



An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath
University College Dublin



Searmanas Bronnta
Conferring Ceremony

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University College Dublin (UCD) is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities where undergraduate education, graduate masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic continuum of activity.

The University was established in 1854 by St John Henry Newman, whose classic work 'The Idea of a University' is one of the most enduring texts on the value of higher education. His vision, 'True enlargement of mind', embodies the aspiration to provide a holistic experience and inspiring environment beyond the classroom. It is a rallying call for the University and its community to unleash the unique potential of the individual to meet global challenges and "to benefit the wider world".

Today UCD is Ireland's largest university with over 33,000 students. Irish school-leavers benefit from the highly innovative and flexible UCD Horizons undergraduate curriculum. As Ireland's leader in graduate education UCD has almost 10,000 graduate students.

In Ireland, UCD is home to over 8,500 international students and delivers programmes to almost 4,000 students on overseas campuses. In addition, the University places great emphasis on the internationalisation of the Irish student experience – preparing all UCD students for future employment and life that crosses borders, boundaries, and cultures.

Originally known as the Catholic University of Ireland, the University became UCD in 1908 and is a constituent college of the National University of Ireland (NUI). In 1997, UCD became an autonomous university within the loose federal structure of the NUI, and UCD students are awarded degrees from the National University of Ireland.

UCD has been a major contributor to the making of modern Ireland. Many UCD students and staff participated in the struggle for Irish independence and the University has produced four Irish Presidents and five Taoisigh. Among UCD's well-known alumni are authors (Maeve Binchy, Roddy Doyle, Emma Donoghue, Flann O'Brien), former European Commissioner (Peter Sutherland SC), directors (Neil Jordan, Jim Sheridan) and sports stars (Brian O'Driscoll, Kevin Moran, Rena Buckley and Paul O'Donovan). Perhaps the best known of all is the writer James Joyce, who completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University in 1902.

UCD Alumni Relations

As you start your journey as a UCD alumnus/alumna, we encourage you to stay connected. Our Alumni Relations team runs a full programme of events and reunions, in Ireland and overseas, offering networking and other opportunities for you to keep in touch – with each other and with the University. Additional services include a Reader's Card for UCD's libraries, some sports and adult education discounts, affinity products and a range of other services.

UCD alumni continue to make their mark in every aspect of life and today's graduates will be no different. Stay in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

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Order of Proceedings

Procession of graduands
Procession of academic staff followed by Deans, Vice-Presidents and President
The President declares open a Meeting of the University for the purpose of conferring degrees
The Dean requests the graduands for each degree to stand
The Principal presents the graduands to the President in Latin
The President admits the graduands to the degree in Latin
The Dean calls the names of the graduates who proceed to the platform
The President presents the degree scroll to each graduate
Formal graduation address
Academic procession followed by procession of graduates

Formula of Presentation of Graduands

Latin

Praehonorabilis Praeses, totaque
Universitas.

Praesento vobis hasce meas filias
filiosque meos, quos omnes scio
tam moribus quam doctrina habiles
et idoneos esse qui admittantur ad
Gradum _____; idque tibi fide
mea testor ac spondeo, totique
Academiae.

English Translation

Right honourable President and
Members of the University.

I present to you these students whom
I know to be as upright in character
as they are skilled in their field of
study and qualified for admission to
the Degree of _____; and in good
faith I vouch for this and hold myself
responsible to you and to the whole
academic assembly.

Formula of admission by the President

Latin

Auctoritate mihi concessa, admitto
vos ad Gradum _____.

English Translation

By the authority vested in me, I admit
you to the Degree of _____.

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science

(Veterinary Nursing)

Bowers, Robbie
Brown, Rachel
Cannon, Jemma
Carey, Laura Anne
Cizauskaite, Gabija
Coffey, Jade
Conway, SORCHA
Dermody, Aoife
Doyle, Rachel Esther
Fenlon, Aoife Mary
Foley, Kerry
Gaughan, Cassie
Gilligan, Caoimhe
Griffin, David
Hammond, Holly
Hickey, Aoife
Hughes, Kieran
Hutchinson, Aoife
Kiernan, Rebecca
Kliss, Joanna Malgorzata
Madden, Nicole
McCann, Insa
McKiernan, Kate
McManus, Emma
Nel, Kayla
Newman, Leah Anna-Maria
O'Brien, William
O'Connor, Erin
O'Leary, Eva
Pavlova, Elizabeth
Phelan, Niamh
Rochfort, Ellen
Roe, Christina
Ryan, Marguerite
Sheridan, Robyn
Tilson, Emily
Weir, Grainne Teresa

