

# Inside the Student Experience UCD Health Sciences Programme Office

Your first point from registration to conferring and everything in between!



## **PROGRAMMES**

**M**EDICINE

**GRADUATE ENTRY TO MEDICINE** 

**RADIOGRAPHY** 

**BIOMEDICAL, HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES** 

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## WELCOME NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF MEDICINE

On behalf of all our current students and staff, I would like to welcome you to the School of Medicine and Medical Science at University College Dublin.

The UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science offers four primary undergraduate degree programmes and our academic staff contribute to BSc Science degree programmes across the University. The School is committed to producing competent, caring, healthcare professionals who are life-long learners, driven by scientific enquiry and are responsive to the constant evolution of biomedical science, technology and society needs.

A number of School supported annual activities, a robust support network and our international student body will provide you with a diverse academic and personal experience. Sports, societies and social life are important aspects of your university experience and we encourage our students to develop a worklife balance that will serve you throughout your career. Our international student body will expose you to rich cultural traditions.

We, at UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science, are proud of the tradition that has led to worldwide recognition of our graduates in Medicine, Radiography and Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences, and we look forward to continuing this commitment to excellence with our current and future students. We hope this booklet provides you with an insight to our School and all that it has to offer you.

We encourage you to make contact with us if you are interested in the UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science and wish you the best of luck in your studies.

**Professor William G. Powderly M.D., F.R.C.P.I**Dean of Medicine
Head of UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science



## Welcome Note from the Health Sciences Programme Office Director

We are delighted to welcome you to the Health Sciences Programme Office of the School of Medicine & Medical Science at UCD. We hope this booklet will be of some use to you throughout your studies. For those preparing for future applications we hope this will encourage you to make contact with us if you have any questions.

The Health Sciences Programme office, located on the ground floor of the Health Sciences Centre, provides a great deal of support to the student community.

We work closely with staff and students of the School and can assist you, as a student, with queries regarding any number of issues from Registration and Programme Requirements to any Academic issues that may arise during your time in the School.

A specialised website for the Programme Office details information that is pertinent to the student experience within our programmes, highlighting information on University and School policies and procedures, as well as School events and policy deadlines.

The Programme Office facilitates several activities to foster close working relationships between staff and students. This includes holding Feedback Sessions with each grouping within the programmes, such as, 'Breakfast with the Dean', and Staff/Student Committee meetings. Amongst the other responsibilities of the Programme Office are to support Academic Committee Meetings, Programme/Examination Boards and organise student events for the School.

I look forward to welcoming you to UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science in the near future and we wish you every success in your studies.

**Ms. Nadia D'Alton**Director, Health Sciences Programme Office

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#### **UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science**

UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science has a tradition of excellence dating back to the foundation of the University in 1854. The curriculum is innovative and progressive, constantly adapting to advances in knowledge. It is delivered through new and dynamic teaching strategies that include elearning, web-casting and multi-centred transmission. Graduates of the School have achieved worldwide recognition in clinical practice, research and healthcare.

We have an experienced and enthusiastic team of educators spread across multiple sites dedicated to supporting programmes. On campus, the UCD Health Sciences Centre has state-of-the-art clinical. research and imaging facilities, which allow students to undertake quality training before progressing to our hospital network. The main hospitals associated with the programme are St Vincent's and the Mater Misericordiae Hospital University Hospital, and there are also more than 20 other training hospitals and some 100 primary care practices in which students learn.



Medicine students benefit from patient-centred learning in small groups from the very beginning of their programme, while being immersed in the scientific basis of medicine. Learning methods include lectures, small group sessions, practicals and enquiry-based tutorials.

The Radiography programme also focuses on practical learning, allowing students to practice radiography under supervision on-campus before progressing to hospital placements. Over the course of their programme

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they develop knowledge of all aspects of medical imaging and evaluation, they will also receive education on caring for patients and the provision of radiation protection on a high level.

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Students in the Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences programme learn how scientifically driven investigations can advance our knowledge of disease treatment and prevention. Over the course of their studies, they will be immersed in modern medical and biological sciences and will focus on the application of scientific developments in the prevention and alleviation of disease.

The programmes employ aspects of multi-disciplinary teaching, allowing students across the School to gain knowledge and insight into various aspects of healthcare, giving them a wider base for their future in their profession.

### **UCD Campus & Ranking**

University College Dublin is the largest university in Ireland and its 24,000-plus student body benefits from a supportive, stimulating and lively campus environment. Almost 20% of UCD's students are from outside of Ireland establishing UCD as the most diverse university in Ireland, a fact greatly valued by the UCD community.

University College Dublin consistently places in the top 300 Universities of the world as per the QS World University Rankings. For 2010 UCD placed 114<sup>th</sup> overall and the Life Sciences and Medicine curriculum places at 134 in the world, a much improved ranking from 2009. The visibility of University College Dublin amongst the top Universities in the world is incredibly important in continuing to attract talented undergraduate students and educators.

Programme Code: DN400 Medicine

Programme Name: MB, BCh, BAO (Hons) Graduate Degree

**Full Time** 

**Length of Programme:** 6 Years/5 Years

For updated information regarding the number of students accepted for this programme annually and the average CAO/HPAT scores for those admitted,

please refer to https://myucd.ucd.ie

#### Admissions Requirements - EU

- Leaving Certificate Requirements: Passes in six subjects of which two
  must be minimum HC3, including Irish, English, a third language,
  Mathematics, One laboratory science subject and one other
  recognised subject. From 2012 entry Maths Bonus Points will be
  taken into account. A standard amount of 25 extra points will be
  awarded to applicants with HD3 or greater in Maths. Please see
  https://myucd.ucd.ie for full details
- A-Level/GCSE: Passes (GCSE Grade C or above) in six recognised subjects including those above, with minimum for consideration Grade BBBB or equivalent at A-level.
- 5-Year Programme: A small number offered a place in Medicine via the CAO will be offered a place on the five year programme (Stage 2 Medicine). To date, those offered places have been Graduates or applicants with 3rd level experience, and with a strong foundation in Chemistry/Biochemistry. In general, school leavers are not considered.
- There are a number of places made available for applicants planning to enter via Mature Entry, HEAR, DARE and the Elite Athlete programme routes. Please see the 'Equality of Access' link at https://myucd.ucd.ie

## Applications Requirements – Non-EU: North America

- Applications Submitted via Atlantic Bridge
- Applications deadline 15<sup>th</sup> November during the year prior to commencement is the first deadline, but "late applications" are accepted until the following 15<sup>th</sup> February



- High School graduate with competitive marks in science and mathematics
- Paperwork Required
  - Official transcript from each High School/College/University attended (sent to AB directly from the College/University)
  - Minimum of two confidential letters of reference (one must be an academic reference)
  - Personal Statement
  - Completed Application Form with passport sized photo
  - o CV (optional)

#### Application Requirements – Non-EU: Malaysia

- Applications submitted via IUMC
- Application Submission Deadlines: Sponsored students should submit their applications to the appointed finishing schools no later than the end of January. Applications are collated by the appointed finishing schools and sent to the IUMC office. Private students – should submit directly to the IUMC no later than mid-February.

