

UCD School of Law

An Scoil Dlí UCD



PhD / M Phil Handbook 2009/10

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Welcome to UCD School of Law.

The School occupies a position of unique importance and significance within Irish legal education: it is the largest and most richly diversified law school in the State and its graduates occupy some of the most distinguished positions in Ireland in the fields of law, business and politics. UCD School of Law is justly proud of the high calibre of its student body and the enormous contribution its graduates have made and are making both nationally and internationally. Our research and post graduate degrees form a key part of the school's activities. They enrich its scholarly standing both nationally and internationally and make a major contribution to the advancement of our legal knowledge and our understanding of the role of law in society.

UCD School of Law is committed to achieving excellence in both teaching and research and to providing a rich, vibrant and friendly environment for its student body. It is committed to broadening its overall academic mission and to enhancing the educational opportunities for its student body.

Professor John Jackson
Dean
UCD School of Law

Welcome to the community of law researchers in UCD School of Law. We hope that you will enjoy your experience here, that you will be challenged intellectually and supported by staff and colleagues as you overcome those challenges, that you will acquire a wide-ranging and diverse set of skills and, that after 3-4 years you will leave here as a 'Dr.' with good memories, intellectual confidence and a desire to continue to explore new ideas and enhance knowledge in academia, the professions, or in the policy or business worlds.

Dr Gavin Barrett
Director of Doctoral Studies, School of Law

Staff/Student Liaison

While your main point of contact will be your primary supervisor, the Doctoral Studies team will also be a key reference point for you.

A student forum between the PhD management team and students is held once a semester to discuss matters of policy, interest and concern relating to the PhD programmes. Matters can be raised directly at the meeting or students can ask their representative to raise a matter of concern.

A Student Representative will be elected in September 2009.

Student Welfare

Students are welcome to come and see Dr Barrett and Dr. de Londras during their office hours which they post outside their office doors. Alternatively you can email them to arrange a mutually convenient time.

The School also has a student advisor, Ms. Nadia Clarkin who offers free confidential advice to students on request. Her contact details are given below.

Emails

Emails are sent out regularly to all PhD students. All official business is conducted through your UCD connect address which you must check

regularly. Details are given later in the handbook as to how to set up a UCD Connect account.

Law Research Connect Group

Key documents are available on the Law Research Connect Group. To get to the Group site log into UCD Connect. At the top right hand corner there is a logo marked groups. Click on this logo and it will bring you to the Law Research Connect Group. Click on "files" to see relevant documents. Relevant information will be added to the group from time to time. Students are recommended to check the Law Research Connect Group regularly.

Documents on the Connect Group include the following:

University Regulations

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/phd_regs.pdf

Viva Policy

<http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/11026/Viva%20Policy%20FINAL.doc>

Research Claim Forms

<http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Form%20T1.pdf>

<http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Form%20T2.pdf>

<http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Form%20T3.pdf>

<http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Form%20T4.pdf>

[http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Research%20Funding%20App
lication%20Form%2009-10.doc](http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/9549/Research%20Funding%20Application%20Form%2009-10.doc)

Module Registration Form 2009/2010

[http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/11025/Module%20enrolment%20reg
istration%20form%20Sep%2009.doc](http://cp.ucd.ie/cp/grouptools/fileshare/6878/11025/Module%20enrolment%20registration%20form%20Sep%2009.doc)

Research seminars

PhD students are invited and encouraged to attend the School of Law research seminars held on occasional Wednesdays at lunchtime in the Boardroom in Roebuck Castle. These seminars are beneficial not only for their academic value but also because of the invaluable opportunity they present to interact with other doctoral students and with academic staff.

A schedule for the Research Seminars in 2009/2010 will be available online shortly.

<http://www.ucd.ie/law/research/>

Every PhD student is invited to - and expected to attend - staff seminars. This is so, whether or not a given seminar is directly related to the student's research topic.

Students are also invited to and encouraged to attend Dublin European Institute seminars. For details of DEI events see <http://www.ucd.ie/dei/activities.html>

UCD Legal Research Conference

The UCD Legal Research Conference for graduate students is run by the School of Law's PhD community towards the end of the first semester each year. The event, which is now in its third year, is Ireland's only general legal research conference which caters exclusively for graduate students. The Conference provides an invaluable forum for graduate students of all levels to disseminate their research, receive feedback on their work, gain presentation experience, network and establish collaborative links with fellow legal researchers. Furthermore, the event offers the School of Law's PhD community the opportunity to work together and closely collaborate on an ambitious and rewarding project. UCD students are expected to apply to present their work at least once at the conference.

