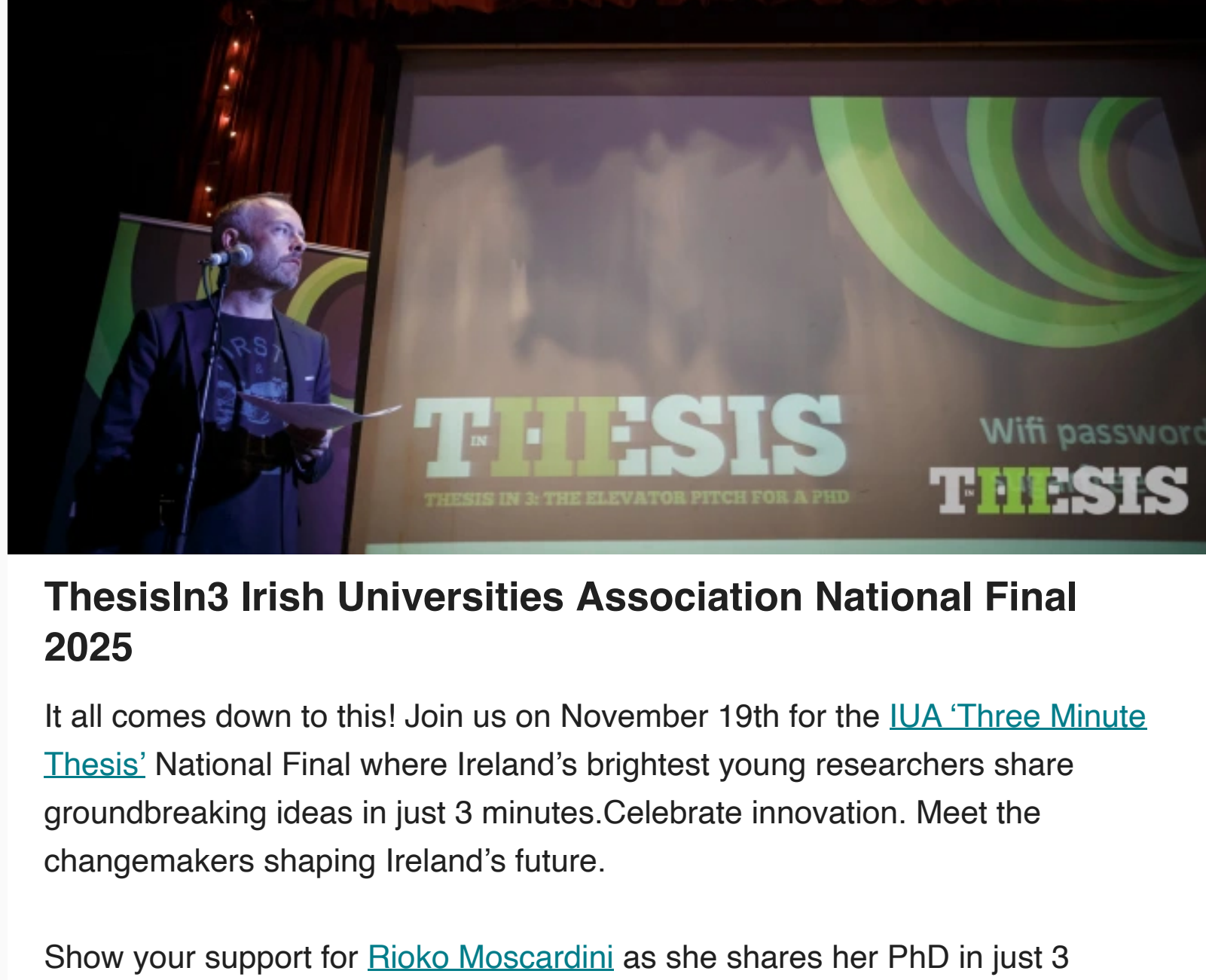


UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

November 2025

We hope you enjoyed your Halloween break as we head toward the end of Trimester 1.

During November there are several activities you may wish to participate in, you will see details of workshops on offer across Graduate Studies, the Library and Careers.



ThesisIn3 Irish Universities Association National Final 2025

It all comes down to this! Join us on November 19th for the [IUA 'Three Minute Thesis'](#) National Final where Ireland's brightest young researchers share groundbreaking ideas in just 3 minutes. Celebrate innovation. Meet the changemakers shaping Ireland's future.

Show your support for [Rioko Moscardini](#) as she shares her PhD in just 3 minutes at the IUA 'Three Minute Thesis' National Final in the Royal Irish Academy!

[Register to attend in-person or online](#)



ThesisIn3 Universitas 21 People's Choice Award

People's choice voting will take place via the [U21 website](#) and will be live from Monday 17 November 2025 and close Wednesday 7 January 2026.