#### Entry Criteria

- Candidates present with either A-Levels or International Baccalaureate (IB)
- IB 36 points, excluding bonus points and Higher Level subjects must be a minimum of 6. HL subjects must include Chemistry and 1 other science A Levels - 2As and 1B -Chemistry must be included
- All other qualifications will be reviewed by the IUMC individually.
- English proficiency IELTS overall band of 6.5 minimum or its equivalent

#### Application Requirements - Non-EU: All others

Please note that most places available for non-EU students in Medicine are allocated to applicants applying via a number of our Overseas Educational agents in the countries listed above. Other Non- EU applicants will only be considered subject to availability of places.



#### **Undergraduate Medicine Overview**

Stage 1, also referred to as Foundation Year, is for students admitted to the 6-year Undergraduate Medicine programme. During this year, students undertake modules in the basic sciences including Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Genetics. These subjects are taken alongside ethical, genetic and information technology modules pertinent healthcare professions. Students in Stage 1 will also undertake optional/elective modules.



Modules in Stage 2 examine the anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of healthy cells, tissues and organ systems. Both semesters contain clinical modules that introduce students to patient care in community and hospital settings. Students admitted to the 5-year Undergraduate Medicine programme commence their studies from Stage 2.

Stage 3 modules begin to review pathology, microbiology and pharmocology of organ systems with a clinically integrated approach.

Modules in Stage 4 complete the study of the diseased organ systems, culminating with clinical attachments in our expanding clinical training network.

In the final two years, modular programmes in Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, General Practice, Community Medicine, Legal Medicine and Public Health Medicine are studied in rotation. This involves periods of clinical attachments in the general and specialist hospitals, attachment to a general practice and systematic instruction in the various medical specialties. Clinical tuition is patient-centred and is largely carried out through small group sessions at the bedside.

A clinical elective is offered and, in the three months prior to graduation, all students will take the Professional Completion module. This is an innovative and progressive module that assures student competence and confidence in advance of the internship year. The modules includes intern-shadowing, emergency-skills training and an intensive review of medical practice that challenges you to apply what students have learned throughout the medical curriculum to patient care.

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## GRADUATE ENTRY TO MEDICINE (GEM)

**Programme Code:** DN401 Medicine Graduate Entry

Programme Name: MB, BCh, BAO (Hons) Graduate Degree

Full Time - 4 Years

Although only graduates are eligible to apply for this course, the graduate medicine degree is equivalent in standard to the undergraduate medical degree.

For updated information regarding the number of students accepted for this programme annually and the average GAMSAT scores for those admitted, please refer to https://myucd.ucd.ie

#### Admissions Requirements - EU

- Your primary Honours Bachelor's degree (NFQ level 8) must have a minimum grade of second class honours, grade 1 (2.1). The degree can be in any discipline.
- All applicants will be required to submit a current GAMSAT score.
   Places are awarded via the CAO on the basis of GAMSAT scores.

#### Admissions Requirements - Non-EU: North America

Applications Submitted via Atlantic Bridge

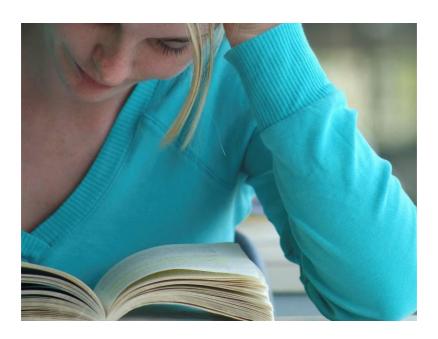
- Applications deadline 15<sup>th</sup> November during the year prior to commencement is the first deadline, but "late applications" are accepted until the following 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Entry Criteria
  - 4yr Bachelors Degree with a competitive GPA
- Paperwork Required
  - Official transcript from each College/University attended (sent to Atlantic Bridge directly from the College/University)
  - Official MCAT scorecard
  - Minimum of Two confidential letters of reference (one must be an academic reference)
  - Personal Statement
  - Completed Application Form with passport sized photo
  - CV (optional)

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#### **GEM Overview**

In the first semester, you will take a series of modules that introduce you to the application of medical science to the study of biological systems and disease. In addition, you will learn clinical skills designed to prepare you for the remainder of the programme. The remainder of the first two years will involve integration of knowledge across the medical science disciplines while gradually expanding your professional capabilities in a clinical environment in partnership with patients.

In the final two stages, hospital and community placements with structured clinical education will lead to you not only acquiring your degree, but also to you becoming a confident and capable doctor.



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## RADIOGRAPHY

Programme Code: DN410

**Programme Name:** Radiography

Full Time – 4 Years

For updated information regarding the number of students accepted for this programme annually and the average CAO/A-level scores for those admitted, please refer to https://myucd.ucd.ie

#### Admissions Requirements – EU

- Leaving Certificate Requirements: Passes in six subjects of which two must be minimum HC3, including Irish, English, a third language, Mathematics, One laboratory science subject and one other recognised subject. From 2012 entry Maths Bonus Points will be taken into account. A standard amount of 25 extra points will be awarded to applicants with HD3 or greater in Maths. Please see https://myucd.ucd.ie for full details
- A-Level/GCSE: Passes (GCSE Grade C or above) in six recognised subjects including those above, with minimum for consideration Grade C or above at A-level.
- We strongly advise you to spend some time in a hospital X-ray department to see what radiographers do before committing to this degree. Contact your local hospital to arrange this.
- There are a number of places made available for applicants planning to enter via Mature Entry, HEAR, DARE and the Elite Athlete programme routes.



#### **Radiography Overview**

In all four stages of the Radiography programme you will undertake Technology of Radiography, Practice of Radiography and Clinical Practice of Radiography modules, along with up to two elective or option modules in each stage.



In Stage 1 you will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of radiation science and technology, human anatomy and radiographic technique, and you will have your first patient contact in teaching hospitals.

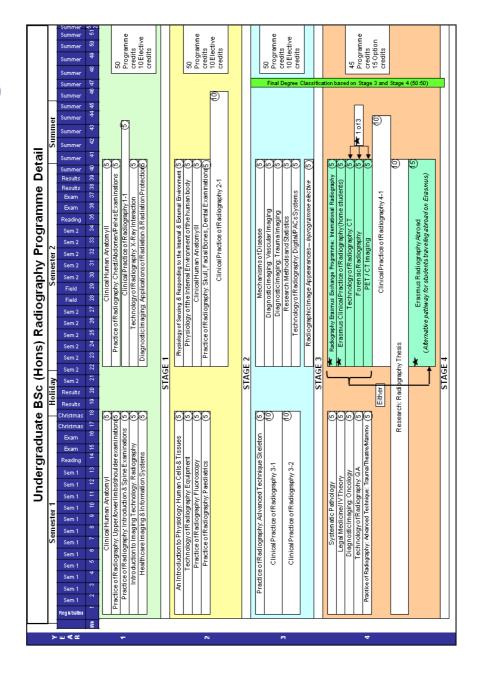
During Stage 2 you will develop your scientific knowledge, undertake physiology modules and further develop your knowledge of radiographic equipment and examinations in preparation for your clinical placement block at the end of semester two.

