**Expression of Interest Form**

**Co-Chair of Women@STEM Network, UCD**

Women@STEM in UCD is seeking a new co-chair. Chaired by Dr Alessia Paccagnini and Dr Catherine Mooney, who has stepped down from her role as co-chair to take up the appointment of Vice Principal for EDI for the College of Science. This group is seeking expressions of interest from colleagues to become co-chair of the group with Assistant Professor, Alessia Paccagnini. **Completed forms and any queries should be sent to** by **Wednesday**, **28th September 2022.**

UCD Women@Stem is a network of faculty members, operation & management staff, and students supporting [equality, diversity and inclusion](https://www.ucd.ie/equality/)(EDI) in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We have a focus on those that identify as a woman in these areas. Membership is open to students, staff, faculty and anyone who has a desire to drive diversity in STEM. We welcome people of any gender identity into our network, to share insights and perspectives into advancing EDI in STEM.

The first committee, Women in the Sciences (WITS), formed in 2013 and has engaged nationally and internationally with stakeholders to address structural inequities and biases in STEM fields.

UCD Women@STEM, follows on from WITS to form a community that challenges cultural norms, fosters personal networks and provides information. Throughout the year we will host seminars, run workshops and provide opportunities for career development.

**Role of Co-Chair**

* Raise awareness and visibility of the experiences of women in STEM
* Monthly meeting for members. The purpose of the gathering is to share, discuss and support issues or ideas across the network.
* Hold webinars, events and workshops to develop, engage and support women in STEM
* Facilitate peer support across the network and provide networking opportunities for women in STEM
* Grow membership of the network
* Participates in consultations for EDI initiatives
* Collaborates with the College of Science EDI Committee on joint events

**Time Commitment**

The time commitment for co-chairing the Women@STEM network is 6-8 meetings a year and leading activities and initiatives in the network. Any additional meetings to support particular initiatives as required will be agreed by the chairs.

*Please ensure that you discuss participation on this group with your line manager in advance due to the time commitment involved.*

**Name:**

**E-mail Address:**

**School/Unit/Research Centre:**

**Present position/grade:**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please use the space below to complete your personal statement indicating the following:

* Why you are interested in co-chairing the Women@STEM network
* How would your experience and/or expertise contribute to its work?
* Are there any aspects of gender equality and inclusion in STEM that are of particular interest to you?

**No more than 500 words *(please expand the box below as required)***

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**Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***(Name of Applicant)***

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Completed forms and any queries should be sent via email to:**

Assistant Professor Alessia Paccagnini, Co-Chair of UCD Women@STEM by **Wednesday**, **28th September 2022** with Women@STEM as the subject text. Email: alessia.paccagnini@ucd.ie