



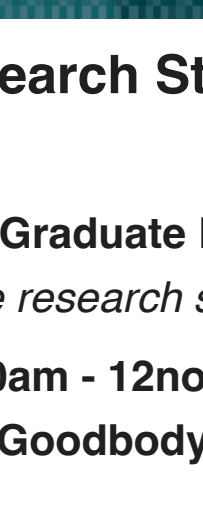
UCD Graduate Studies
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UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

September 2025

We are delighted to welcome you all to the new academic year 2025-26, whether you are starting your degree with us in UCD or continuing your studies.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we wanted to share some events and information from Graduate Studies to support our community of research students.



Orientation Day for Graduate Research Students

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Orientation Graduate Research Students: Wednesday 17th September 2025

UCD Graduate Studies will host a **Graduate Research Student Orientation** for incoming *graduate research students*:

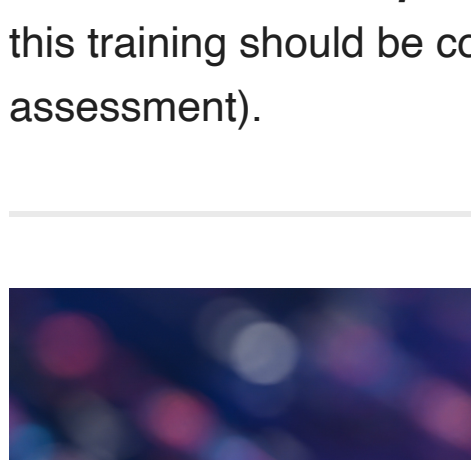
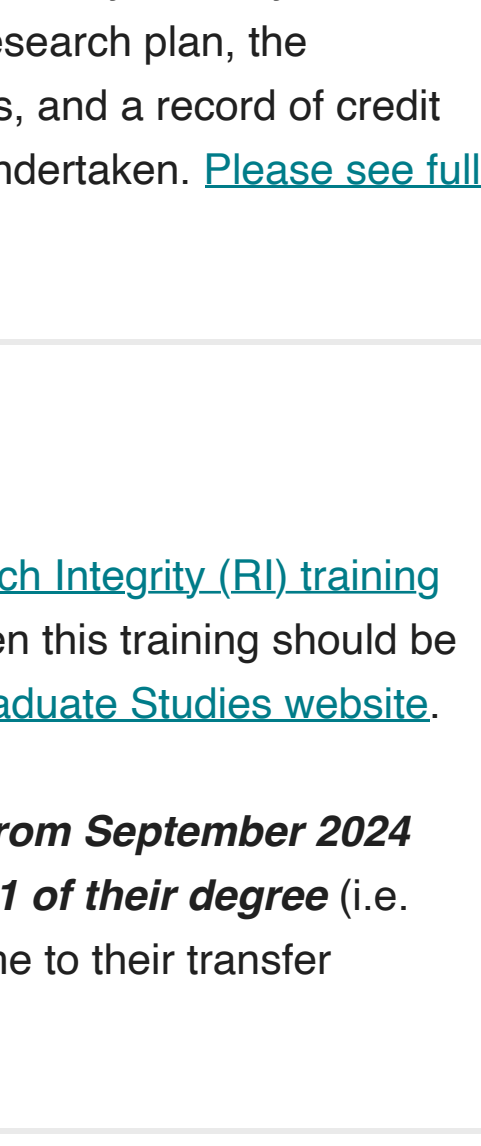
Wednesday 17th September 10am - 12noon, coffee from 9.30am, in Sutherland School of Law, A&L Goodbody Theatre. Followed by lunch at 12 noon.

This event is intended to give research students a helpful overview of key information and supports at UCD as well as an opportunity to meet other incoming research students from across the University.

[Register here](#)

Welcome Guide for graduate research and taught students 2025-6

This is a quick guide to starting life as a graduate student in UCD and we invite you to look at it if you are a new incoming student. You can find and download the guide [here](#).



Graduate Research Student Handbook 2025-26

This is a key support for both staff and students. It is updated for the new academic year and can be found [online](#) in the relevant section of UCD Graduate Studies website.

Research and professional development planning

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 Record 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, future plans, and a record of credit awards and any professional development activities undertaken. [Please see full details on our website](#).

Research Integrity (RI) Training

All graduate research students must complete [Research Integrity \(RI\) training](#) as part their programme. Information on how and when this training should be completed is available on a dedicated page on [the Graduate Studies website](#).

Please also note that doctoral students admitted from September 2024 onwards must complete their RI Training in Stage 1 of their degree (i.e. this training should be completed by the time they come to their transfer assessment).



Have Your Say: Help Shape UCD's Approach to Generative AI in Graduate Research

We invite you to join a Focus Group with the UCD Dean of Graduate Studies to explore how generative AI is transforming research. This initiative will explore the opportunities and challenges of generative AI for the postgraduate research community, within the framework of the existing [UCD policy on Academic Integrity](#). Your perspectives will play a crucial role in shaping how UCD supports postgraduate researchers and ensures AI is used responsibly and effectively in research and theses.

Date: Wednesday, 24 September
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Online via Zoom [Register here](#)

Programme Registration for Graduate Research Students - Reminder for September Start students

Please note that all graduate research students need to confirm their enrolment/registration at the start of each year of their studies. To do so, please log into your SISWeb account via UCDCONnect and confirm your details and pay fees. Failure to do so might cause your account to be deactivated and incur a penalty. Further information can be found on [UCD Online Registration Guides](#).