In Stage 3 you will deepen your knowledge of radiographic technique and the study of pathology commences. Other diagnostic imaging technologies are introduced, such as computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound and radionuclide imaging.

In Stage 4, the study of pathology continues to underpin a crtical approach to imaging techniques and radiographic image evaluation. The research process commenced in Stage 3 completes with a thesis submission.

#### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

From early in Stage 1, Radiography will be demonstrated in advanced imaging facilities in UCD's Health Sciences Centre, before progressing to performing examinations on hospital patients. Throughout the programme there is increasing emphasis on self-directed learning as well as mandatory clinical placements. Eight hospitals and some specialised hospitals, e.g. those caring for children, participate in the training of students. You will become integrated with the department team in your training hospital, working alongside radiography colleagues to learn and refine your professional skills as a radiographer.



## BIOMEDICAL, HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Programme Code: DN440
Programme Name: Biomedical,

Health and Life Sciences

Full Time - 4 Years

For updated information regarding the number of students accepted for this programme annually and the average CAO/A-level scores for those admitted, please refer to https://myucd.ucd.ie



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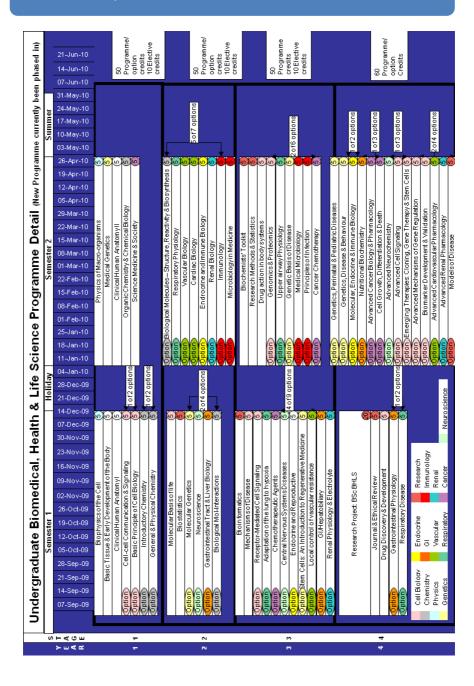
#### Admissions Requirements - EU

- Leaving Certificate Requirements: Passes in six subjects of which two must be minimum HC3, including Irish, English, a third language, Mathematics, One laboratory science subject and one other recognised subject. From 2012 entry Maths Bonus Points will be taken into account. Please see https://myucd.ucd.ie for full details
- A-Level/GCSE: Passes (GCSE Grade C or above) in six recognised subjects including those above, with minimum for consideration Grade C or above at A-level.
- There are a number of places made available for applicants planning to enter via Mature Entry, HEAR, DARE and the Elite Athlete programme routes.

#### **Biomedical Health and Life Sciences Overview**

Initially, students undertake modules in Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics and the influence of science and medicine on society. You may then focus on specific diseases and disease processes, to learn more about the development of new, more effective means of diagnosing, treating and preventing illness. This will include supporting modules in Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, Drug and Biomarker Discovery and Research Methods. The final stage builds skills in biomedical research through interactions and research rotations with international researchers in a range of disease areas. The degree will develop a fundamental knowledge in the translation of scientific discovery into clinical utilisation.

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## **Programme Requirements**

In addition to academic requirements, there are a number of requirements students of the School of Medicine and Medical Science must fulfill. All programmes must meet outlined Health Screening requirements to ensure they have immunity to pathogens that they may be exposed to through clinical contact with patients or organisms in the lab. Medicine and Radiography students are required to complete Garda Vetting and police background checks in order to ensure that they pose no risk to patients, their colleagues or the School. Students of Medicine are also bound to familiarise themselves with patient confidentiality and with the Guide to Ethical Behaviour and Conduct as issued by the Irish Medical Council.

#### Garda Vetting - Medicine, GEM & Radiography Students

Students must complete a form of background check with the Garda Central Vetting Unit (GCVU) in order to ensure there are no blemishes on their record. To that end, students complete a GCVU form soon after commencing their programme. Registry and Admissions liaise with the School in order to ensure all students comply with this process and once the forms are completed by students, UCD send them to the GCVU who then return information regarding the results to the School. Students will also be required to complete an affidavit confirming that they have no criminal record upon commencement of their programme. This is arranged by UCD and a €5 fee is added to a student's tuition for this service.

Students from abroad, or who have resided outside of Ireland for 6 months or more since turning 14, will be required to submit Police Certificates from every country other than Ireland they have resided in since the age of 14. We would recommend that students begin obtaining these documents soon after accepting their Admission to the GEM programme at UCD. If you are unsure of how to obtain these documents from a particular country, please email healthscience@ucd.ie with the names of the countries you need these details for.

## **PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Health Screening**

Students and practitioners in the health care professions have always faced the possibility of exposure to infectious diseases such as Hepatitis B and TB.

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Equally, both have had a responsibility to protect their patients from infections, which the carers might introduce. While the risks are small, the increasing efficiency of preventive measures such as vaccination has highlighted the importance of these diseases and measures to deal with them. The School of Medicine & Medical Science has introduced procedures to offer both students and patients protection against Hepatitis B, Tuberculosis and common viral diseases; protective measures against other diseases are under review.

In order to facilitate the Health Screening requirements, UCD School of Medicine has an agreement with the Student Health Service to screen and vaccinate students to ensure the safety and health of students and their future patients. The service agrees that screening follows national guidelines and protocols agreed with UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science.

## Medicine, GEM & Radiography Students

A fee of approximately €225, payable at registration, is charged to all students entering the Medicine & Radiography programmes in order to cover costs associated with the Student Health Service screening arrangements.

Prior to admission to the School of Medicine & Medical Science, Medicine & Radiography students must satisfy the School that:

- They agree to appropriate tests for Hepatitis B
- They agree to vaccination for Hepatitis B and follow-up testing, if deemed necessary
- They agree to screening for Tuberculosis if necessary
- They agree to screening for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella and chicken-pox and to subsequent vaccination for these if necessary
- They agree to the School of Medicine and Medical Science providing evidence of compliance with these procedures to affiliated clinical practice sites when requested.

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Incoming students should obtain documentation regarding their vaccination records, including MMR and any other previous vaccinations obtained, and bring this with them upon the commencement of their programme at UCD.

#### Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences Students

All students entering this programme must demonstrate evidence of immunity to Hepatitis B and will be required to pay a healthcare screening cost of €170 to cover pre-entry bloods, Hepatitis B vaccines and checking of post-vaccination antibody levels.

