



ALUMNI FUND

Give back to *UCD* and make

A Real Difference





Overview

The UCD Alumni Fund was established in 2007 to support and enhance all aspects of the student experience – academic, sporting and social. As a former student, you already know the great opportunities a UCD education offers. Making a gift to the Alumni Fund ensures that those opportunities are available to current and future students. Government funding today accounts for just 50% of the University's income and, given the decline in state funding, coupled with a significant increase in student numbers, we need your help more than ever.

Fundraising for the Alumni Fund takes place twice a year. During our spring and autumn telephone campaigns, current UCD students call alumni to update them on news from UCD and to ask them to support the Alumni Fund. We also mail and email over 120,000 alumni worldwide, as we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to support the Fund.

Since 2007, the Alumni Fund has raised over €600,000. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the Fund to date. We hope you will decide to make a gift and join our community of donors.

Gifts to the Alumni Fund are disbursed on an annual basis, so your gift will have an immediate impact. The Alumni Fund allows the University to respond rapidly to projects of urgent student need, whether large or small.



We met at UCD. College gave us a great education and we made the most of our sports and social lives there. Our degrees have helped both of us to enjoy successful careers and we hope that our children will follow in our footsteps shortly and also attend UCD. We were fortunate to be given the opportunity to go to university and we donated to the UCD Alumni Fund to enable other students to have the same chance



**Liam Lenehan (BComm, 1981) and
Orla Lenehan (BCL, 1981)**



Priorities for Alumni Fund

The priorities for the year ahead are:

- Scholarships
- Library resources
- Student Support
- Clubs & Societies

Scholarships:

- New ERA Scholarships: awarded to assist bright, able students who for a variety of economic or social reasons might face a barrier to attending university.
- Choral Scholarships: awarded to eighteen gifted students annually to enable them to participate in a challenging vocal programme.
- Medical Science Electives Bursaries: awarded to Stage 4 and 5 medical students to support international study and research opportunities in North America and the developing world.
- Sports Scholarships: awarded to very talented, high-performing students to encourage them to join a sports club in UCD and compete for the University. (This provides students with access to top class facilities and coaching and has a positive effect on their teamwork and leadership skills).

Library Resources:

- Library resources: Students depend heavily on the short loan collection in the James Joyce Library and ongoing funding is needed to ensure that additional copies of the most important texts are available.
- The Library is responsible for thousands of old and rare books, maps and manuscripts within the Special Collections and the Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute. Funding is needed to carry out conservation, damage repair and digitisation of these valuable pieces.

Student Support

- The Alumni Fund supports students who may face financial or personal hardship during their time at UCD. Priorities for this year include the Student Hardship Fund and the Student Counselling Service.

Clubs & Societies

- Student clubs and societies are an important part of university life. Student participation in clubs and societies enhances their life skills and experience.

If you would like more information about the projects supported by the Alumni Fund, please visit www.ucd.ie/foundation/giftsinaction



Why give?

- The support of its graduates is the most valuable endorsement any University can have. Every gift to UCD expands our community of donors and the strength of this community is a key factor when we are negotiating larger gifts from corporate donors, companies and charitable trusts for major capital projects on campus.
- UCD has consistently improved its position in the Times Higher Education QS World University Rankings and is now ranked in the top 100 universities in the world. The Alumni Fund plays an important part in this success by supporting scholarship schemes which attract the most talented and brightest students to our University, a key determinant for the rankings.
- The quality of a UCD degree is undoubtedly linked to its current status and the strength of that degree has been proven on a worldwide stage. Giving to the Alumni Fund is an opportunity for alumni to invest in the continuing value of a UCD degree.

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I spoke to a UCD student during one of the telephone campaigns and I thoroughly enjoyed the call. During the call the student explained the importance of UCD's scholarship programmes and the role that the Alumni Fund plays in ensuring that these programmes are adequately funded every year. I was supported by a similar fund which paid for me to go to University. It obliged me to succeed because there were a lot of other deserving candidates for these funds. Throughout our society, many people face significant economic and social barriers to undertaking a University education – I donate to the Alumni Fund to help lift those barriers and to play a part in ensuring that talented people can realise their potential

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Dr Peter Coyle (BSc, 1959)



How to give

Your regular or single gift to the Alumni Fund can be made in a variety of ways including direct debit, credit/debit card or cheque.

Regular gift

- Pledging your support on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, over a number of years allows us to plan ahead and ensure the timely allocation and distribution of funds. Setting up a direct debit is the simplest way of doing this and can be done securely over the telephone or by filling out a donation form.

Single gift

- Single gifts are very welcome and can be made using a credit/debit card or by cheque made payable to UCD Foundation.

If you are a PAYE only taxpayer, you can significantly increase the value of your gift by completing a CHY2 tax form. Tax relief is given directly to UCD Foundation on a gross-up basis at the end of the tax year by the Revenue. Charitable donations that total €250 per annum are eligible; your donation of €21 per month or €250 could be worth an extra €180!

If you are a self-assessed taxpayer, your donation can be claimed as a deduction on your tax return. UCD Foundation will issue a receipt.

To make your donation or to discuss ways in which you can support the Alumni Fund, please contact the Director of Annual Giving at +353 (0)1 716 1452 or email alumnifund@ucd.ie

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I chose to donate to the Alumni Fund because it is focused upon supporting students. I believe that students are at the heart of the University and more funding should be available to student-focused projects to make sure they receive an excellent and well-rounded education

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**Dr Thomas Madden (MA in Drama Studies,
1995 & PhD, 2007)**



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