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| **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**  *Please refer to the ‘Information for Applicants’ document to assist you in completing this form* | |
| **Name of Applicant** |  |
| **School/Unit/Research Centre of Applicant** |  |
| **Email address of Applicant** |  |
| **Date of commencement of employment in UCD** |  |
| **Present position/grade and title of Applicant** |  |
| **Remaining time on contract (temporary contract only)** |  |
| Personal Statement **Please use the space below to complete your personal statement addressing the following:**   * Why do you believe you demonstrate the leadership potential to participate in Aurora? * What development needs have you identified through your P4G conversation that this programme may support you to achieve? * What outcomes do you expect to achieve from your participation in this programme at this stage of your career? | |
| **Maximum of 800 words** | |
| Please note these dates to ensure your availability should you be accepted to Aurora.Aurora **External** Online Workshop Dates | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | 24th September 2025 | **Introductory Webinar** | | 1st October 2025 | **Identity, Impact and Voice - IIV** | | 5th November 2025 | **Core Leadership Skills - CLS** | | 26th November 2025 | **Action Learning Set 1 – ALS 1** | | 17th December 2025 | **Politics and Influence – P & I** | | 14th January 2026 | **Adaptive Leadership Skills - ADL** | | 24th February 2026 | **Your Future in Higher Education - YFINHE** | | 11th March 2026 | **Action Learning Set 2 – ALS 2** |  Aurora **Internal** Workshop Dates Introduction to Aurora and Mentee Training (with lunch): **Monday 22nd September 2025 12:00 –16:30**  Mid Aurora review: In Person Event - **Thursday 29th January 2026 11.15 – 12.30**  Aurora Closing Event (in-person event followed by lunch): **Thursday 30th April 2026 11.30 – 14:00** | |

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| Mentoring Programme  Please refer to the ‘Guidance in choosing a mentor’ document for support in choosing a mentor.  If you have identified a suitable mentor, feel free to approach them to seek agreement that they are willing to work with you and enter their name below.  Alternatively, if you are unsure of what you may need in a mentor, you can wait until after the Mentee training on Monday 22nd September 2025.  **Mentor Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **OR**  **I am waiting until after 22 September to identify a mentor**:  *Please note we will be offering online* ***Mentor training*** *on the morning of Wednesday the 15*th *of October 2025, and so you must have arranged a mentor before this date.* ***Please make your chosen mentor aware of this upcoming training and the requirement that they attend, giving them as much advance notice as possible.*** *If they have previously attended this training, it is not necessary for them to attend again****,*** *unless they would like to refresh their skills.*  **I confirm that I am available for all external/online full day workshop dates for the Advance HE Aurora Dublin Programme:**  ***Y / N (Please circle)***  **I confirm that I am available for all UCD internal Workshop/Meeting dates: *Y / N (Please circle)***  **I confirm that I am willing to engage in on-going mentoring as part of the Aurora programme*: Y / N (Please circle)***  **Aurora Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **(Name of Applicant, Block Capitals)**  **I support and nominate the above applicant and will undertake to facilitate attendance at all Aurora Workshops and related internal events. I will also support the applicant to take leadership opportunities within the School/Unit as appropriate.**  **Head of School/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **(Name of Head of School/Unit, Block Capitals)** |

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| **Submission of Applications** |

* Please submit a scan of pages 1 and 2 of this form, as well as a scan of the letter of support from your Head of School/Head of Unit. Ensure all signatures are included on the form before submission.
* All applications are to be submitted electronically by **5:30pm on Tuesday 02 September**.
* Please see the table below for the email addresses to which your application must be sent. It is your responsibility to ensure that your application has been received by the correct person.

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| College/Unit | Finalised applications for each College/Unit to be directed by email to the following: |
| College of Arts & Humanities | regina.uichollatain@ucd.ie  Cc: sinead.t.dillon@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| College of Law & Social Sciences | Principalsocscilaw@ucd.ie  Cc: maggie.walshe@ucd.ie  Cc: [peopledevelopment@ucd.ie](mailto:peopledevelopment@ucd.ie) |
| College of Health & Agricultural Sciences | chasprincipal@ucd.ie  Cc: elaine.bourke@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie  *(College Office, School of Medicine, Health Affairs, NVRL & MBRS)*  Cc: shane.gorey@ucd.ie  *(School of Public Health, Physiotherapy, Sports Science)*  Cc: emer.mckenna@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie  *(School of Agriculture & Food Science, School of Nursing Midwifery & Health Systems, School of Veterinary Medicine and UCD Lyons Farm)* |
| College of Science | Principal.science@ucd.ie  Cc: laura.bowes@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| College of Business | deanofbusiness@ucd.ie  Cc: fionamcguinness@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| College of Engineering & Architecture | [aoife.ahern@ucd.ie](mailto:aoife.ahern@ucd.ie)  Cc: Lorraine.bailey@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| Registrar and Deputy President’s portfolio | officeoftheregistrar@ucd.ie  Cc: elizabeth.perrem@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| Bursars Office /VP for Finance | David.kelly@ucd.ie  Cc: shane.gorey@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| Research, Innovation & Impact | vprii@ucd.ie  Cc: Lorraine.bailey@ucd.ie  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
| Human Resources; Legal; SIRC; and Agile | Tristan.Aitken@ucd.ie  Cc: susan.caffrey@ucd.ie  Cc: [sinead.t.dillon@ucd.ie](mailto:sinead.t.dillon@ucd.ie)  Cc: peopledevelopment@ucd.ie |
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