STUDENT FEEDBACK ON MODULES PILOT SURVEY

An online survey, to gather feedback from students on modules university-wide, is currently being piloted. The survey tool, which has been developed in line with best international practice, consists of a core of six questions (to be asked for all modules). Module coordinators are given the option of including a number of additional questions of their own choice and design.

The semester one pilot involved 10 schools, drawn from across the five colleges, eighty individual module coordinators and 6417 students.

The semester two survey opened on 12th April. A communications campaign “Have your Say” has been launched to raise student awareness. To compliment this, module coordinators participating in the semester two pilot are asked to encourage their students to go online and give their feedback. The survey is located in UCD Connect and takes no more than 2-3 minutes to complete. In addition to the survey tool, IT Services have developed a UCD Connect Feedback Channel residing on the UCD Connect Teaching and Learning Tab which can be used by module coordinators throughout the process to:

1. Set up optional survey questions,
2. Monitor survey completion by students &
3. Access results. Module coordinators will only see information pertaining to their modules.
NEW TEACHING & LEARNING WEBSITE NOW LIVE

The new Teaching and Learning Website www.ucd.ie/teaching aims to promote approaches to teaching, learning and assessment with proven efficacy. In addition to providing a comprehensive source of teaching resources, the website will regularly showcase developments and teaching innovation across the university. Keep an eye on the news section and calendar for regular updates. UCD Teaching and Learning would like to hear from you, so use the feedback button to let us know what you think and what you would like to see on the site.

- Teaching Awards – Call for Applications Now Open
  Colleagues are now invited to submit applications for the President’s and College Teaching Awards.

- President’s Teaching Award - New in 2010
  This prestigious award recognises recipients who have a clear track record in teaching and learning including adoption of leadership roles in curriculum design, programme development and peer mentoring in Teaching and Learning. The President’s Teaching Award supports the winner, through a grant of €5000 to complete a specific project in the area of teaching & learning that is clearly in line with UCD’s Education Strategy.

- College Teaching Awards
  The purpose of the College Teaching Awards is to acknowledge specific efforts made by recipients in teaching and learning, appropriate to the current stage of their career. Such work should show clear alignment with UCD’s Education Strategy. These awards will financially support the recipients to further develop this work by involvement with similar teaching activities nationally and internationally.

The closing date for applications and supporting nominations is Friday 30th April. For further information and to apply online – click on http://www.ucd.ie/teaching/awardsgrants/

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE 2010-11

Adult Education is currently accepting course submissions for its 2010-11 programme. We are looking for new areas of interest for adult learners. If you are interested in discussing this further contact Rhonda.Wynne@ucd.ie or Tel. 716-7581

DOGS IN DISTRESS (WWW.DOGSINDISTRESS.ORG)

This is a voluntary run organisation that works in conjunction with Ashton Dog Pound by trying to find homes for dogs left into the pound. If you are thinking of getting a dog, please consider taking in a rescue - the website lists dogs and pups who are abandoned and are looking for homes. The pound depends on volunteers to walk the dogs – if you have some time to spare either mid-week or at weekends the opening hours are on the website. Donations of blankets, towels, leads, collars, treats, dog food etc are always needed. Please phone 716-4714 if you have any such items to donate or for any further information.

UCD STAFF TENNIS CLUB - MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

The UCD Staff tennis club is currently open to new members who are staff or postgraduates in the University. We have members from most departments in the University. We are a social tennis club and cater for all standards of players. The annual membership is €45. Our Club night is Thursday evenings and we operate year round. We also have 2 courts available on Monday evenings-If you would like to find out more information or download an application form please check out our website: www.ucd.ie/stennis. You are welcome to drop down to the courts on club night but please alert a committee member in advance so there will definitely be some-one there to meet you! Club activities include coaching, winter league, championships, summer tournaments , BBQ, Christmas party and Inter-schools cup.

RÁSÚCD

‘Comhghairdeachas’ to all who ran RásÚCD: There were 400 participants in the race on Saturday 27 March and a total of €5,000 was raised for UCD Volunteers Overseas. B’iontach an lá é don Ghaeilge agus don charthannacht luachmhair seo. Guionn Bord na Gaeilge gach rath orthu siúd atá ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Nicearagua, Háití, An Tansáin agus An India i mbliana.