Further details can be found on the UCD Legal Research Conference website: www.ucdlawconference.com

International Students

An orientation programme for new international students will be held prior to the start of academic term in September 2009.

Students can start moving into their on-campus accommodation on Monday, 31 August 2009. The general Orientation Session will take place on Wednesday, 2 September 2009 in O'Reilly Hall. Details will be posted on the International Office website:

<http://www.ucd.ie/international/>

UCD's orientation sessions provide detailed practical information on studying and student life at UCD. There will also be sessions to introduce you to the culture, history and politics of Ireland, and social events that will enable you to meet other international students as well as Irish students. Walking tours of Dublin will introduce you to the city and its principal landmarks. It is important to attend the orientation programme as it will make your first days and weeks in UCD easier and help you to settle into your new environment.

Contact Details:

International Office

Reception

Tierney Building

UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland

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Fax: +353 1 716 1165/1071

Email: international@ucd.ie

Website: www.ucd.ie/international

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http://www.ucd.ie/international/pdf_files/Handbook0910.pdf

Governance and Staff

The PhD programmes are governed by the School of Law Research Committee, the College of Business and Law Graduate Research Committee and the University Academic Council Executive Committee. All major decisions relating to the law PhD are taken at these committees. Students are represented on the School Research Committee and the College Graduate Research Board by their elected representative.

There is also a subcommittee on the PhD on European Law and Governance and major decisions relating to that programmes are taken in both Colleges.

The PhD programmes are overseen by the Director of Doctoral Studies (Dr Gavin Barrett), the Assistant Director of Doctoral Studies (Dr Fiona de Londras) and administered by Ms. Niamh McCabe, the Graduate Programme Manager.

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Dean of Doctoral Studies and Post
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Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies
Tierney Building

Law Research Degrees Induction Programme 2009

The School of Law orientation session for incoming research students will take place at **12 noon on Friday the 4th of September 2009 in the Board Room, Roebuck Castle**. Further details of the induction will be emailed to incoming students when they are finalised. Typically, induction includes meetings with the Director and Assistant Director of Doctoral Studies and with other key personnel including the librarian to assist in orientation in the School of Law and in the College. New students are introduced to each other and also meet with existing students. The session is followed by a light lunch for students and staff present.

Programmes

The School of Law currently offers two PhD programmes: the PhD in Law and the PhD in European Law and Governance (the latter is in conjunction with the School of Politics and International Relations).

PhD in Law

The aims of the programme are:

- that candidates will demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their chosen field of legal study through developing advanced conceptual frameworks and providing a systemic understanding of the problems identified.
- that candidates will conceive, design and give effect to a substantial and innovative piece of research which will expand the frontiers of knowledge through the development of a substantial body of work (leading to publication of a monograph or a series of academic articles).
- candidates will be able to evaluate and synthesis new and complex ideas.
- candidates will become effective communicators orally and through writing.
- candidates will continue their learning and to be able to promote, within academic and professional contexts, intellectual, social and cultural advancement in a knowledge-based society.

PhD in European Law and Governance

A structured, challenging and dynamic interdisciplinary programme, this aims to integrate the fields of law and politics through the exploration of themes common to both disciplines in the context of European governance. The programme facilitates and encourages inter-disciplinary research at the doctoral level. This means that in addition to the above objectives identified for the PhD in Law the programme aims:

- to produce world class doctorates in the European law and governance. Candidates will have excellent communication and research skills evidenced through conference presentations, papers, publications (including monographs arising out of thesis) and relevant teaching.
- to provide students with the broad base of knowledge and specialist and transferable skills required to integrate law and politics perspectives into their own research so as to better respond to and understand changes within European governance and within their own discipline, and to have a greater ability to engage with other adjacent disciplines where required.

Supervision

Each student is allocated a primary supervisor before they arrive. Predicated on a high level of trust and mutual respect, the student/supervisor relationship is the most important aspect of the PhD. The University code of conduct for supervisors and their students (and dispute resolution procedures) is available here:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/con_sr.pdf
http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/con_sd.pdf

In addition to a primary supervisor, each student has a supervisory panel of three academic staff. This panel consists of the primary supervisor, a second and third supervisor. This panel meets with the student formally at least once a year to review progress. The second supervisor is one of the readers for the student's transfer which takes place at the end of the first year. The benefit of the panel is that the

student can discuss their work with all three staff although the primary supervisor remains their key point of contact.

