



Academic Advising Project

Formalizing and expanding academic advising practices in the School of Civil Engineering

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AIM

The aim of this project is to formalize and significantly expand academic advising in the School of Civil Engineering.

OBJECTIVES

- Implement an academic advisor up-skilling programme
- Host regular student Coffee Mornings
- Organize field trips for students
- Deliver regular talks on key topics

STRATEGY

The approach is student-centered focusing on fostering regular engagement between academic advisors and students in our school. The approach has five components:

Up-skilling advisors: Colleagues from across the college will be invited to deliver workshops on a variety of areas e.g. Student appeals procedures, Student disability services, Leaves of absence and continuation, Financial aid, and many others. A shared, school Google drive will be created to ensure this key information is accessible for current and future staff.

Student Participation: The project will invite expressions of interest for student participants in each stage. Year Heads will evaluate expressions of interest and appoint student participants, who will receive a student bursary.

Coffee Mornings: The project will host coffee mornings for all students to build rapport with students and to be available for informal, regular conversation, guidance, and advice.

Regular talks on key topics: The project will host talks on credit-bearing work placement opportunity, erasmus/ Study Abroad opportunities, navigating Programme Structures and making choices related to specialisation to support key decision-making points in the student lifecycle.

Field Trips Each trimester: The project will organize a field trip for students to either a design office, an active construction site, or a water treatment facility to support students making links between their studies and their professions.