**Honours Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary
Medicine**

Aherne, Seamus
Amon, Molly
Asprey, Olivia
Barry, Lauren

Barton, Sydney
Beadle, Anna
Beirne, Kieran Martin
Benny, Theresa
Boles, Cathal
Bonnville, Kelly
Brady, Ella Denise
Bright, Annabelle
Brower, Julia
Buckley, Con
Byrne, Killian
Carolan, Leah
Cattigan, Olivia
Cavallo, Maria
Chagolla, Rose
Chisholm, Kelsie
Chojnacka, Paulina Agata
Corbett, Catherine
Cuddy, Emma
Cunningham, Christopher Niall
Da Silva, Claudia Rose
Dailey, Lara
Davie, Emma
Day, Zoe Teagan
DeAnna, Paige
Delorme, Megan
Dennehy, Mairead Patricia
Dockery, Trinity Nessa
Drain, Holly
Duffy, Jessica
Earls, Sophie Bridget
Edlund, Margaret
Ernst, Jillian
Fitzsimons, Victoria
Flagstad, Moira
Flannery, Sean
Flynn, Maria Ann
Foley, Eoin
Frappa, Agathe
Gallagher, Alyssa
Gallo, Julianna
Gannon, Diarmuid Anthony
Gentile, Carli
Geoghegan, Sadhbh
Gillick, Alanna
Glenn, Zara Hester
Greenwood, William
Hachula, Dominika Slawomira
Hansberry, Brian

Hassett, Emma
Hawkins, Emery
Hayes, Patrice
Healy, Liam
Hefner, Claire
Henderson, Laura Jane
Hillberg, Lynsey
Hussey, Delaney
Johal, Ameer
Jordan, Nicaioimh
Kamataris, Heather
Karaiwanoff, Michael
Kelleher, Aine
Kelly, James
Kieran, Amy
King, Caitlin
Lam, Christa
LaMarca, Giuliana
Lamb, Breanna-rose
Lambert, Emma
Lanoue, Melanie
Lewis, Mekenzie
Lim, Geok Teng Emily
Lin, Meng-Shin
Luis, Kayla
Mac Samhráin, Philip
Mannion, Jack
Martin, Alex Megan
Martin, Anita
Maskiewicz, Isabel
McAreavey, Rachael Anne
McCarthy, Tiarnan James Michael
McClay, Katherine
McEvoy, Casey
McGonagle, Roisin
McGuire, Sarah
McKee, Faye
McNamara, Ryan
McNeill, Cliona
McRedmond, Sarah
Michaels, Toni
Miskella, Sarah Jane
Moore, Allyssha
Morrison, Ines
Mullany, Conor Peter
Murphy, Leanne
Murphy, Tara
Murray, Mickayla
O'Connell, Anna Niamh
O'Connell, Brian
O'Connor, Liam
O'Doherty, Leah
O'Donovan, Joan
O'Halloran, Rebecca Mary
O'Keeffe, Kate

O'Keeffe, Megan Rachel
O'Leary, Harry
O'Rourke, Hannah
O'Sullivan, Kay
Palma, Corinne
Passmore, Aaron
Pedersen, Kelsey
Peelman-Moens, Constance
Pollmann-Daamen, Amy
Price, Janessa
Pulten, Melek
Quinlan, Sadhbh
Rahaei Kharat, Yasamin
Rice, Hannah
Roche, James
Russell, Kayla
Ryan, Claire
Ryan, Sorchá
Simons, Marysophie
Skipp Prendergast, Matilda
Smith, Joshua
Sugrue, Mark
Sweeney, Edward
Sweeney, Emily
Turnbull, Heather
Vasek, Gabrielle
Watson, Kylie
Webster, Connor
Westman, Nora
Whittit, Christopher
Wolfrom, Sierra

Graduate Certificate

(Small Animal Medicine)

Alexander, Jacqueline
Campbell, Grace
De Capitani, Erica Francesca
Ko, Averyl
Zurfluh, Chameen

(Food Regulatory Affairs)
(Joint award between UCD and University of Ulster)

Le Mare, Dominic

(Veterinary Public Health)
(Joint award between UCD and University of Ulster)

Clifford, Daire
Furlong, Danielle
O'Sullivan, Susan
Tannian, Natasha

Graduate Diploma

(Food Regulatory Affairs)
(Joint award between UCD and University of Ulster)

Proudfoot, Barbara Pierce

Degree of Master of Science

(Veterinary Medicine) (by Research)

Furlong, John

Degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medical Specialisation

Amorós Carafi, Olga
Duggan, Michael John Samuel
Logan, Finnian
Martinez, Carlos
Moloney, Conor

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Al Ansari, Ahmed Saleh Ali
Aspects of Equine Metabolic Syndrome in
Connemara Ponies