#### **Confidentiality Statement**

Students must understand that during their studies at University College Dublin they will be exposed to clinical encounters with real patients and real cases. They will need to understand that information relating to patient health care history, diagnosis, condition, treatment, or evaluation shall be considered individually identifiable health information and therefore should not be disclosed verbally, in writing or through any type of social media. Students agree to respect the privacy of all patients and disclose information only when given written consent from the patient concerned.

#### **Ethical Conduct**

Medicine students also understand that they must be familiar with the Guide to Ethical Conduct and Behaviour issued by the Irish Medical Council. The details of this Guide can be found at http://www.medicalcouncil.ie/Professional-Standards/Professional-Conduct-Ethics/



## **UCD Horizons**

UCD Horizons is the name given to the structure for Undergraduate degrees at UCD. UCD is the first Irish university to fully adopt this flexible curriculum, which focuses on what the student will learn and enables the student to take charge of his or her own learning by allowing them to undertake courses in specific areas in or outside of their programme.

Each programme offered by the School of Medicine and Medical Science is described in overview and a map of each programme has been provided in this booklet to indicate the core modules you will take in each year of your programme. The credits that a student can undertake in option or elective modules are also indicated on the maps. Students can choose option and elective modules that suit their career and personal goals. Due to the clinical aspects of each programme, option and elective modules are generally available in the early/pre-clinical stages of each programme.

Students are able to undertake option and elective modules in the School or within other schools. Students are often able to choose elective modules in Business, Psychology or Applied Languages to broaden their experience at UCD.

#### **Accreditation for Prior Learning**

The School facilitates UCD Horizons and the Student experience through Accreditation for Prior Learning (APL). APL allows the School to acknowledge a student's previous third-level coursework for credit towards their programme at UCD. Students must provide documentation that clearly illustrates the similarities between their previous work and that of their current module in the School. Students that are granted APL are given credit and are then free to use the space in their schedule to undertake further option or elective modules. For further information on the APL process, please see http://www.ucd.ie/healthsciences/

## **Opportunities, Scholarships and Awards**

There are a number of opportunities for students to further their academic experience while at the School of Medicine and Medical Science.

#### Student Summer Research Initiative & Awards

This 8-week elective module provides an ideal opportunity for undergraduate students to undertake a supervised research project with the potential of gaining up to 10 ECTS credits towards their degree programme. The research projects take place



during the third (summer) trimester in a variety of locations within UCD and at our affiliated hospital sites. Students participating in this programme compete for the *Student Summer Research Awards (SSRA)* through poster and oral presentations. Presentations are adjudicated by a committee of principal investigators from across the School and beyond. The following awards are available through the SSRA:

- Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals Oral Presentation
- Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards Poster Presentation

## **Summer Elective Programme for Medicine Students**

Our students can avail of numerous elective opportunities at home and abroad during the summer. These electives allow students to explore in further depth topics of relevance to their degree programme, expose them to biomedical or clinical research in practice and provide an international experience at one of our affiliated partners.

Research and clinical elective opportunities are highly prized among Medicine students and are competitively awarded. The Student Summer Electives are awarded based on an essay competition judged by a committee headed by the former Dean of Medicine, Professor Muiris X FitzGerald. Research placements are open to Undergraduate Medicine Students in Stage 4 and

Graduate Entry to Medicine Students in Stage 2. Clinical placements are open to Undergraduate Medicine Students in Stage 5 and Graduate Entry to Medicine Students in Stage 3.

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Student scholarships, sponsored by the School, the Medical Graduate Association, Atlantic Bridge and the UCD Foundation, support electives in a number of Universities including the University of Pennsylvania, University of Kansas, Emory University, Washington University, and Penang Medical College in Malaysia.

#### **Clinical Elective Placements**

- <u>Cancer Centre of Kansas, Wichita</u>: The Cancer Centre of Kansas, Wichita is affiliated to Kansas University Medical School. During the period of this elective, students will spend one month in Oncology and one month in Surgery. Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by KUMC/ UCD).
- <u>University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia</u>: Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by UCD). Electives are typically of 4 weeks duration with a maximum of 8 weeks permitted.
- <u>Penang General Hospital (Pulau Pinang)</u>: Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by UCD). Electives are of 2-month duration.
- Emory Healthcare, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia: Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by UCD).
- Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri: Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses.
- Muiris X. FitzGerald Scholarship: Two scholarships in honour of distinguished clinical researcher, former Dean of Medicine are provided by the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science. These support one student selected elective in North America and one student selected elective in the Developing World. Each student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by the John Henry Newman Foundation).

The Dr Nicholas and Mrs Maura Martin Scholarship was established to support electives; the scholarships are for stage 4 or stage 5 medical students studying for the MB BCh BAO degree. The scholarships will support clinical electives, research electives or humanitarian electives related to medical care.



#### **Research Elective Placements**

- Department of Pharmacology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: Research elective placements are available for selected candidates to work in the laboratory of UCD graduate, Prof Garret FitzGerald, Professor of Medicine & Pharmacology at Institute for Translational Medicine & Therapeutics. The range of research projects is very broad encompassing receptor biology; nuclear and membrane, cyclooxygenases; everything from zebra fish to human genetics; proteomics of oxidant stress.
- Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia: A single six-week placement is available for the selected candidate to work under the supervision of UCD Graduate, Prof Ruth O'Regan, Professor of Haematology and Medical Oncology and Director Clinical and Translational Breast Cancer Research. The student will receive a stipend to help cover their travel and other expenses (sponsored by UCD North American Medical Graduates Association/ Atlantic Bridge). Accommodation is not provided however assistance in finding accommodation will be provided by the contact person on site.



## **Erasmus Programme for Radiography**

Diagnostic Imaging has a successful student exchange scheme, providing an exciting opportunity to experience an alternative healthcare system whilst enjoying the culture of one of our European neighbours. In Stage 4, some of the class will spend a three-month elective period in semester two in one of our Erasmus partner institutions, which include universities in Austria, Belgium, Finland, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK.

## **Erasmus Programme for Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences**

Students may apply to study abroad for either a semester or a year through the Erasmus programme or on a non-EU exchange. UCD has over 200 Erasmus partners in Europe and an increasing number of non-EU exchange agreements with universities in the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan and elsewhere.

## **Awards and Scholarships**

The School of Medicine & Medical Science and University College Dublin offer a large number of awards to students on entrance and throughout their academic studies based upon specific academic performance. In addition, a number of medals and prizes exist within the school to honour the wealth of outstanding Alumni from the School and to award students for their Academic achievements.

#### **Scholarships**

- Entrance Scholarships
- University Scholarship Medicine
- University Scholarship Radiography
- University Scholarship Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences
- Catholic University Awards
- Henry Hutchinson Stewart Scholarships



#### Student of the Year Awards

 Each year the final year students from each programme nominate their colleagues for the Student of the Year Award, which is is presented at the Annual Gala Dinner.



based on their integrity and strength of character, their academic achievement and their overall contribution to the social, cultural and sporting life of the class and of the college.

