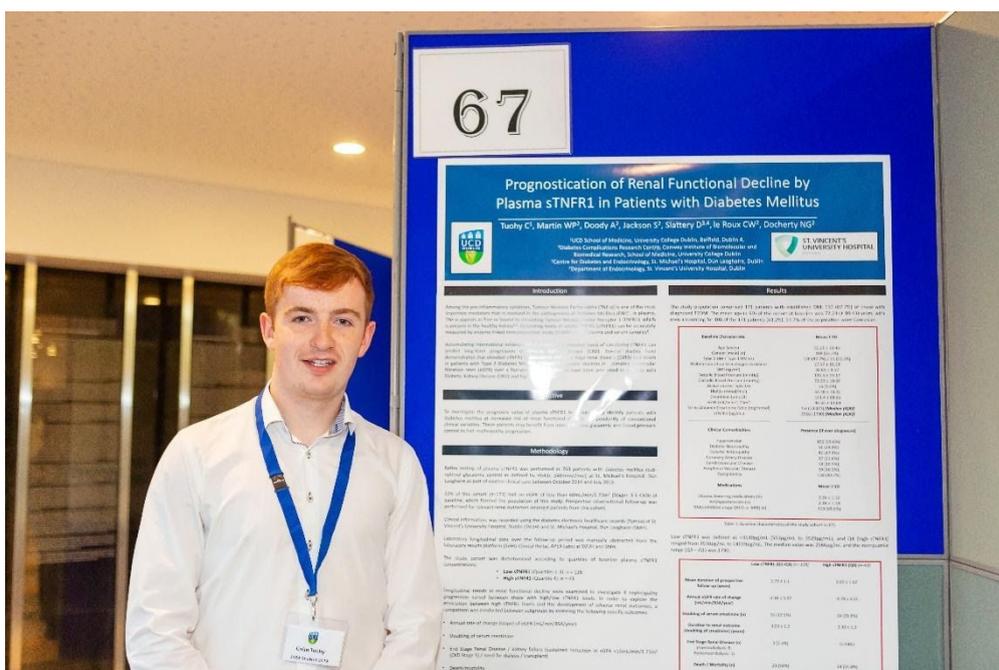


Academic Bursary Statement - Colm Tuohy Medicine Stage 3

Due to the generosity of the UCD Ad Astra Academic Bursary programme, I was able to complete research in the summer of 2019 under the guidance of Dr. Liam Martin (Nephrology – St Vincent’s University Hospital) and Dr. Neil Docherty (Diabetes Complications Research Centre - UCD) in conjunction with the UCD School of Medicine Summer Student Research Awards (SSRA) programme. Given that I received no other wage or stipend towards this programme, this academic bursary was hugely appreciated in providing funds for living expenses, and reducing the financial burden of living away from home.

As part of the research, I attended regular meetings and independently collected extensive data on site in St Vincent’s and St. Michael’s Hospital, Dun Laoghaire throughout the summer months. This was a long yet fruitful process and required me to work tirelessly and meticulously to sustain accuracy of data. Following statistical analysis of the initial data, I worked with the aforementioned researchers to provide critical inputs in the drafting of the research paper, which is currently undergoing publication in a high-profile medical journal. I have also provided assistance in compiling a comprehensive clinical audit report, which has been submitted to St Vincent’s University Hospital recently.

This research experience has been thoroughly rewarding, yet arduous and demanding. The results of this study are promising, and it will be exciting to see the endpoint of this project in the upcoming months and years. It is expected of medical students to engage in research, developing skills such as tenacity and perseverance whilst working as an individual. This project would not have been possible without the support of the UCD Ad Astra Academy throughout the last 4 years and it is an opportunity that I have been thoroughly grateful for.



Presentation of poster at UCD SSRA Awards Night