The winner will be announced in the week commencing 19 January 2026.

Our UCD representative in the U21 and the IUA competitions is **Rioko Moscardini from the School of Earth Sciences**, who is also representing UCD at the IUA Three Minute Thesis.

Geoscience meets climate action! PhD Researcher Rioko Moscardini is researching Triassic reservoirs, exploring their potential to support geothermal energy as Ireland moves toward net-zero.

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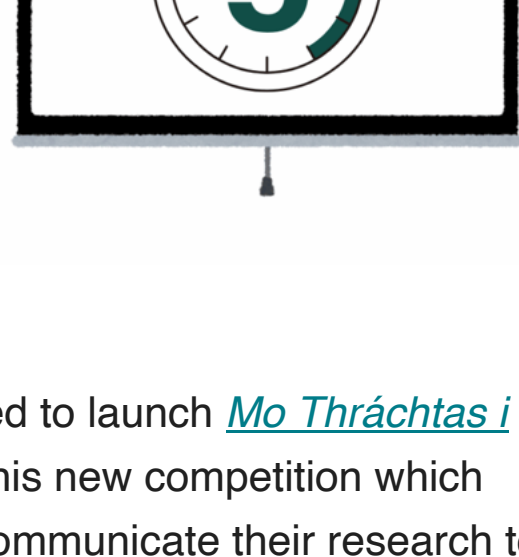
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Mo Thráchtas i mBeagán Focal

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) is delighted to launch [Mo Thráchtas i mBeagán Focal](#). Applications are now open for this new competition which gives postgraduate students the opportunity to communicate their research to a non-expert audience. Each student will have only five minutes to present their research to an audience in a lively, conscious and clear manner. Postgraduate students from across the island from any research background are invited to apply. Further details regarding the rules as well as the application form are available [here](#).



Student Workshop from Dignity and Respect Unit

Recognising professional boundaries and sexual harassment as a Postgraduate Researcher (PGR). This interactive session, facilitated by international experts, explores professional boundaries and sexual harassment in higher education. Aimed at PGRs, it draws on recent research and real case examples to examine power dynamics and boundary-blurring behaviours in academia.



Tuesday, December 2nd

9.30 am to 10 am: Breakfast

10 am: Welcome from Prof Emma Sokell, Dean of Graduate Studies

10.10 am to 12.40 pm: Workshop

12.45 pm to 1.15pm: Lunch

Organiser: [UCD Dignity and Respect Support Service](#)

Facilitator: [The 1752 Group](#)

Queries to respect@ucd.ie

For more **information** and to **book** a place, click below.

[Information & Booking Link](#)



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.

Please book through [My Career](#)

My Career can also be accessed through UCD Connect.

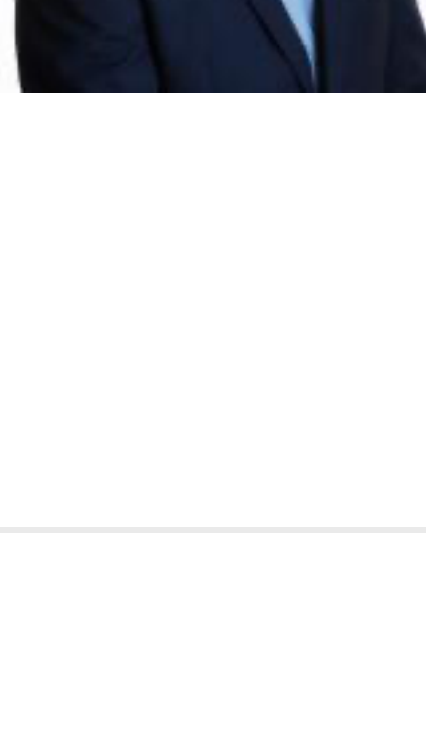
Graduate Research Student Coffee Mornings

Organised by Eamonn McHugh, [Student Adviser for Postgraduate Research Students](#)

the monthly Graduate Research Student Coffee morning provides a great opportunity for students to meet with other graduate research students, share experiences and insights, make new connections and enjoy a chat over a coffee. The next coffee morning is

Thurs 27th November in the Red Room, Student Centre

From 10.30 – 11.30am



Library

All Library Research Toolkit workshops can be [accessed here](#).

