

# UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

May 2025

Summer trimester is here, and we hope you continue enjoying life on campus as the weather gets warmer!



## ThesisIn3 Competition 2025

Graduate Studies is excited to organise our annual ThesisIn3 competition to take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, at 11.30am in the Red Room, Student Centre, refreshments from 11am.**

Research students will be challenged to present their research in three minutes for the [ThesisIn3 2025 Competition](#). Our judging panel of experts will have the opportunity to listen to the presentations on the day to select our winner. The winner will go on to represent UCD in the National Irish Universities Association (IUA) competition, see full details and [a recording of 2025 event](#) and the [Universitas21 Three Minute Thesis Competition \(3MT®\)](#), where they will compete with researchers from all over the globe.

We hope you will join us, good luck to all the participants and we are looking forward to seeing you all on 28th May!

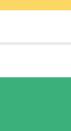
[Register here](#)

### WOW - 'Write on Wednesday'

Our online writing group for graduate research students will be running again this summer, starting on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



Through two-hour weekly sessions, *Write On Wednesday* encourages students to commit to the process of live writing, whether that means starting an article or finishing a chapter; the idea is to get words down on the page.



The Writing Centre tutor sets and leads designated writing blocks, and during the breaks the students may share their writing tips and techniques that work for them. Find out more and book your place here: <https://www.ucd.ie/writingcentre/about/workshopsandseminars/>

This group is kindly sponsored by UCD Graduate Studies



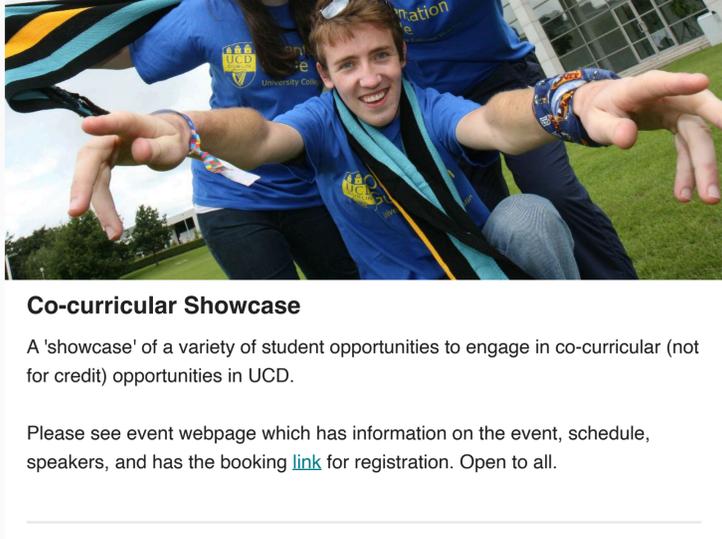
## PGR StudentSurvey.ie - Viva Voce examination

Following the thesis submission deadline earlier this month, we include here online resources in relation to the final assessment of your research degree, the viva voce examination. Take the time to familiarise yourself with the viva voce examination process and outcomes, especially if your viva voce date is approaching.

Based on 2023 PGR StudentSurvey.ie, 69.7% reported that the final assessment procedures for the research degree are clear to them.

Helpful resources:

- [Research Examination](#)
- [Viva Voce Examination](#)
- [Virtual Viva Voce](#)
- [Thesis examination and submission FAQs](#)
- [Special Extern - Research Degree](#)
- [After Thesis Submission](#)



## Co-curricular Showcase

A 'showcase' of a variety of student opportunities to engage in co-curricular (not for credit) opportunities in UCD.

Please see event webpage which has information on the event, schedule, speakers, and has the booking [link](#) for registration. Open to all.



**Be Inspired**  
Saturday, 7 June 2025  
12-6pm

**FREE Public Event**

## UCD Festival

Join us on Saturday, 7 June from 12 – 6 pm on the UCD Belfield campus for an exciting showcase of UCD's latest research and innovations with hands-on STEM demos, workshops, and live experiments.

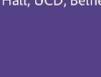
Explore the worlds of human and animal medicine, the arts, and culture through live music, dance, poetry, exhibitions, and literary talks and more!

[Check out Festival Website](#)

Postdoc registration:



PhD registration:



Thurs 29 May 2025, 9:00 - 11:30 am  
Astra Hall, UCD, Belfield Campus



### Agenda 29 May 2025

- 9:00 AM Registration & breakfast
- 9:30 AM Welcome  
Prof Kate Robson-Brown, UCD VP Research, Innovation & Impact
- 9:50 AM Panel discussion & table conversations  
Shane O'Donnell, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow  
Louise Rocks, Senior Programme Manager, Research Ireland  
Emma Murtagh, Development & Membership Director, The Wheel  
John Lonsdale, CEO, CeADAR  
Claire Dooley, Technologist, IDA  
Moderator: Dr Claire O'Connell
- 10:40 AM Brunch and networking
- 11:30 AM Close



## Early Career Researchers

Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> Early Career Researcher – Company Networking event.

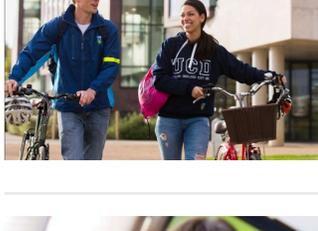
Morning breakfast panel discussion followed by table conversations between researchers, companies and funders and then brunch.

**The topic up for discussion is The PhD Talent Pipeline: jobs that don't exist yet?**

The panel presents challenges and opportunities relevant to researchers/ PhDs careers, and this is discussed in groups and then moves on to networking over brunch afterwards.

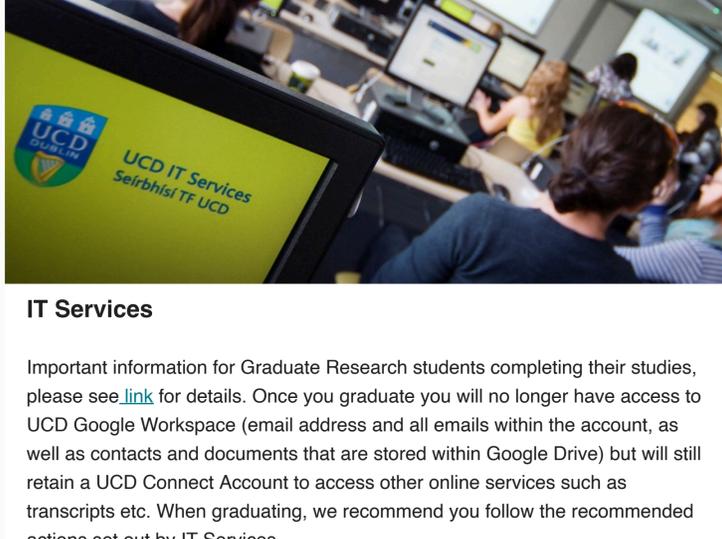
The purpose of it is to support researchers to build relationships for research collaboration or their own professional development for the future.

[Register here](#)



## UCD Residences

Booking for UCD on campus accommodation for 2025/26 is now open. Please see [link](#) to book UCD on campus accommodation as a PhD student.



## IT Services

Important information for Graduate Research students completing their studies, please see [link](#) for details. Once you graduate you will no longer have access to UCD Google Workspace (email address and all emails within the account, as well as contacts and documents that are stored within Google Drive) but will still retain a UCD Connect Account to access other online services such as transcripts etc. When graduating, we recommend you follow the recommended actions set out by IT Services.