#### Medals & Prizes - Medicine

- Geoffrey J. Bourke Medal was established by Dr Geoffrey J. Bourke, Professor of Public Health Medicine and Epidemiology at the University (1966 - 1994), is awarded annually to the student who attains First Place in the module Public Health Medicine, Epidemiology & International Health.
- Surgeon Hugh Boyle Kennedy Bequest is awarded to the candidate who achieves first place in the subject of Surgery.
- Molloy Prizes in Physics and Chemistry were established to commemorate the Right Reverend Monsignor Molloy, Professor of Physics, in the Catholic University of Ireland from 1874 to 1906.
- Ambrose Birmingham Medal: Ambrose Birmingham was Dean and Professor of Anatomy at the Catholic University of Ireland Medical School from 1887 to 1905. Through his zeal and ability, the school was modernised and survived the long critical period from 1880 to 1909. The medal is awarded on the results of a special examination in Anatomy.
- James B. Coakley Medal for Dissection is in appreciation of James B.
   Coakley who was Professor of Anatomy from 1962 to 1988. The medal is awarded annually for the best dissection of an assigned specimen carried out by a Medical, Physiotherapy or Radiography student.

- The Dillon Memorial Prize in Pharmacology is awarded each year to the student who obtains honours and the highest combined marks in the Pharmacology.
- Kirwan Medal and Prize in Ophthalmology: This award has been established from a fund donated by Mrs Mary Kirwan in memory of her husband, Lt. Col. E.W. O'G. Kirwan, one of the first medical graduates of the University. The medal and prize is awarded on the results of the Ophthalmology component of the Stage 4 Module, Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology, combined with a special scholarship paper in Ophthalmology.
- The Brian McGovern Perpetual Medal Award was established by his classmates and other colleagues in University College Dublin to commemorate Dr Brian McGovern (1955-2003). It will be awarded annually to the student who obtains first place in Medicine in the Residency year.
- The John McGrath Memorial Medal in Pathology is awarded each year to the student who obtains the highest combined marks in Pathology components of Core Modules taken at the end of Semesters 2 Stage 3 and Semester 1 Stage 4 of the Medicine Degree Programme.
- The John McGrath Memorial Medal in Forensic & Legal Medicine may be awarded each year to the student who obtains the highest marks in Forensic & Legal Medicine at the University Examination in Stage 5 of Medicine.
- **Sean Malone Medal in Psychiatry** is awarded to the candidate who obtains first place in the Psychiatry module.
- D.K. O'Donovan Medal in Medicine is awarded annually to the candidate who obtains the highest combined score in the modules of Medicine I, Medicine II, Medicine and the Community and the Professional Completion module and has obtained honours in the degree of MB, BCh, BAO
- The 1941 Medal is presented by members of the class which graduated in 1941. It is awarded annually to the candidate with the highest GPA across the final two years of the Medicine programme.

#### **Radiography Awards**

- O'Farrell Medal
- Philips Medal and prize is endowed by Philips Electronics Ireland Ltd.
  and is awarded to the candidate who obtains overall first place in the
  final degree GPA which combines stages 3 and 4 of the Radiography
  programme, provided that an aggregate honours GPA greater than or
  equal to 3.4 is obtained.



- **Siemens Medal** This medal and prize, endowed by Siemens, is awarded to the candidate who, having passed the stage 3 examinations as a whole, achieves the highest aggregate GPA for Technology of Radiography modules in stage 2 and stage 3.
- The Olive Fleming Memorial Award by the Irish Institute of Radiography and Radiation Therapy is given for Best Practical Student in the Graduating Class as nominated by the clinical departments. Two students are nominated from each of the Dublin sites and one from each of the regional sites by the Clinical Practice Tutor in each centre. From this group of students the overall stage 4 clinical grades awarded is reviewed at the end of the Programme and the student with the highest overall Clinical Practice grade for stage 4 will be the recipient of the medal.
- Kate Matthews Medal is awarded annually in appreciation of the
  efforts by current staff member and former Head of School, Kate
  Matthews to promote increased research activity within the
  Diagnostic Imaging Section for the best original article accepted for
  publication in an international peer-reviewed journal arising from a
  Stage 4 radiography project. The publication must be accepted within
  18 months of graduation.
- Deirdre Conroy Medal was established in 2009 by the Diagnostic Imaging Section in memory of the late Deirdre Conroy. Deirdre was a stage 3 Radiography student who had a major role the UCD Kayaking Club and was a leading student representative for her fellow students and for the Erasmus Radiography Programme. It is awarded for the best presentation by a radiography student following their visit to a foreign country under the Erasmus scheme.

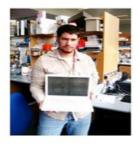
#### **Postgraduate Opportunities**

UCD offers research graduate opportunities, which lead to both Master's and Doctoral degree awards. As part of increasing research opportunities within our undergraduate programmes, the School has established a one year intercalated Masters in Medical Science degree for students of our medicine degree programmes.

This Masters programme is open to Undergraduate Direct Entry to Medicine students with 180 credits from their medical degree or Graduate Entry to Medicine students with a primary degree in a Science-based discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with previous research experience, which can include participation in the UCD Summer Student Research Scheme or an independent Science/Medicine related research project.

This programme allows undergraduate students to tap into the extensive portfolio of biomedical, clinical and translational research by over 75 principal investigators across the School and within the Conway Institute.

A previous participant, GEM Student Seamus Flynn, completed his intercalated research programme in 2009/2010 and will graduate with a Medicine (MB BCh BAO) degree and an MSc in Medical Science degree.



"This has been an intense and amazing experience. My professor, supervisors and coworkers were brilliant and were always willing to help me out or give me advice whenever I need it."

> Seamus Flynn 2009/2010 MSc Student

Intercalated Masters in Medical Science

## **Career Opportunities**



Upon graduation, **Medicine** students must complete one year as an intern to gain full registration with the Irish Medical Council. You may then pursue training towards a career in a wide variety of **specialties in a diversity of settings**, including hospitals and primary care facilities, or **laboratory-based diagnosis and research**. Please note that internship places in Ireland are governed by the

Health Service Executive. For more information on the Internship Application process and eligibility to apply, please visit www.hse.ie

Radiography and Diagnostic Imaging continue to be a growth area in the health services, and employment opportunities for radiographers are excellent, both in Ireland and internationally. All of our graduates over the past five years have obtained positions as radiographers in Ireland and overseas. As well as the traditional hospital-based career path, a smaller number of radiographers are employed by medical-imaging manufacturers and suppliers as applications or sales specialists. In recent years, an increasing number of graduates are continuing in education and undertaking PhD studies. Diagnostic Imaging offers exciting study opportunities for successful radiography graduates to pursue research and/or to develop specialist clinical skills. Our aim is to equip graduate radiographers with the capability to meet the challenge of major advances within diagnostic imaging. You can follow a taught programme or pursue research up to MSc or PhD level.