Opportunities for Irish Language Speakers and Learners


A small number of places are still available on the annual Gaeltacht Course, 30 April-3 May, contact ranganna.gaeilge@ucd.ie

Bord na Gaeilge will offer a course in conversational Irish at beginner level 18-27 May. This is a two week course with classes held 3 mornings per week, 8.30am-10.00am. Enrol now on: www.ucd.ie/bnag

RECITALS IN AID FOR OUR LADY’S CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL CRUMLIN

Piano Recital: Tatiana Valysuk RIAM will play pieces by: Beethoven, Gould, Rachmaninoff and Froberger, Sunday 18th April at 4.00pm
Venue: Recital Hall, Pianos Plus, Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Campus, Dublin 12.
Tickets: €15.00 (Concessions: students etc: €10.00)

Piano and Viola Recital: Elena Elioutina RIAM (viola) & Tatiana Valysuk RIAM (piano)
will play pieces by Bach, Brahms & Hindemith, Sunday 23rd May at 4.00pm
Venue: Recital Hall, Pianos Plus, Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Campus, Dublin 12.
Tickets: €15.00 (Concessions: students etc: €10.00)
Tickets available from maria.oconnor@ucd.ie
PART-TIME STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
The Centre for Distance Learning, UCD School of Business, offers two programmes suitable for UCD staff. (1) Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS Part-Time) - 4 year part-time honours programme and Diploma awarded after 2 years; (2) Master in Management (MiM Part-Time) - 2 year part-time programme for non-business graduates. With attendance on campus between 4-8 weekends each year, these programmes are ideal for those working full-time. Open events will be held on:
• Thurs. 22nd April (12.30pm-2.00pm), Contemplation Area, Quinn School of Business, Belfield
• Mon. 26th April (4.00pm – 7.00pm), Newman House, 85-86 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2
• Tues. 4th May (4.00pm-6.00pm), Contemplation Area, Quinn School of Business, Belfield
• Tues. 22nd June (4.00pm – 7.00pm), Newman House, 85-86 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2
Applications are currently being accepted. For further information: www.ucd.ie/distancelearning or telephone Sinead on 01-716 4738 (BBS) or Orna on 01-716 4818 (MiM)

WANTED NATIVE ENGLISH
Native English speaker to type the main part of a PhD thesis (c/o UCD) on techniques for the mastery of modern ‘harder’ French vocabulary. While a school-leaver’s knowledge of French is required, the section in French has already been handled by a Francophone. Remuneration negotiable. Paul J Cannon. Tel. 0872763691. E-mail paul.cannon@ucd.ie.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM LOW BACK PAIN?
Has it been troubling you for longer than 6 months? Are you aged between 20 and 60? If so you are invited to participate in a clinical research project being conducted by The Stim XDP research team based in the Institute of Sports Science and Health. The team are investigating the use of deep spinal Electrical Muscle Stimulation (EMS) to treat chronic low back pain. The device being trialled has been designed to target specific deep spinal and abdominal muscles which are frequently found to be dysfunctional in the presence of chronic low back pain. If you are interested in participating in this pioneering research, please contact Lorna on 01 716 3241 or email lorna.holcroft@ucdconnect.ie

UCD LIBRARY NEWS
James Joyce Library - Opening Hours
Monday - Thursday
Open: 08.30 to 24.00
Service: 09.30 to 21.45

Friday
Open: 08.30 to 24.00
Service: 09.30 to 17.00

Saturday
Open: 09.00 to 21.00
Service: 09.30 to 17.00

Sunday
Open: 09.00 to 21.00

Extended Opening Hours from 6th April
Effective since Tuesday April 6th the James Joyce Library is now open till midnight Monday – Friday. The library will also remain open until 9pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Health Sciences Library will also remain open until 5pm on Saturdays. These opening hours will continue up until the end of the exams.

James Joyce Library Early Closing – Student Ball
The James Joyce Library will close at 17.30pm on Friday 23rd April, the day of the Student Ball.

May Bank Holiday Weekend
The James Joyce Library will provide a desk service on Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd May from 09:30 to 17:00.

Library Superfines
From Monday 19th April, until Friday 14th May, all UCD Library branches will increase fines due to the high demand for books. For further details please go here.

JOHN F. KENNEDY FUND
The Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Fund invite applications for grants and awards for the academic year 2010-11. The Trustees have in mind granting assistance to graduates who wish to pursue post graduate studies in USA; or who are registered for a post graduate degree and who wish to pursue part of their studies in USA; the area of study being confined to the fields of Public Affairs, Politics, Finance, Public Administration (in its broadest sense), Labour Relations and Communications.

Parties interested should make application to Professor Chris Curtin, School of Political Science & Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway. The latest date for receipt of application is Friday, June 11th, 2010. Successful applicants could expect to be informed of the Trustees’ decision by July.

