



# SUPPORTING ACADEMIC STAFF

We work in partnership with academic staff to enhance the educational and student experience at UCD, specifically around three themes:

## Student Recruitment

Parents and prospective students are keen to find out about career supports and potential programme outcomes.

## Student Retention

Engaged students tend to be more self-confident individuals who seek to develop academically, personally and professionally at University.

## Student Progression

By considering "what next" early enough, students may develop more effective Personal Statements, CV's and covering letters, enabling students to make an effective transition into further study and employment.

## What people have said about the work we do:

### Student Retention and Progression

“The Career Development in Psychology module is a key element of the denominated-entry honours BA programme in Psychology. The module was designed by the Career Development Centre in consultation with the School of Psychology and has been offered over the past 4 years. The module provides students with an opportunity to reflect on their achievements, plan for the future and develop skills for making the transition to the next stage of their career. This course has been oversubscribed since its inception. Feedback has been uniformly positive, with many students commenting on the strong impact the module has had on their ability to progress successfully into graduate study and employment.”

Professor Alan Carr, Head of School, UCD School of Psychology

### Curriculum Enhancement and Impact

“I have worked closely with UCD Career Development Centre to build an applied focus on Career Development into our Professional Career Development module, a core module on the MSc. Biotechnology and MSc. Biotechnology & Business. The applied teaching that the Career & Skills Consultant has readily and expertly developed with us is an invaluable addition to our curriculum and will be of great value to our Masters students who are demanding an appropriate level of preparation as they face into the employment market. It has already been a very dynamic and valuable relationship with the Career Development Centre and one which we will be very keen to sustain into the future.”

Dr David O'Connell, Programme Director, UCD School of Biomolecular and Biomedical Science.

### Bespoke High Quality Services

“Collaboration with the CDC has provided very significant opportunities for undergraduate Archaeology students. A seminar series "Archaeology and Employability" run by staff from the CDC and the School of Archaeology has given students the chance to explore the relationship between their degree and employment possibilities both in Archaeology and within other sectors. Experience of collaboration with the CDC is reflected in discussions of School strategy, curriculum development and module enhancement”.

Dr Graeme Warren, Senior Lecturer, UCD School of Archaeology



# How we work

A team of well educated professionals offering central AND bespoke services delivered increasingly within UCD Schools. Operating within a caseload approach, Career & Skills Consultants/Managers develop expert sectoral knowledge and understanding of Schools, programmes and curricula. By enhancing the student experience at UCD, adding value to the curriculum, the Career Development Centre makes a significant contribution to UCD and the wider economic and social landscape.

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