**Graduates from Biomedical Health, and Life Sciences** will primarily be prepared for scientific careers in biomedical research, but can also avail of opportunities in the **pharmaceutical** and **biotechnology industries** and other areas **allied to health**. Many may also choose to pursue postgraduate courses or enter the Graduate Entry to Medicine programme.

## STUDENT LIFE

#### **Orientation Week**

Your student life at UCD will begin with Orientation Week in early September prior to the start of classes. A number of activities and tours take place during this time will help familiarise yourself with your programme, the School and the University. There are Library Tours, IT Inductions courses, Academic Advisory Meetings and the UCD President's Welcome Ceremony. There is also a barbecue organised, open to all students.

The International Office holds a number of events specific to International Students at UCD that will help familiarise yourself with and establishing yourself in Dublin and Ireland. These events include, a shopping tour to the local grocery shops, free shuttle buses to IKEA, a GAA (Gaelic Sports) Demonstration and a Céilí night (traditional Irish dance).

#### Freshers' Week

The University-wide Freshers' Week takes place during the second week of term. This is a great opportunity for new students to learn about and join a number of clubs and societies on campus. During Freshers' Week a pavilion is set up on campus near the Health Sciences Building, which allows students to research the clubs and societies that may be of interest to them. During Freshers Week most of these of these clubs will host a number of social events on and off campus.

#### MedSoc

UCD Medical Society is the 3rd oldest society in UCD having recently celebrated its 100th year. MedSoc represents Medicine students in every aspect of their life here in UCD including Academic, Sporting and Social affairs. MedSoc facilitates study by creating Survival and Study Guides for students. They have guides and information to assist students in preparing for the USMLE. They organize and hold two major events every year MedBall, UCD's biggest black-tie ball, and MedDay, a charity and fun day, which has raised a staggering €120,000 in the last three years. They also organize other events, such as, MedCup, Ski trips, and sports teams. In addition to fostering good study habits and social activities, they have class

representatives, who meet with the School and Staff and assist students with any area of concern. They are also part of the organizing committee for events and work closely with the relevant committees in the running of events.

#### **School Events**

The School of Medicine and Medical Science host a number of events for students throughout their career at UCD.

#### Breakfast with the Dean

A number of breakfast receptions are hosted by the Dean of Medicine, Professor William G. Powderly, to welcome all incoming Medicine and Graduate Entry to Medicine students. Students are invited in small groups to each breakfast which is attended by the Dean and a few senior Academic staff. This is a great informal opportunity for students to meet with their current Dean and senior academics in a relaxed and informal setting.

#### **White Coat Ceremony**

Every year in January, Stage 2 GEM and Stage 4 Medicine students are "robed" with a symbolic white coat at an academic ceremony to formally recognise the progression of students into full time clinical training. Students are reminded of the unique privilege which society bestows on them and the attendant responsibility to "Do good for the health of the people they serve."



#### **Malaysia Night**

Eleven years ago, a group of 14 Malaysian students entered the Penang Medical College/UCD/RCSI twinning programme, studied for 3 years in Dublin and then completed their clinical studies back in Penang Medical College. Each year, the PMC Student Association showcase Malaysian culture to the rest of the School through music, food, and dance. This event allows UCD students share in the magic of their beautiful country, Malaysia. Our

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Medicine programmes are greatly enriched by the participation of students from *Penang Medical College* who undertake their preclinical studies in Ireland.

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#### **PMC Farewell**



Each year the School hosts a Farewell Reception for the Penang students before they return to Malaysia to complete their clinical training. The students leave behind good friends and are excellent ambassadors for UCD as they encourage future Malaysian students to study at UCD. Students are formally presented with a Certificate to mark the completion of this stage of their studies.

#### Conferring

Conferring ceremonies are joyous occasions when the University and School of Medicine and Medical Science community assembles to honour its new graduates. The ceremony for undergraduates is held in early June and is followed by a reception and Gala Dinner. In order to accommodate International students an early conferral ceremony is also held in May.



#### **Gala Dinner**



The School hosts an annual Gala Dinner in June for students upon graduation from their programme. Students enjoy a formal meal with their classmates, Academics and School staff to celebrate their achievement in style. Awards are granted for academic achievements, as well as Students and Teachers of the Year.

#### Students' Union

All UCD students are automatically members of UCD Students' Union. The Students' Union (SU) represents students' views and opinions and works on a number of university committees including the Governing Authority as the voice of the student population. Each class elects a Rep who represents their class on the Students' Union Council. Every year, campuswide elections are held for officer positions at which you will have a vote.

The UCDSU also has the biggest and best Entertainments department in the country, culminating in the UCD Ball held in late April, where live music and a number of other activities take place all over campus

#### **Sports and Athletics**

The Sports Centre also operates a Sport Expo during Freshers' Week where students can learn about campus sports clubs. In addition to sports clubs, there are Get in Gear Boot Camps and exercise classes, as well as a Campus Walks/Runs that students can participate in. In late 2011, a new Student Centre will be opened and this will include a **50 metre swimming pool** and **new gym**.



## LIVING IN IRELAND

#### **About Dublin**

Any of our current students can confirm that Ireland is a wonderful place to live and study. As an island on the western edge of Europe, Ireland has many unique cultural traditions, but is an active member of the wider European community through its membership to the European Union.

Dublin began as a Viking settlement and has a rich and varied history, resulting in one of the most exciting cities for young people in Europe. Dublin is an easily navigated, cosmopolitan city of one million people and the capital of Ireland. Dublin is also the cultural heart of Ireland, hosting a number of international and national sporting and cultural events. If you want to truly immerse yourself in Irish culture there are plenty of opportunities to do so.



We encourage students to experience the landscape of Ireland, day trips are easily made to Wicklow, known as the Garden of Ireland or to the coastal towns of Malahide and Howth where you can enjoy splendid walks and scenery. Weekends afford students the chance to visit other areas of Ireland, including the Cliffs of Moher, the Hills of Donegal and the city of Cork. Dublin is well-connected to the rest of Ireland and Europe through bus, rail, ferry and air links, allowing you to plan trips away and host friends and family throughout your career in the School of Medicine and Medical Science.

For information on Dublin and Ireland, the following links are invaluable: www.visitdublin.ie www.discoverireland.ie

## **Getting Around**

The main UCD campus at Belfield is located 4km south of Dublin city centre and is easily accessed through a number of modes of transport.

### **From Dublin Airport**

Dublin Airport is 10 km north of the city centre. Aircoach, a private bus service from Dublin Airport to the city centre and destinations south of the River Liffey, operates two routes. One route passes by the main entrance to UCD on the Stillorgan Road and another circuit serves Ballsbridge and Donnybrook. When boarding the Aircoach at the airport make sure to ask that the bus you are boarding is going to your destination. For full details on the service, including schedule and route maps please see www.aircoach.ie

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If you arrive in the airport after 8pm, you should take a taxi to your destination. A taxi from the airport to the city centre costs approximately €25 and an additional €15 from the city centre to UCD, Belfield. Taxi drivers may add extra charges for each passenger and for luggage. If staying on the Belfield campus, you should advise taxi drivers to enter the campus via the Fosters Avenue entrance. The student residences are signposted.