The panel is put in place during the first semester after the student has arrived and settled into the programme and the parameters of their research have become clearer.

RPDP

Each student must maintain a Research and Professional Development Plan to map their progress and their skills development during their career at UCD. This is a log of progress, meetings, and courses taken and facilitates reflection on progress and needs over the 3-4 years of the programme. The plan is considered by the panel at its meetings and discussed with the student.

The RPDP is a University requirement and further information and the relevant forms are available here:

<http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/currentstudents/rpdp/>

Completion

Students normally take 4 years to complete their PhD. A thesis is submitted and a viva conducted with internal and external examiners. This is an interview type process – it is not a defence held in public.

The School of Law recently agreed a viva policy that students approaching their final year should consult. This policy is available on the UCD Connect group site.

There is one graduation ceremony a year for PhD students in UCD.

PhD Structure

University Regulations

An important resource for understanding the structure of the programmes is the UCD Graduate Studies site see

<http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/currentstudents/structuredphd/>

You are advised to bookmark it.

For the general regulations (which govern both PhD programmes) see

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/pol_regs.htm

These are available on the UCD connect research group site of which you already a member. These govern your relationship with the University while you are here – a good idea to read them and refer to them as required.

The Doctoral programmes consist of 270 – 360 credits of which 30 credits must be attained through coursework.

The structured and thematic programmes involve 3 – 4 years of full time study.

The Law PhD

The Law PhD is structured as follows:

Modules to the value of 30 credits comprising:

- Introduction to Advanced Research in Law (5 Credits)
- at least 15 credits of modules from the College of Business and Law/College of Human Sciences (research methods training)
- no more than 10 credits of modules selected from the LLM modules, in the areas of the research or, with the permission of the doctoral programme director, from other graduate level courses offered in the University or undergraduate modules

The European Law and Governance PhD

The PhD in European Law and Governance is structured as follows:

Modules to the value of 30 credits comprising:

- Law and Governance of the EU
- Theories of European Integration and Governance.
- at least 15 credits of modules from the College of Business and Law/College of Human Sciences (research methods training)
- no more than 10 credits of modules selected from the LLM or MSc (SPIRe) modules, in the areas of the research or, with the permission of the doctoral programme director, from other graduate level courses offered in the University or undergraduate modules

For both programmes students will initially be registered for the M Phil degree (level 4). This is stage 1 of the PhD. Stage 1 normally comprises 90 credits so it will be completed full time in one calendar year. At the end of stage 1, students undergo a transfer assessment and, if successful, can proceed to stage 2 of the PhD programme which lasts for 2-3 years.

For information on the transfer policy see the University policy document at

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/phd_stage1.doc

It is also available on the UCD connect Law Research group site.

PhD in Law

Core Module

LAW 40460 Introduction to Advanced Research in Law 5 Credits

Prof Colin Scott, UCD School of Law

Commencing Wednesday 9th September 2009 from 4pm – 6pm
Room 124 - Roebuck Castle

Module Description:

This module is intended to provide an introduction to methods and approaches in legal research for students starting their research degrees in law.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the module students should be able to:

- frame a viable research question;
- explain the implications for knowledge and understanding of the variety of ways in viewing the world;
- contrast some of the main approaches to research in law
- appreciate the variety of research materials available in the library and electronically;
- understand the advantages of using bibliographic software;
- identify the variety of methods available in legal research;
- articulate the ethical dimensions of their research

PhD in European Law and Governance

Core Modules

LAW 40720 Law and Governance of the EU

5 Credits

Professor Imelda Maher, UCD School of Law

Commencing in Semester Two on Tuesday the 19th of January 2010
from 3pm – 5pm in Room 202, Roebuck Castle

Module Description

The module integrates the fields of law and politics through the exploration of themes common to both disciplines which inform our understanding of EU governance such as institutions, norms, implementation, approaches and methods. These themes will be illustrated through a wide range of materials drawing on literature in European Studies, EU Law, comparative politics, governance and regulation.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the modules students should be able to

- Debate and present ideas orally and in writing
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the relationship between EU law and politics.
- Explain the role of European and national courts in the context of EU governance
- Assess how different kinds of law are used in EU policy-making
- Explain the implications for knowledge and understanding of the EU when viewed from different disciplinary perspectives.

