

UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

October 2025

Welcome from Graduate Studies.

As we are now in October and the first trimester is well underway, we hope you are settling into university life. It is nice to welcome you to our beautiful parkland campus whether you are returning to campus or you are new to UCD.



Orientation

We had great attendance at our recent **Graduate Research Student Orientation** and feedback indicates that our incoming students found this a helpful introduction to Research study at UCD.

Many thanks to all who attended and to Rioko Moscardini, Aoife Keogh and Dáire Byrne, who participated in the student panel to share their PhD experiences. We have gathered feedback from attendees to ensure we are taking your views into account for future events.

Details and presentation can be found at the '[Graduate Orientation for Graduate Research Students 2025/26](#)' module on Brightspace.

Please see Brightspace enrolment instructions for Graduate Orientation 2025 [here](#).

Thesis Boot Camp with Dr Peta Freestone 10th to 12th November 2025

- Are you a late-stage PhD student struggling with the writing-up battle?
- Do you put off writing tasks until 'tomorrow'?
- Are you finding it tough 'going it alone'?



Dr Freestone is running her award-winning 3-day intensive course that has already helped thousands of students around the world finish their thesis in time with less stress. The application deadline for this course is **Friday 10 October**, please see [link to course details](#) and the application form.



Open Research: A PGR Production by Prof Iain Brennan, University of Hull

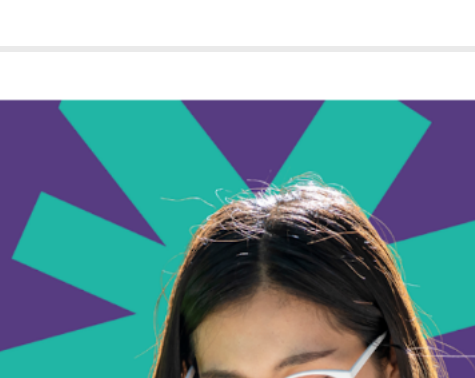
UCD Graduate Studies are delighted to welcome **Professor Iain Brennan** from the University of Hull on Tuesday 7th October 2025 to deliver a talk entitled *Open Research: A PGR Production*. Prof Brennan addresses the way that doing research is becoming more transparent, driven by a set of principles and practices known as Open Research/Science.

The event will take place in the Boardroom, UCD Research building from 11.30 to 12.30pm (coffee from 11am). Please confirm your attendance by booking a place via the [UCD Booking System](#).

Find out more information on [UCD Graduate Studies website](#).

Transferable Skills workshops

We are pleased to announce that Graduate Studies will be running our suite of **Transferable Skills Workshops**. Please follow [the link](#) for details and to register for any of the workshops.