Brown, Hannah Mary Josephine
A One Health approach to the study of hepatitis
E virus

Cashman, Diane
A Dialogic Teaching Approach to Supporting
Veterinary Students Self-Regulated Learning on
Clinical Extra-Mural Studies: An Educational
Design Research Study

Flanagan, Sharon Aisling
Improving our understanding of Orthoflavivirus
Usutuense and Severe Acute Respiratory
Syndrome Coronavirus 2 through molecular and
potential antiviral compound studies

Flynn, Anna
The Effects of Pre-Weaning Feeding and
Management on Calf Health and Growth

Golding, Emma Jane
Knowledge Perceptions and Behaviour: Exploring
the Role of the Horse Owner in Endocrinopathic
Laminitis

MacWhite-Begg, Delphi
Modelling Retinal Pathologies during Early
Development using iPSC-derived Retinal
Organoids & Zebrafish

Santos De Ornelas, Mario Andre
Investigation of oral fluid biomarkers and the
faecal microbiome for improved health and
welfare on commercial pig farms

Presentation of Medals

Veterinary Council Awards

Freeman Memorial Medal

The medal is awarded each year by the Veterinary
Council of Ireland to the graduate who during the course
obtained the highest aggregate marks in: animal
husbandry, pathology, microbiology, parasitology and
pharmacology examinations.

Beirne, Kieran Martin

Veterinary Nursing Graduate of the Year Award

Awarded annually by the Veterinary Council of Ireland to
the leading student in final year Veterinary Nursing

O'Leary, Eva

Veterinary Medicine Awards

John Hannan Medal

The medal is awarded annually to the student with the
highest marks in Veterinary Public Health and Food
Hygiene.

Beirne, Kieran Martin

Professor P.A. McGeady Memorial Medal in Veterinary Surgery

The medal is awarded annually to the candidate who
obtains the highest grades in Large Animal Veterinary
Surgery.

McNeill, Cliona

J.C. Warmington Medal

Awarded to the leading student in Veterinary
Epidemiology and Herd Health. This medal is
awarded in memory of the late Carl Warmington,
a UCD graduate and former Senior Principal Veterinary
Officer in Northern Ireland.

O'Connor, Liam

Duggan Veterinary Supplies ICU Medal

Awarded to the student with the highest grades in
the ICU rotation and the written clinical
interpretative examination

O'Connell, Anna

Duggan Veterinary Nursing Award

Awarded to the student who demonstrated outstanding performance in the area of Veterinary Nursing anaesthesia
Hickey, Aoife

Moredun Foundation Prize

Awarded to the final year student who performs best in the area of farm animal studies.
Beirne, Kieran Martin

Veterinary Ireland Award

Veterinary Ireland Student Medal

Awarded to the student with the highest marks overall throughout the course.
Mannion, Jack

Interchem (Ireland) Ltd Prize – Veterinary Medicine

Awarded to the student with the highest marks in small animal medicine.
McClay, Katherine

Interchem (Ireland) Ltd Prize – Veterinary Nursing

Awarded to the student with the highest marks in the literature review.
O’Leary, Eva

Norbrook Prize

Awarded annually to the best student in small animal surgery raising the profile of final Veterinary Medicine students in the area.
Mannion, Jack

Ceol leis an Ceathairéad Teaghrán Astral MUSIC BY THE ASTRAL STRING QUARTET

Handel
Charpentier
Handel

Water Music – Hornpipe
Te Deum (Prelude)
Firework Music ‘La Rejouissance’

This list is for information only and is not an official record.
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Laoi na hÁilleachta

I gcoill Fómhair faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Tháinig duille feoite ag foluain anuas go mall
Trí cholúin na beithe, trí áirsí na dara,
Trí stuanna míne na beithe, trí stuanna cama cumhdachta na dara,
Ó uaine go haraile,
Duille fáin faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Is spreagadh an fear chun filíochta leis an áilleacht a chonaic sé ann.

In an Autumn wood under the cloistered quiet of the trees
A withered leaf floated slowly down
Through the columns of birch, through the arches of oak,
Through the smooth arcs of birch, through the bent covering arcs of oak,
From one green to another,
A stray leaf under the cloistered quiet of the trees
And the man was moved to poetry by the beauty he saw there.

By Eoghan Ó Tuairisc.

These are the opening lines from *Laoi na hÁilleachta*, a poem on the beauty of the world, published in Ó Tuairisc's first collection of poetry, *Lux Aeterna* (1964). Poet, Novelist and Dramatist, Eoghan Ó Tuairisc wrote in both Irish and English. He received a BA and MA from UCD in the 1940s.