POL41000 European and International Governance

10 Credits

Professor Daniel Thomas, UCD School of Politics and International Relations

Semester 1 Details TBC

Module Description

TBC

Intended learning outcomes

TBC

Skills Training

A core aspect of the PhD programmes is skills training. The University offers a wide range of modules. Students are encouraged to investigate which modules are best suited to their own research in consultation with their supervisor and/or Professor Maher or Dr. de Londras.

When deciding what modules to take, students are encouraged to consult the SIS database of modules on the UCD webpage. This contains descriptions and details of all modules currently on offer in UCD.

For an indicative list of transferable skills modules see <http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/currentstudents/transferableskills/transferableskillsmodules/>

A number of University transferable skills workshops are also available see <http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/currentstudents/transferableskills/transferableskillsworkshopshtm/>

To access level 4 and level 5 modules and their details including modules from the College of Human Sciences please see

http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm

The College of Business and Law offer a number of joint research methods training modules:

College of Business and Law Joint Research Methods Training Modules

STAT 40470 Introduction to Quantitative Research I

5 Credits

Dr Patrick Murphy, UCD School of EMPS

Commencing Semester One on Tuesday the 8th of September from 3pm to 5pm in Room N302 Blackrock

This module is worth 5 credits and is aimed at first year PhD students in the Colleges of Human Sciences and Business and Law. The module will provide students with an introduction to Quantitative Research Methods. The course will concentrate on how on the fundamental principles of research methods and statistics. Topics covered will include: design of sample surveys, observational studies and experiments, descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing and confidence intervals, simple linear regression and analysis of variance.

STAT 40490 Advanced Quantitative Techniques

5 Credits

Dr Patrick Murphy, UCD School of EMPS

Commencing Semester One on Thursday the 10th of September from 3pm to 5pm in Room N302 Blackrock

This 5 credit module is available to students who have successfully completed GEMP 40010 and GEMP 40090. Admittance is not available unless these pre-requisites have been met. It is an advanced level course aimed at PhD students in the Colleges of Human Sciences and Business and Law. Students should be aware that this course assumes a good basic understanding of statistics. Content will include Multiple Regression, General Linear Models, Generalised Linear Models (including Logistic Regression). Multivariate Statistics, Time Series Analysis and other topics of interest to students. Course content may vary slightly from year to year in an effort to best cover topics of relevance to students. Please note that this course is scheduled for Semester 1 and will consist of 1 lecture cum practical per week for 12 weeks.

GSHS40040 Paradigms of Social Enquiry

5 Credits

Dr Finbarr Lane

Semester One, Commencing Monday the 14th of September from 11am to 1pm in room L540 the Library Building, Belfield

The aim of this course is to familiarise you with the major theoretical traditions in social science and to develop an appreciation of the diverse forms of knowledge included within social science. The course begins with a brief examination of the nature of social science, the logic of social scientific inquiry, and various philosophies of social science including positivism, post-positivism, interpretivism and constructionism. We then turn to the major focus of the course: the major contemporary theoretical approaches to social science. Of these we examine in detail such approaches as structural-functionalism, Marxism, rationalist and utilitarian approaches, micro-sociological analysis, critical theory, post-structuralism, structuration theory and reflexive sociology. A number of central questions will arise in the examination of these various paradigms, questions that you yourself will no doubt encounter during the process of your own research. For example is social science a 'hard science', along the lines of physics or biology, or should we think of it more as an art based upon interpretation and understanding rather than explanation? Should social science be value neutral, and what role should values be accorded in the study of society? Are 'social facts', real facts open to empirical investigation? To what extent can social structures be considered both real and causal? What is the relationship between social structure and individual agency and which is more important in explaining social outcomes? Is it possible to integrate structure and agency and micro- and macro-level explanations?

LAW40470 Theory & Methods of Rules & Rule Making

5 Credits

Dr Thomas Mohr, UCD School of Law

Semester Two, Commencing Wednesday the 20th of January from 11am to 1pm in Room 124, Roebuck Castle

This module examines the nature of law and its impact on contemporary society and public policy. It also focuses on important aspects of legal techniques and methods. In addition, the course analyses the impact of politics, history, philosophy and other influences on legal techniques and on the nature of law itself.

