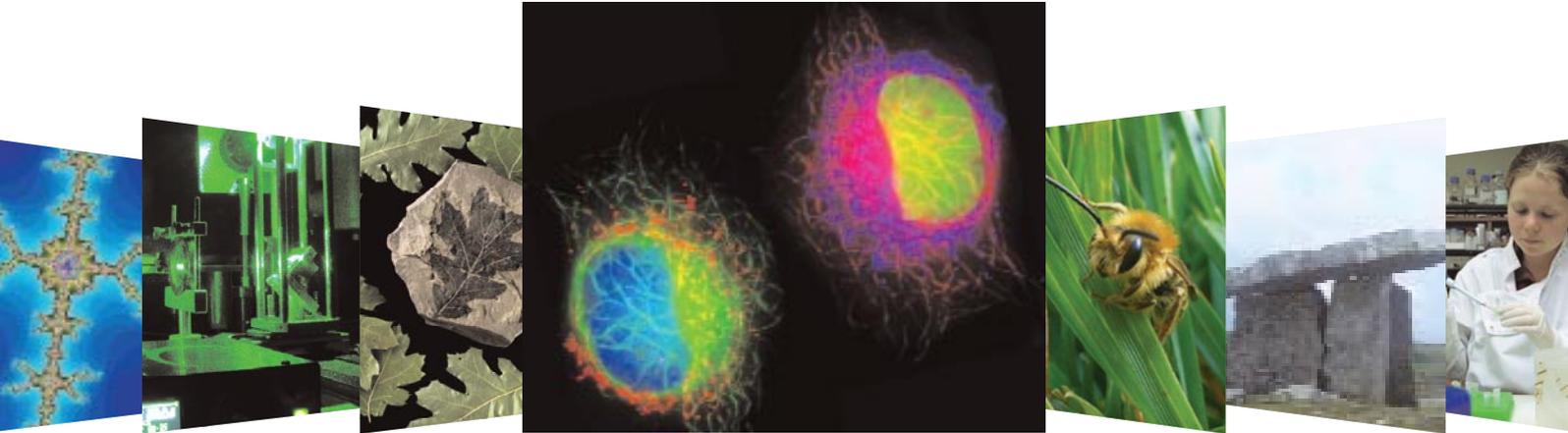




## UCD College of Science Why choose a PhD in UCD College of Science?



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Building on a long and distinguished reputation, the UCD College of Science is the largest and most dynamic science research and training facility in Ireland. UCD Science provides world-class research and learning facilities for MSc (both taught and research) and PhD students. Working with internationally-recognised academics, research students in UCD Science tackle vital questions of local and global importance in the areas of biological, physical, chemical, geological, mathematical and computational science. Research is undertaken in a supportive, creative community within the College of Science Schools including:

- School of Biology & Environmental Science - <http://www.ucd.ie/bioenvsci/grad/>
- School of Biomolecular & Biomedical Science - <http://www.ucd.ie/sbbs/graduatestudents/prospectivestudents/>
- School of Chemistry & Chemical Biology - <http://www.ucd.ie/chem/graduateprogrammes/>
- School of Computer Science & Informatics - <http://www.csi.ucd.ie/content/research-degrees-phd-and-msc/>

- School of Geological Science - <http://www.ucd.ie/geology/postgraduate.htm>
- School of Mathematical Science - <http://www.ucd.ie/mathsciences/graduatestudents/>
- School of Physics - <http://www.ucd.ie/physics/graduatestudents/>

The UCD College of Science offers structured PhD programmes which enable PhD students to achieve the best possible experience of graduate research and training. While making a substantial and original contribution to knowledge remains the core objective of doctoral studies, students are also encouraged to undertake transferable skills, innovation and subject-specific modules to enhance their experience and skills.

A PhD typically takes 4 years full-time (6-years part-time) to complete. Assessment for the award of a PhD is on the basis of a thesis and viva-voce exam. To be eligible for consideration to enter on a course of study and research for the degree of PhD, a candidate must have obtained at least 2:1 in a relevant primary degree. Start dates for PhD are September, January and May.

To see what UCD researchers are currently doing, please visit the UCD Research webpage ([www.ucd.ie/research/](http://www.ucd.ie/research/)) or our 'Research Showcase'.

[www.ucd.ie/science/news/Downloads/UCD\\_Science\\_Research\\_Showcase.pdf](http://www.ucd.ie/science/news/Downloads/UCD_Science_Research_Showcase.pdf)

### Steps towards getting to a PhD position

You will need to identify a suitable supervisor in your preferred area of study

This can be done by going to relevant School home webpage to investigate research areas and potential supervisors - there will be a staff link on left side

When you have identified a proposed supervisor(s), you should email them advising you wish to undertake a PhD with them, outlining your qualification & experience, and enquire about funding opportunities.

PhDs need to be funded so it will be your responsibility to contact funding bodies/relevant Schools/Supervisor regarding funding

Remember academics get a large number of emails on a daily basis so make sure yours stands out!!

### Some of the other reasons to study at UCD:

- UCD is among the top 1% of the world's universities
- It is Ireland's largest provider of graduate education
- Access world-class education at one of the world's leading research-intensive universities
- Academic staff are at the cutting edge of their disciplines internationally
- Research laboratories have state-of-the-art equipment and facilities
- Emphasis on research and innovation

- Unmatched opportunities to study at top-class partner universities across the globe
- Wide range of modules on offer to expand one's skills set
- Extensive choice of on-campus clubs, societies and sport facilities (including 50m Olympic swimming pool)
- Purpose-built, modern parkland campus, close to Dublin city centre
- Extensive range of campus accommodation options