#### **Dublin Bus**

There are 4 Dublin Bus routes that operate directly into campus from Dublin City Centre:

Bus Number	Route	
46A	City Centre – UCD Belfield	
39/39A	City Centre (Suffolk Street) to UCD Belfield	
11/11A/11B	City Centre to UCD Belfield (Clonskeagh	
	Road Entrance)	
17	UCD Belfield to Smurfit School of Business,	
	Blackrock	

Timetables, pre-paid bus tickets and details of other bus routes that operate within walking distance of UCD can all be found on www.dublinbus.ie. Buses operate to a number of locations in the greater Dublin area. It is important to be aware that Dublin Bus operates an exact fare system. The driver does not give change (so have the correct change ready) but rather issues a passenger refund ticket, which can only be exchanged for the money owed at the Dublin Bus office in O'Connell Street. Pre-paid bus tickets can be purchased

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online at above address, in the Students' Union shop and at a host of shops in the city centre.



## **Dublin Area Rapid Transit (DART)**

Within the greater Dublin area the DART runs along the coast from Howth to Greystones. The Sydney Parade station is connected to UCD by the number 3 bus, which collects students on the edge of campus, alternatively it is only a about a 20 minute walk from campus.

#### **Dublin Bikes and the UCD Bicycle Shop**

A number of students cycle to get around campus and beyond. There is a bicycle shop on campus where new or second-hand bikes can be purchased and/or repaired. Some students also arrange to rent bikes from them on a monthly basis.

Dublin Bikes is a self-service bike rental system that enables users to temporarily rent a bike. They are available from a number of locations in the city centre and further details can be found at www.dublinbikes.ie

#### Visas

Depending upon your country of citizenship, you may or may not be required to obtain a visa prior to travelling to Ireland. Please double check the information at http://www.inis.gov.ie/ before making arrangements to travel to Ireland. Students who are nationals of visa-required countries should also note that Ireland is not a member of the Schengen Agreement. Therefore students who have obtained a visa for a Schengen country will need to apply for a separate visa for Ireland.

All non-EU/EEA and non-Swiss citizens must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau upon arrival to Ireland and after completion of registration with UCD. The GNIB will issue you with a residence permit/GNIB card. At present, the fee for this card is €150 and must be paid by credit card, laser card or bank giro. This fee cannot be paid in cash. When making your arrangements to go to the GNIB be sure to check that you have all of the required documentation and should you run into any issues contact the Student Adviser for International Students or the International Office.

#### **Accommodation**

There are a number of accommodation options available to you during your studies at University College Dublin. Many students, especially International Students, opt to live on-campus for their first year of studies and may then make alternative arrangements for their later years of study.



## **On-Campus Options**

There are on-campus accommodation spaces available for more than 2,500 students over 6 locations. You can choose to live in halls of residence or self-catering apartments of 3 to 6-bedrooms. On-campus accommodation opens for residence from early-September to late-May every academic year.

Places for on-campus accommodation are limited and it is recommended you register your interest early in order to obtain a place. More detailed information on On-Campus Accommodation is located in the Student Support Section of this booklet and through www.ucd.ie/residences

## **Off-Campus Options**

If you have not been allocated a room in the student residences on campus or you do not wish to live on-campus you should contact the UCD Residences Off-Campus Office or the Student Union Accommodation Services for assistance.

Off-Campus Accommodation Office	Student Union Accommodation Services
House 5 Merville Residence University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4 Tel: +353 1 716 5772 /5773 Web: www.ucd.ie/residences	Student Union Centre University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4 Tel: +353 1 716 3164 Email: accommodation@ucdsu.ie Web: http://www.ucdsu.ie/site/view/52/

The Off-Campus Accommodation Office is open from early June until the beginning of September. Students can reference daily newspapers and telephone landlords/landladies from the office.

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## **Cost of Living**

The International Office has put together a few examples of what a student may expect their living expenses to be per month based on their accommodation arrangements. These are strictly estimates and your cost of living will depend very much upon your own arrangements and lifestyle. If availing on on-campus accommodation, it is paid in three instalments and works out to approximately €560 to €675 per month.

On-campus Accommodation (eg. Glenomena Residence)		
Accommodation (estimate)	€592	
Food	€300	
Utilities	€43	
Textbooks	€100	
Clothes, entertainment, etc.	€250	
TOTAL	€1285	

Student living in accommodation in his/her own room in a family home (meals included)		
Accommodation (estimate)	€500	
Food	€100	
Textbooks	€100	
Monthly Commuter Ticket (Bus)	€82	
Clothes, entertainment, etc.	€250	
TOTAL	€1032	

Student living in his/her own room in a rented house sharing with 3 people and responsible for their own meals		
Accommodation (estimate)	€500	
Food	€300	
Electricity	€30	
Heat	€30	
Textbooks	€100	
Monthly Commuter Ticket (Bus)	€82	
Clothes, entertainment, etc.	€250	
TOTAL	€1292	

## **Health Sciences Programme Office**

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# Your first point of contact from registration to conferring and everything in between!

The Health Sciences Programme Office will be your main point of contact for any academic support issues you may face during your time at UCD, further to this we can provide you with details on facilities available to you should you need assistance of any kind during your time in the School of Medicine and Medical Science.

The Programme Office can assist you in a number of matters throughout the course of your programme, including:

- Registration
- Timetables
- Assessment
- Academic Regulation
- Programme Requirements
- Pastoral Care

The Programme Office is happy to assist you through drop-in, email, or phone:

Health Sciences Programme Office Health Sciences Building, Ground Floor School of Medicine & Medical Science

> Belfield Dublin 4 Ireland

Phone: 01 716 6686/6652 Email: healthscience@ucd.ie

Website: http://www.ucd.ie/healthsciences

## STUDENT SUPPORT

The Programme Office liaises with a number of other Student Support organisation to ensure that students are obtaining a complete and well-rounded service while attending the School of Medicine and Medical Science.

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#### **Student Advisers**

Medicine & International Student Adviser:

**Carl Lusby** 

Room C216 Health Sciences Centre

Email: carl.lusby@ucd.ie

Telephone: 01 716 6632/1492

Chaplain Student Adviser: Fr John Callanan

Room C215 Health Sciences

Centre

Email: j.callanan@ucd.ie Telephone: 01 716 6639

The Student Advisers provide support for all students, particularly First Years, during their university experience. Student Advisers are here to help you make your time at UCD as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible. You can call to see **Carl Lusby** or **Fr John Callanan** in relation to personal, social or practical issues. From simple requests for information to more confidential and serious matters, they will give you the time and space to talk things through.

## **Peer Mentoring**

All first year students will be assigned a Peer Mentor for their first year. Peer Mentors will be students who went through the first year of their programme in 2010-11 and who will be available to you as a support throughout the year. Their role is to help you settle into University and (s)he will be able to help you with any questions you may have on college life. For Orientation Week, your Peer Mentor will also act as your Orientation Guide. In 2010/11 UCD Teaching & Learning recognised the value and strength of the Peer Mentoring programme by granting it a Group Award for Supporting Student Learning.