STAT 40480 Introduction to Quantitative Research II

5 Credits

Dr Patrick Murphy, UCD School of EMPS

Commencing **Semester Two** on Tuesday the 19th of January 2010 from 3pm to 5pm in Room N302 Blackrock

This course will introduce or re-introduce students to the basics of quantitative research design, data processing and statistical analysis using SPSS. The principal themes of the course include the assembly and handling of data sets, some basic statistical tools for analysing data, the identification of significant results and their presentation in reports. Classes will be interactive and

participatory, and students will be expected to work on their own laptop computers during and between classes.

Facilities:

Library:

The library in Belfield is called the James Joyce Library and is located opposite the lake and adjacent to the Newman Building.

The library operates an automated access system. A valid Library card is required to both enter and exit the Library. Readers without a valid Library card should ensure that they visit the library when the [admissions desk](#) is open so that their admissions needs can be addressed.

For more information go to: <http://www.ucd.ie/library>

For information relating specifically to graduate students go to: http://www.ucd.ie/library/services_&_facilities/pgpage.htm.

Note that there are a small number of individual study rooms available in the library that can be booked on a monthly basis see http://www.ucd.ie/library/services_&_facilities/study_rooms/index.html

UCD Connect Account:

A UCD Connect account will have the same username and password that you use to access the UCD network. If you do not know your username or password, contact the Helpdesk at extension 2700.

UCD Connect

Getting Started

You can access UCD Connect using a Macintosh or PC provided you have all of the following:

1. A UCD Connect account
2. Compatible Internet browser
3. Messenger Express and Pop-Ups
4. Windows 2000 High Encryption Pack

- 5. Logging into UCD Connect
- 6. Exiting UCD Connect

1. You must have a UCD Connect account

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2. Check to see if your Internet browser is compatible

The following table outlines which version of browser is suitable for the operating system you are working with.

Browser	Operating System	
	Windows	Macintosh
Internet Explorer	6.0 SP2	N/A
Netscape	7.2/8.1	7.2 for OS 10.3 7.02 for OS 9
Firefox	1.5	1.5 for OS 10.3
Safari	N/A	1.3.9 for OS 10.3 2 for OS 10.4

Messenger Express and Pop-Ups

Many browsers contain software that block pop-up windows. If your blocking software is set to block all pop-ups, then you will not be able to use the Messenger Express email. You need to permit pop-ups from imap.ucd.ie. Click [here](#) to see more information about configuring pop-ups.

3. If you are having difficulties connecting to UCD Connect

If you are working on Windows 2000 you may have the wrong encryption pack installed in your web browser. **Windows 2000 requires the high encryption pack in order to access UCD Connect successfully.** To find out if the high encryption pack is installed on your computer please do the following:

- **Right click on the My Computer icon and properties**
- If the operating system information shows that SP1 or higher is installed, the high encryption pack is also installed.

If the correct version is not installed, you can install the high encryption pack by selecting **Windows Update** from the **Start** menu.

Logging in

To log into UCD Connect:

- **Launch** the Internet browser
 - **Go** to www.ucd.ie
- Enter your **username** and **password** in the panel on the left
 - Click **OK** or press **Enter**.
- The Home tab will be displayed. This is your starting point for all the services provided through UCD Connect.

Exiting UCD Connect

It is very important that you log out of the system correctly. If you click on the logout button on the top right-hand-side, you will exit the system properly.

<http://www.ucd.ie/itservices/itsupport/ucdconnect-topic/>

Computer rooms:

In Roebuck Castle there are two Research rooms for PhD students (room 132 and room 133). Students will have access to PCs in these rooms.

For more information on UCD IT services go to:
<http://www.ucd.ie/itservices>

Residential Accommodation:

For further information on available accommodation on the UCD Belfield campus go to: <http://www.ucd.ie/residences>

Campus Map:

For a map of the UCD Belfield campus go to:

<http://www.ucd.ie/images/subpage/maps/campusmap05.jpg>

Restaurants/cafes

There is a café in Roebuck Castle (and also in the Quinn School of Business), with full meals available at the UCD restaurant.

Campus Bookshop

This is located near the library building here in Belfield.

Funding for Research Scholarships:

Up to date information on scholarships is provided at

<http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/prospectivestudents/studentshipsscholarships/>

Fees, Scholarships & Funding

Fees

Students are liable to pay programme fees to the University. In addition to programme fees student must budget for their own maintenance (including accommodation). University fees are fixed for each year and are subject to an annual increase.

