**RISE Application Form 2023**

Structured mentoring and practical experience to **R**etain, **I**nspire, **S**upport and **E**nhance (RISE) undergraduate students from ethnically underrepresented groups in the Chemical Sciences.

**Objective**: The RISE programme aims to increase the number of Black students, and those from minoritized ethnic backgrounds, who are pursuing a degree in in the Chemical Sciences and who are going on to take up leading roles in academia and industry in the future.

**Programme:** The programme will recruit Black students, or those from minoritized ethnic backgrounds onto a structured scheme, where they will get support, mentorship and practical experience of research and technical roles in the chemical sciences. For more information, please see the Information Bulletin and watch the RISE Information Video.

**Process:** This completed application form, should be emailed to [elaine.oreilly@ucd.ie](mailto:elaine.oreilly@ucd.ie), with email subject ‘RISE’, by **5pm on December 8th 2023**. You are welcome to email Elaine with any informal queries also.

**Review:** Applications will be reviewed by an internal panel, and applicants invited for informal interview in January. Places are limited.

***1. Student Name.***

**2. Which science subject/area are you currently interested in pursuing (e.g. Chemistry, Maths, Physics…..)? Please note, your answer to this question will not affect your entry onto this programme.**

***3. Do you identify as Black, or from a minoritized ethnic group2? Please answer yes or no.***

***4. Briefly describe your motivation for applying for this Programme and how it has the potential to enhance your educational/career/personal progression (max 500 words). You may also chose to include any relevant personal/family circumstances that you feel have/are making your studies challenging.***

***Information for applicants:***

*Student applications will be collected, administered and evaluated by their host institute. Data collection will be as per institutional GDPR and Data Management policies and will be minimised and anonymised.  All data collected will be held securely and confidentially in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the Data Protection Act 2018, for the duration of the RISE Programme. Anonymised data collection will be used to assess the level of interest in the RISE Programme and measure its effectiveness in supporting the career progression of participants and for reporting purposes. Access to the data set will be confined to a small group within the School of Chemistry, who will be responsible for its subsequent analysis. We will only process data in line with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the Data Protection Act 2018. At no point will the information you provide be shared in a way that would allow you to be personally identified. Any published material will be anonymised. Data shared will only be for groups of at least 10 respondents to ensure anonymity.*

*2Minority ethnic/cultural background refers to a culture or ethnicity that is identifiably distinct from the ethnic majority. This may include people who have been long established in Ireland, people who are naturalised Irish citizens or British, or people who have recently arrived.*

*CSO defines Ethnic/ background as:*

* *Asian or Asian Irish: Chinese*
* *Asian or Asian Irish: Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi*
* *Asian or Asian Irish: Any other Asian background*
* *Black or Black Irish: African*
* *Black or Black Irish: Any other Black background*
* *Other including mixed group/background: Arabic*
* *Other including mixed group/background: Mixed Background*
* *Other including mixed group/background: Other*
* *White: Irish*
* *Irish Traveller*
* *Roma*
* *White: Any other White background*

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