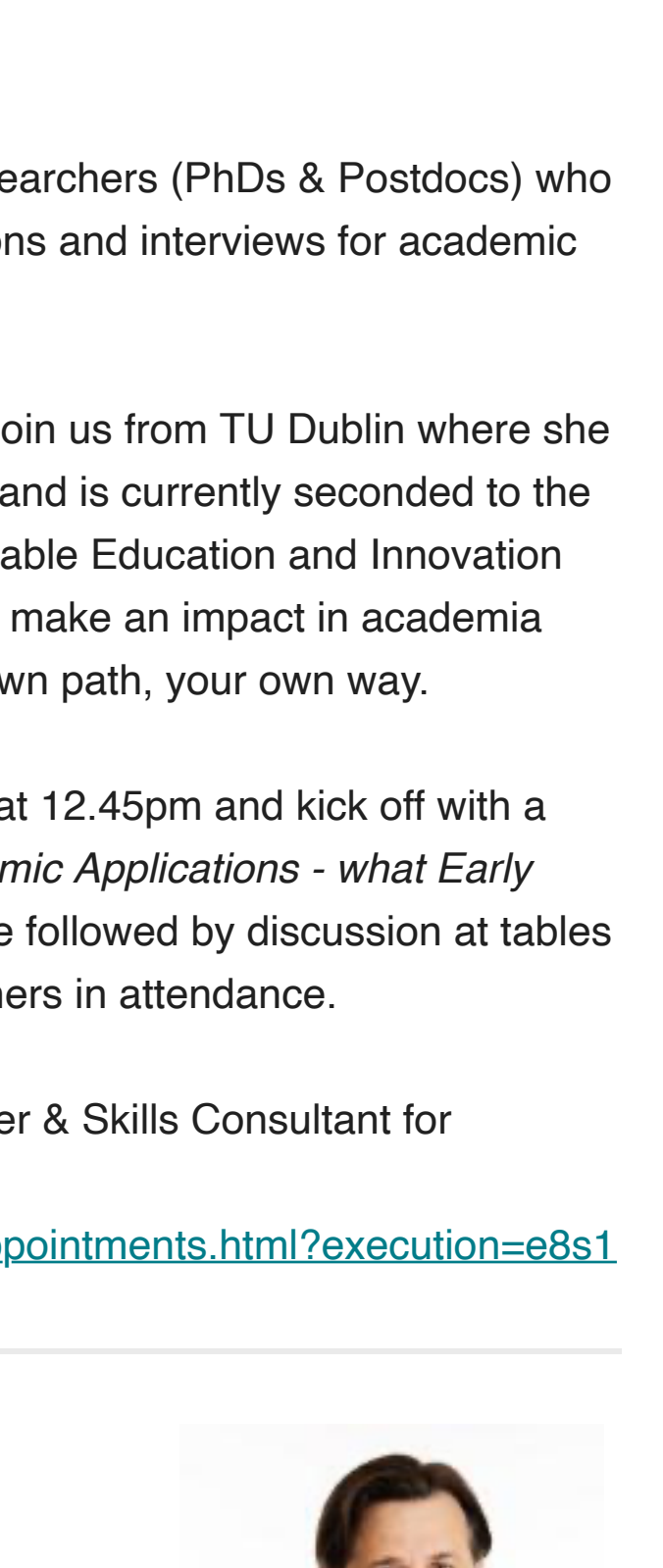
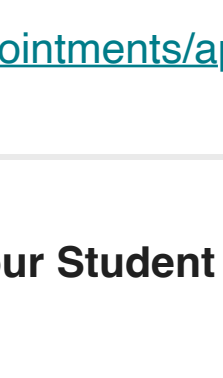
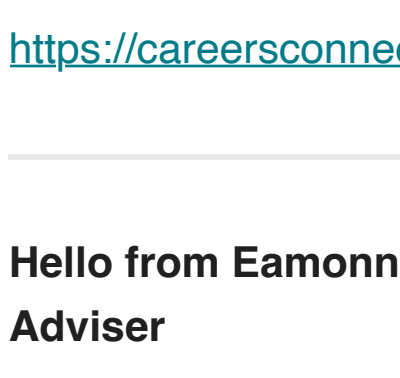
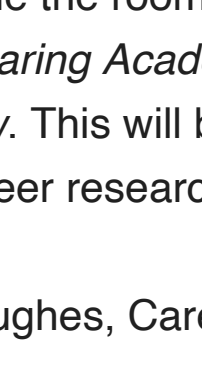
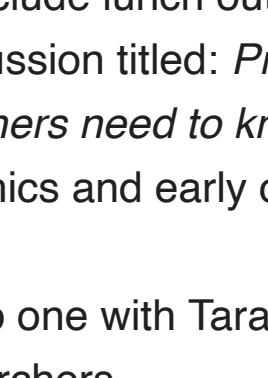
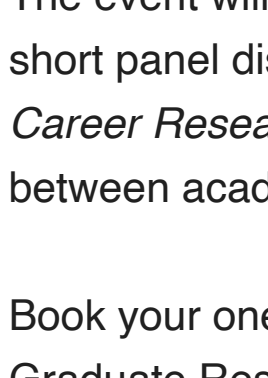
WOW (Write on Wednesday)

[WOW \(Write on Wednesday\)](#) is a writing group for graduate students which meets every Wednesday morning on Zoom. The group leader is an experienced [UCD Writing Centre](#) instructor.

Graduate Researcher Careers Masterclass

Are you transitioning from PhD to **employment**?

Join the Graduate Researcher Careers team for a practical and interactive workshop!



Preparing Academic Applications - Networking event for UCD PhDs & Postdocs - 30th October - 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Bookings

A networking event for UCD Early Career Researchers (PhDs & Postdocs) who are considering how best to prepare applications and interviews for academic roles.

Dr Lucia Walsh, a previous UCD Postdoc will join us from TU Dublin where she works as a lecturer in the Faculty of Business and is currently seconded to the Office of the VP for Sustainability as a Sustainable Education and Innovation Lead. She is passionate about the idea that to make an impact in academia and beyond, it is important to carve out your own path, your own way.

The event will include lunch outside the room at 12.45pm and kick off with a short panel discussion titled: *Preparing Academic Applications - what Early Career Researchers need to know*. This will be followed by discussion at tables between academics and early career researchers in attendance.

Book your one to one with Tara Hughes, Career & Skills Consultant for Graduate Researchers <https://careersconnect.ucd.ie/appointments/appointments.html?execution=e8s1>

Hello from Eamonn McHugh your Student Adviser

As the Student Adviser for Graduate Research Students, I am here to offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental space where you can feel comfortable discussing any concerns, challenges, or questions that may arise during your time at UCD. Whether your concerns are academic, personal, or somewhere in between, I'm here to listen and support you in navigating through them.



If you'd like to meet, whether in person or on zoom, please feel free to reach out to me directly at eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie to schedule a meeting.