Module Registration for Graduate Research Students

All graduate research students have the opportunity to take taught modules relevant to their area of research or for their professional development in the course of their programme. Each research programme differs in taught module requirements.

For the academic year 2025-26, graduate research students can currently register for modules using online systems until Friday 19th September. Further information about registration and a full list of curated modules is available on the Taught Modules for [Research Students webpage](#).

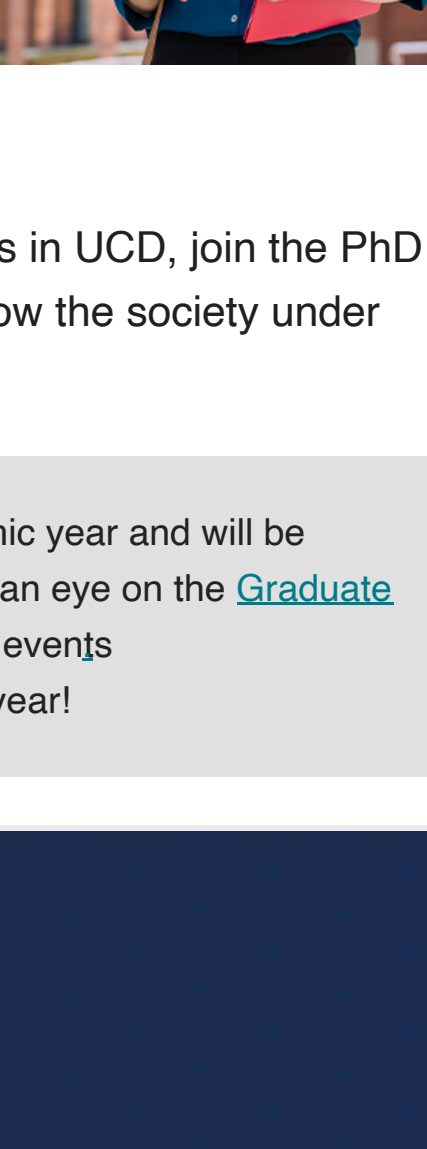


PhD Workshops

As a PhD graduate, your skill set will naturally include the advanced research and analytical techniques required to undertake high-level research in your field. You will also be expected to possess a range of transferable skills relevant to the successful completion of your research project and to your broader professional development.

You can now book a place on [workshops available in Trimester 1](#). Please note the **Thesis Bootcamp for Stage 2 students**, application closing date Monday 6th October. Details available [here](#).

Hello from Eamonn McHugh your Student Adviser



As the new academic year begins, I'd like to take a moment to extend my best wishes to you. As the Student Adviser for Graduate Research Students, I am here to offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental space where you can feel comfortable discussing any concerns, challenges, or questions that may arise during your time at UCD. Whether your concerns are academic, personal, or somewhere in between, I'm here to listen and support you in navigating through them.

If you'd like to meet, whether in person or on zoom, please feel free to reach out to me directly at eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie to schedule a meeting. Throughout the year, I'll also be hosting monthly coffee mornings/ research networking events which provide graduate research students an opportunity to meet others on a similar path, share experiences and build connections.

Dates for 25/26 - venue details will be provided nearer the time.

- Thurs 25th September
- Thurs 10th October
- Thurs 27th November
- Thurs 18th December

Graduate Researcher Careers Masterclass

Are you transitioning from PhD to employment?

Join the Graduate Researcher Careers team for a practical and interactive workshop!

Weds 1 Oct
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
UCD Global Lounge

Thurs 27 Nov
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM
UCD Global Lounge



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Career Development Workshops

Tara Hughes is our Careers & Skills Consultant for Graduate Researchers, she is available for confidential one to one appointments on all aspects of developing and planning for your career. Book here: <https://ucd.careercentre.me/members>

Her next workshop is the Masterclass for Graduate Research students and is on 1st October. Please book here under events: <https://ucd.careercentre.me/members>.

Student Immigration

Lara Morais is the Student Immigration Adviser, based in UCD Global. Lara can be contacted regarding all immigration issues at lara.morais@ucd.ie

Useful Links: [Support Feedback form](#) | [Book a consultation with the Student Immigration Support team](#) | [Immigration Talks 24/25](#) | [Irish Immigration Service](#) | [UCD Visas and Immigration](#) | [Health Insurance](#)

[View Talks Schedule](#)

- Ending Soon -

Survey on research integrity in Ireland 2025

Let's shape the future of research practice in Ireland together

Your voice matters! The Survey on Research Integrity in Ireland 2025 (SRII2025) is your chance to share what supports or challenges you in doing responsible research. Your input will help shape better policies and strengthen a culture of integrity across the Irish research community.

[JOIN THE SURVEY NOW](#)

[Learn More](#)

Survey on Research Integrity in Ireland 2025 closing soon...Don't miss your chance to participate!

The Survey on Research Integrity in Ireland 2025 is coming to an end in September. Your participation is crucial for building a more supportive research environment in Ireland. The survey is designed to capture a national picture of what helps and what hinders responsible research practices. By sharing your experiences, you will help to better understand the challenges researchers face and inform future improvements.

It takes about 25 minutes to complete, and your responses are anonymous.

Please take a moment to contribute your valuable insights by completing the survey here: <https://srii2025.ie/>

Student Support

We are always mindful of our students' [health and wellbeing](#) 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. Specifically, you may find our new Staying Well and Disability Supports resources helpful.

Join the PhD Society

If you want to meet and connect with other PhD students in UCD, join the PhD Students Society! Find more info on how to join and follow the society under [PhD Society](#).

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

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See previous Graduate Studies email communications.



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