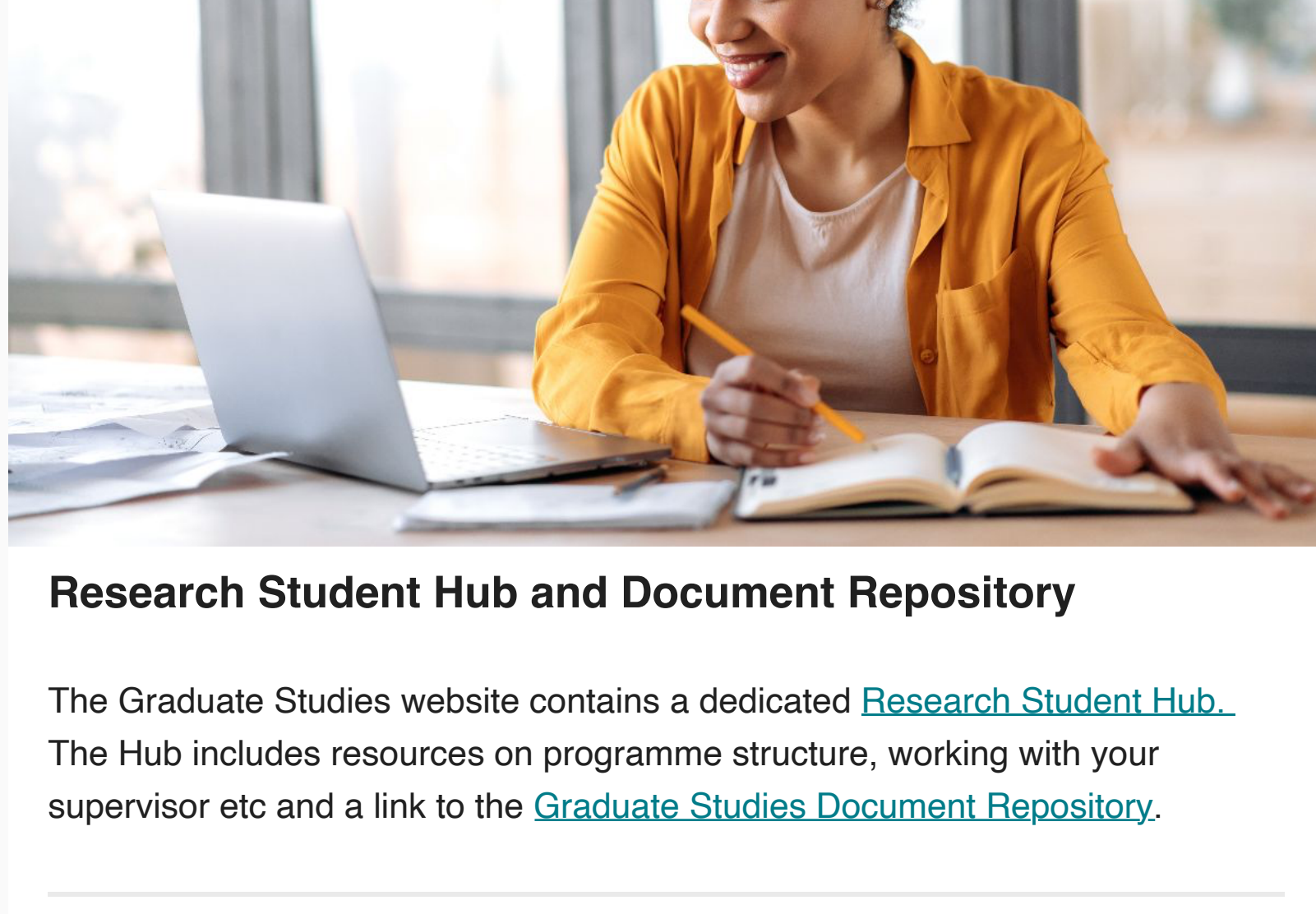


Research Culture Survey

The biannual 2025 UCD Research Culture Survey opens 3 November and will run until 28 November. [CLICK HERE](#) to participate. The whole research community at UCD is invited to participate.

We know that the time of the research community is valuable; yet, taking time to contribute your views for evaluating and defining Research Culture at UCD is what allowed our Research Culture team to bring initiatives such as the ReCLAIM internal seed funding which, unlike many other funding schemes, made Graduate Research Students eligible to lead funded projects.

Findings from our surveys have supported supervisor training, improved and more consistent mentorship practices, and the recognition of graduate research students as researchers in their own right. For more information you can visit the [UCD Research Culture](#) website or contact us at research.culture@ucd.ie.



Research Student Hub and Document Repository

The Graduate Studies website contains a dedicated [Research Student Hub](#).

The Hub includes resources on programme structure, working with your supervisor etc and a link to the [Graduate Studies Document Repository](#).

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. [This link demonstrates what types of support we offer our students](#).

We wish you all the best as we commence this academic year and will be communicating regularly with you and you can always keep an eye on the [Graduate Studies Website](#) for the latest news and events.

Best wishes for a successful academic year!



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It is worth visiting our News & Events page regularly for updates about events that may be of interest

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

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