

	University College Dublin
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UCD fosters:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Basic research embedded in strong disciplines- Creative interdisciplinary programmes that draw on these disciplines to promote new fields of study- Initiatives that exploit new knowledge to inform public policy and to stimulate economic development in areas of national and EU priorities• UCD is the largest University in Ireland:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1,200 academic staff across a range of disciplines- > 1,700 PhD students and > 3,500 Masters students, producing 28% of Irelands PhD graduates each year- > 24,000 students• UCD is Ireland's leading 4th level provider with a rich offering of postgraduate programmes supported by dedicated <i>Graduate Schools</i>• UCD runs overseas programmes in partnership with leading international universities and education providers in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, and Sri Lanka• UCD is home to over 4,600 international students from over 100 countries• UCD is ranked 159th in the prestigious Times Higher Education QS World University Ranking; ranking in the top 200 universities worldwide, and ranked 65th in Europe.• The number of funded research projects has grown rapidly during the last few years, most notably from national agencies such as Science Foundation Ireland, and from the European Commission. UCD has won over €465 million in research contracts over the last 5 years.• A national bibliometric study has indicated that UCD's Impact rating has increased by 23% (1998-2002 to 2003-2007), with the number of publications has risen by 36% ((1998-2002 to 2003-2007) (FORFAS and HEA Bibliometric Study, 2009)• UCD plays a leading role in pioneering knowledge transfer (Nova 2004-2010), with:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- €3.6 million generated from commercialisation of research invention disclosures- 16 new UCD spin-outs incorporated- > 300 invention disclosures- > 200 Patent applications- > 400 Industry collaborations• UCD's major strategic research themes are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment○ Global Ireland○ Health and Healthcare Delivery○ Information, Computation and Communications• UCD has a major contractual track record in successive EU Framework Programmes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- UCD currently has 145 EU FP7 contracts, with an additional 14 in negotiation- UCD has a 23% success rate in EU FP7 participation – the FP7 average success rate is 21%- UCD has a 23% success rate in EU FP7 Marie Curie participation – the FP7 average success rate is 29%- UCD is currently managing 45 Marie Curie awards, with 5 additional Marie Curies in negotiation.

UCD's Recent Research Activity Summary:

Research Awards	Total Value of Research Contracts (€ million)	Total Number of Grants Awarded	Total Number of Proposals Submitted
2006/2007	96.3	556	1234
2007/2008	114.7	484	1090
2008/2009	116.7	555	1150
2009/2010	49.6	459	970
2010/2011	87.8	413	1004

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