For information on fees for postgraduate programmes see http://www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/postgraduate/bus_law_fees%2009-10.html

Local Authority (Higher Education) Grants

Grant holders who complete a primary degree course may have the grant renewed in order to undertake a full-time postgraduate course. To apply for renewal, final year students in Irish universities should inform the UCD Grants Office in June, and write to their Local Authority when they have completed their primary degree. The grant, which covers fees and possibly a contribution to subsistence, may be renewed in subsequent years but is limited to one postgraduate degree or diploma course for each student.

A mature candidate (23 years of age on 1 January of year of entry to postgraduate study) may be eligible for a Local Authority grant on the basis of parents' income if ordinarily resident with parents or on the basis of own income if resident away from home. Details of income limits for eligibility are available from Local Authorities (Higher Education Section).

Research Scholarships awarded by the Ministry for Education, Northern Ireland, are tenable at UCD.

Government of Ireland Research Scholarships in the Humanities and Social Sciences

These scholarships fund research opportunities in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Law and Business Studies. Applicants must be nationals of a member country of the European Union. They should already be, or will be during the forthcoming year, registered in a recognised third-level institution as full-time postgraduate research students pursuing degrees by major thesis.

Scholarships are awarded initially for one year, but subject to terms and conditions, may be renewable for up to two additional years. Fees will also be covered for the period of the Scholarship. The closing date for receipt of applications is early January. Application forms and further information are available from:

Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS)

First Floor, Brooklawn House,
Shelbourne Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4

Tel: +353 1 660 3652

Fax: +353 1 660 3728

Web site: www.irchss.ie

Email: info@irchss.ie

Scholarships:

Ad Astra Scholarships are offered most years by the School of Law. These cover fees and offer a living allowance in return for some teaching and other academic commitments.

Funding for Conferences

Research students are entitled to an allowance of up to €500 per year to support travel for conferences and other research related expenses.

Prior authorisation for conference or other research related expenses is required from your supervisor and from Dr Gavin Barrett or De de Londras before they are incurred. Proposed expenses that are not authorised by both signatures before they are incurred WILL NOT be reimbursed. It is the responsibility of the student to secure the necessary signatures in advance of incurring any expenses. Expenses that are properly authorised must of course be fully supported by receipts in order for them to be recouped.

Forms can be obtained from the Programme Office and on the *UCD Research Connect Group*

Further funds may be sought from the UCD Seed Funding Scheme which is open to all research students and will fund conference travel. Law students have had considerable success in securing funding. Further details are available at <http://www.ucd.ie/research/>
This is a competition so it is important to discuss your application with Dr Barrett or Dr de Londras before applying.

Academic Year 2009/2010

Academic Year 2009/2010		
Semester 1		
First Year Registration and Orientation	Monday, 31 Aug – Friday, 4 Sept	Varies depending on course
Teaching term	Monday, 7 Sept – Friday, 27 Nov. (1)	12 weeks
Revision	Monday, 30 Nov – Sunday, 6 Dec	1 week
Exams	Monday, 7 Dec – Friday, 18 Dec	11 working days
Christmas break	Monday, 21 Dec 2009 – Sunday, 3 Jan 2010	
Exam process ⁵	Monday, 4 Jan – Friday, 15 Jan	
Semester 2		
Teaching term	Monday, 18 Jan – Friday, 5 March	7 weeks
Fieldwork/Study period	Monday, 8 March – Sunday, 21 March (2)	2 weeks
Teaching term	Monday, 22 March – Friday, 23 April (3)	5 weeks
Revision	Monday, 26 April – Sunday, 2 May (4)	1 week
Exams	Tuesday, 4 May – Saturday, 15 May	11 working days
Exam process (5)	Monday, 17 May – Friday, 28 May	
Summer term/Research period		
Term	Monday, 17 May – Friday, 27 August (6)	15 weeks
Exam period for derogations approved by ACEC	Monday, 9 August – Saturday, 14 August	6 working days
Exam process (5)	Monday, 16 August – Friday, 27 August	
1 October Bank Holiday: Monday, 26 October 2009 2 St Patricks Day: Wednesday, 17 March 2010 3 Good Friday, 2 April 2010; Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010; Easter Monday, Monday 5 April 2010 4 May Bank Holiday: Monday, 3 May 2010 5 Incorporates Grading, Grade Entry, Processing, Programme Boards 6 June Bank Holiday: 7 June 2010; August Bank Holiday: 2 August 2010		