Each applicant should set out particulars of his/her career to date, giving brief details of the proposed programme of study in USA. In addition, an itemised budget as to expected costs to be incurred during the stay abroad should be furnished. Particulars of sources of finance should be listed, in particular current holders of university post should state if salary is payable while abroad and if any grant from another Irish source is being availed of.

Grants or awards up to a maximum of US$10,000 would be considered.

There is no formal application form, but the Trustees would expect that an application should not exceed three pages. Any proposal would require the support of a candidate’s academic supervisor.
A statement of objectives should be outlined, stressing in particular the benefit to be available to Irish institutions, education etc., on the return of a successful grantee to Ireland. The Trustees are not concerned with the career development aspect.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

**Rathgar/Terenure, Dublin 6** house available mid June to mid September, fully furnished, equipped, broadband, WiFi, cable, 3 bedrooms, 1 en s., 3 reception, k/breakfastroom, easily managed gardens, off street parking. Suit visiting family. Contact Nuala at 087 2339855 or (+353 1) 4905703 or nualamcdowell@hotmail.com

**The Maples, Clonskeagh**: room to rent for Summer months only. 10 mins from no. 11 bus stop, 15 mins from Luas Station 15 min walk to UCD. Large double bedroom, sharing with one other girl. 1 female required to rent. Available from Mid May to 1st September. All mod cons. €450 per month plus bills. Call 0861646467

**Booterstown, St. Helen’s Wood**: 1 single room available in a 4 bed house. Rent €365 per month. Deposit required. Available immediately. Excellent location as conveniently located off the N11 and very close to QBC bus routes and DART station. Less than 15 mins walk to UCD. Friendly household in a lovely estate, ideal location, sharing with 3 other girls. Short or long term. Also advertised on daft.ie website if interested please contact. Bernadette: ber.gallagher@ucd.ie

**Dundrum**: three bedroom bungalow, fully furnished to let, convenient to Luas, bus routes, M50 and shopping centres etc. Tel 087 6383323 (any time) email pm123@eircom.net

**Booterstown Ave**: beautifully presented 2 bed garden flat available from April 2010. Spacious open plan living area with fully fitted kitchen adjoining, 1 double bedroom, and 1 smaller bedroom / study. On street parking available. Suit professional couple or 2 mature students. €1,000 per month. Contact 01 288 9216 / 086 354 1975

**Dundrum**: Two bright and spacious single rooms for rent in a nice large house with all mod cons, including wireless broadband, cable tv, washing machine, dryer etc, safe and comfortable, with ample parking and very close to Dundrum Shopping centre (3 min walking), M50, Luas, Tesco, Lidl, only €310 monthly. Bus routes 14,14a, 48a,75. One room is available from 15th May, the other is from 1st Jun. Contact number: 0872022090 or 0860803507.

**Woodbine Road**: very comfortable, spacious room to let in modern townhouse near UCD. Ensuite bathroom, bright and sunny. Five minutes walk to UCD. Breakfast and evening meal provided. Available immediately. €160 per week. Contact Liz 086 2744126.

**Sandymount**: room to let in pleasant house. Near shops, beach, bus and Dart. Sharing kitchen/breakfast room and sitting room. Rent reasonable. All nationalities welcome. Second room may be available. Tel: 6685602 or 6688703

**Bray**: Lovely apartment in period house in quiet residential area. Comprising entrance hall, large living and dining space, fully fitted kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom (with bath). Private parking, Walking distance bus, dart and main street. Bus route to UCD. Suit quiet non-smoking person or couple. More details and photos on Daft.ie Contact:086 8308352

**Bray Seaford**: Rooms available from May and June in cosy, owner occupied, three bedroom house on seafront in Bray. House has all mod cons, TV and desk in rooms, right beside the promenade and beautiful walks around Bray Head. Just 5 minutes walk from the DART and bus station. Suit visiting academics or mature students. Rent €450/mth single room (with sea view), €600/mth twin room; includes all utility bills (ie. cable, wireless broadband, electricity, gas, cleaner, bin collection), linen also provided. Contact Sarah at 2828876 or 086 0866003.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

**Boston, MASS**: 1-bedroom apartment in Brookline just off Beacon Street. Currently vacant with rent paid til end May and lease til end of August. Two minute walk to Washington Square and under 10 minutes to Coolidge Corner. It’s on the C Line. Rent is $1510/mth with heat and hot water included. For more information please contact Aisling Jumper. Ph: 617 538 3817, aislingjumper@gmail.com

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