Throughout the year, I'll also be hosting monthly coffee mornings/ networking events which provide graduate research students an opportunity to meet others on a similar path, share experiences and build connections. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Dates for 25/26

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- Thurs 30th October
- Thurs 27th November
- Thurs 18th December

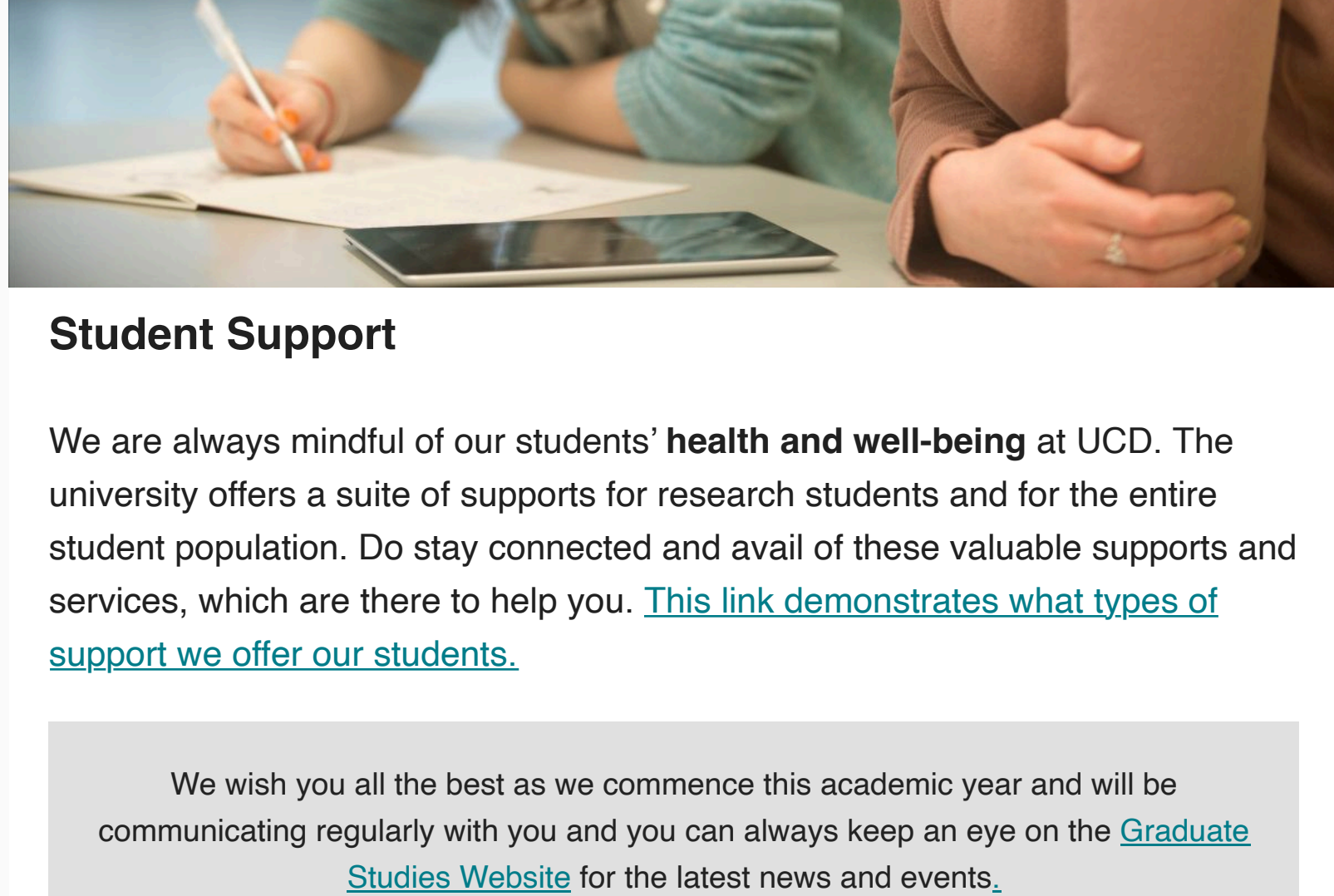


Unlocking Trusts and Foundations – One Day Session 7 October, 9.30-4.30pm

Join us for this interactive, practical online workshop designed to help you demystify and maximise opportunities from trusts and foundations. Whether you're developing proposals, seeking to diversify income streams, or refining institutional fundraising strategy — this session will equip you with the tools and insight you need to succeed.

Please see details on [our website](#)

Further Details: [Unlocking Trusts & Foundations | CASE](#)



Student Support

We are always mindful of our students' **health and well-being** at UCD. The university offers a suite of supports for research students and for the entire student population. Do stay connected and avail of these valuable supports and services, which are there to help you. [This link demonstrates what types of support we offer our students.](#)

We wish you all the best as we commence this academic year and will be communicating regularly with you and you can always keep an eye on the [Graduate Studies Website](#) for the latest news and events.

Best wishes for a successful academic year!



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It is worth visiting our News & Events page regularly for updates about events that may be of interest

Your questions and feedback are always welcome via our Graduate Studies Connector.

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See previous Graduate Studies email communications.

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