## **Student Health & Counselling Services**

The Student Health Service, located on the first floor in the Student Centre, provides on-campus medical, psychological and psychiatric care to registered UCD students. The service is provided with an ethos of respect, courtesy and

integrity and operates to the highest professional standards. The service is intended as an addition to the students' own family doctor or specialist medical services. It operates within resource constraints so certain service limitations apply. Students should continue to attend their own General Practitioner (GP), especially if Dublin-based. Services are by appointment which can be made at (01) 7163133 / 3143, but if you are acutely ill, there is a nurse-led emergency walk-in service throughout the day.

The Student Counselling Service, based within the Student Health Service, provides a free confidential counselling service to students of the University. Student difficulties can range from minor concerns and stresses to major life crises. Although in many cases students may find ways to deal with these issues themselves or with the support of friends and family, there are times when it is helpful to seek professional counselling. Counselling offers students the opportunity to get professional support, to make sense of their difficulties and to think about new ways of addressing them. Consultations are by appointment.

## **Health Sciences Library**

## **Your Keys to the Library**

Your Student ID card is your Library Card.

You need your card to:

- Access the Library
- Borrow Books

**Your UCD Connect account** gives you access to the 24/7 online Library, also available off campus. Select the *My Library* tab on UCD Connect to:

- Access electronic journals, databases, e-books, reference tools
- A range of services, account details, subject portals and news.

Borrow, renew or return your books at the Loans Desk or at the Express Service machine on the ground floor.

**Avoiding Plagiarism:** The following link outlines what plagiarism is and how to avoid it **www.ucd.ie/library/students/information\_skills/plagiari.html** 

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#### **International Office**

The International Office, offers a wide range of support services to both international students and to Irish students wishing to study abroad on exchange programmes. International students make up 13% of the UCD population, and represent over 110 countries. Studying at UCD means joining a cosmopolitan community!



To welcome International students to University College Dublin the International Office holds a specialised International Student Welcome as part of Orientation Week, which includes a Reception for all International students, giving students an opportunity to advance their personal development and experience at the University.

Annually, the International Office publishes an 'International Student Handbook', which gives students information that will prepare them for their studies and life in Ireland. They also support students in obtaining visas and funding for their programme at UCD.

The International Office has recently opened new offices on campus on the lower ground floor of the UCD Restaurant Building, delivering a suite of resources and support services for both international students coming to UCD and for UCD students wishing to study or volunteer abroad. The new UCD Global Lounge, located adjacent to the offices, is a friendly and relaxed social space for students, and acts as a dedicated venue for seminars, receptions, talks and other international events.

#### **US Financial Aid Assistance**

University College Dublin is approved by the US Department of Education to certify Stafford and PLUS loans and the International Office provides support for students from the US. Students who are not eligible for federal loans may apply for credit-based private loans to help finance their education at UCD.

However, we advise all students to apply for federal loans before they apply for private loans.

Before beginning the application process, please take note that the financial aid process at non-US institutions is very different than at American colleges and universities. Make sure to allow plenty of time for processing these loans, as the process can take up to 6 weeks, sometimes longer, from start to finish. If an application is not made well in advance of the start of the academic term, money may not be available when the student arrives at UCD.

Information on the steps to apply for US Financial Aid can be found at: http://www.ucd.ie/international/practical\_information/funding\_us/applicationprocedures/

If you have any questions at all, please contact the Financial Aid Administrator in the International Office:

#### Sarah Holt

UCD International Office Tierney Building Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland Email: sarah.holt@ucd.ie

Tel: +353 1 716 1612 Fax: +353 1 716 1165

#### **Financial Assistance**

Several Irish banks offer student loan products that have been specifically designed for entrants to graduate entry medicine programmes. Typically, these packages involve personal loans to cover the cost of tuition fees and living expense with capital and variable interest repayment both deferred until the end of the four year loan period. Most financial institutions consider applications on their individual merits so students are advised to discuss financial support arrangements directly with their preferred banking partner.

Loans are a matter between the student and the lending institution only. The UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science has no role in such lending agreements and does not endorse any particular product.

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We are aware that such loan products are currently available from:

Allied Irish Bank (AIB), UCD Belfield Campus Branch				
Louise Kelly,	Georgina Butler,			
AIB UCD,	AIB UCD,			
Belfield,	Belfield,			
Dublin 4	Dublin 4			
Email: louise.m.kelly@ucd.ie	Email: georgina.b.butler@ucd.ie			
	Telephone: 01 269 4499			
Bank of Ireland, University Branch, Montrose				
Sinéad Mulryan, Commercial Branch	Conor Johnson, Graduate Sales Manager			
Manager	Email: conorj.johnson@boimail.com			
Email: sinead.mulryan@boimail.com	Telephone: 01 269 7455			
Telephone: 01 269 6724				
Ulster Bank, The Mall, Donnybrook, Dublin 4				
John Mahon, Manager	Seamus Clarke, Assistant Manager			
Email: john.mahon@ulsterbank.com	Email: seamus.clarke@ulsterbank.com			
Telephone: 01 260 2645	Telephone: 01 260 2645			

Any further information on Student Loan products will be posted on the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science website (www.ucd.ie/medicine) as it becomes available.

#### **Accommodation**

#### **EU Students**

First-year students from the EU can apply from early May for any of the on-campus residences available, including Self-Catering Apartments, Halls of Residences, and a new complex of Catered Accommodation which includes meals in the price. Details on how to confirm your booking when you receive a first



round CAO offer will be made available at that time.

#### **Non-EU Students**

International Students who have accepted their place in UCD can book accommodation on campus from the June. A total of 950 spaces have been made available for International Undergraduate students. Before booking accommodation online through the Accommodation Office website (www.ucd.ie/residences), international students must check first on availability with individual co-ordinators as follows:



 Students entering under the Atlantic Bridge programme should contact Mr. Arthur O'Malley at aomalley@atlanticbridge.com or telephone (+353-1) 2961144 at the Atlantic Bridge Dublin Office for information about accommodation.

## **Disability Support Service**

UCD Disability Support Service (DSS) provides support for students with disabilities. UCD DSS assists students in many different ways from academic support to exam support. Registration with DSS is confidential. Students must provide a letter from a medical consultant or submit an educational psychologist's report (no more than 3 years old). A member of the DSS team will then meet with them and implement an individual learning plan.

#### **Childcare**

The newly refurbished crèche caters for over 60 children. For enquiries, please contact:

Centre Manager: Jennifer Kinsella Email: oakmountcreche@eircom.net

Tel: 01 2695143

There is a Childcare Subsidy available. This can be applied for by contacting Student Adviser Anna Farrell on 01 716 6497. Each case is taken on its own individual merit and is means tested.

Further Student Support – Childcare contacts: ucdparentsociety@hotmail.com suwelfare@ucd.ie



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