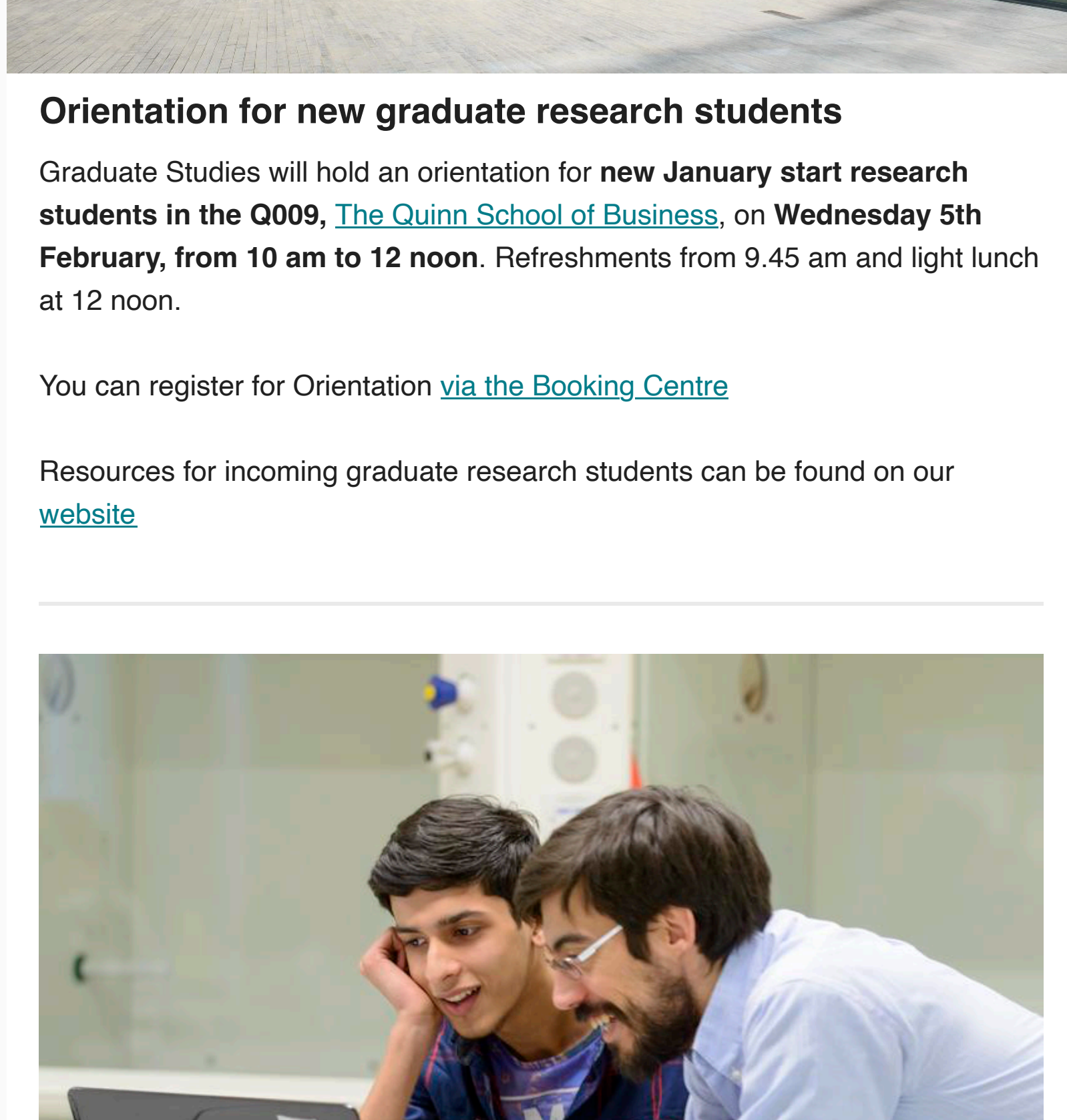


UCD Graduate Studies Newsletter

January 2025

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year from the Graduate Studies team. We are delighted to welcome a new cohort of graduate research students this trimester. Whatever stage you are at, if you are just starting, continuing or completing your studies, congratulations on pursuing your graduate research degree.

Please see below some updates and upcoming events you might like to attend.

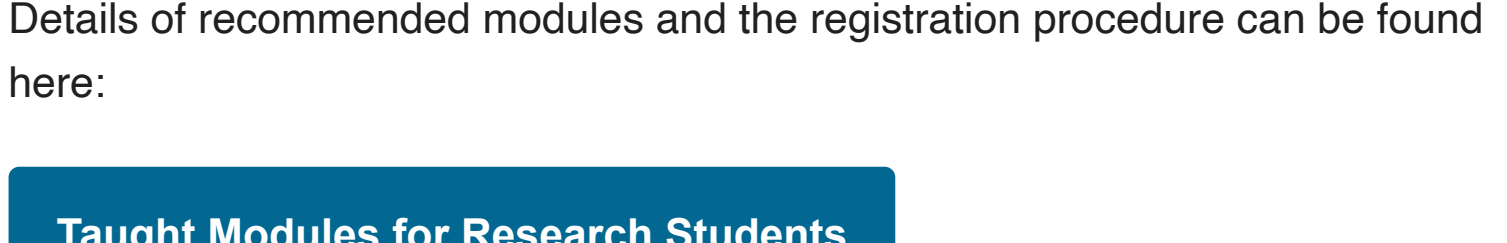


Orientation for new graduate research students

Graduate Studies will hold an orientation for **new January start research students in the Q009, The Quinn School of Business, on Wednesday 5th February, from 10 am to 12 noon**. Refreshments from 9.45 am and light lunch at 12 noon.

You can register for Orientation [via the Booking Centre](#)

Resources for incoming graduate research students can be found on our [website](#)



Taught module registration

Registration is currently open for taught modules for graduate research students and will remain open until Friday 7 February. As part of a UCD PhD, students must complete 30 credits of modules relevant to their area of research over the course of their programme.

Details of recommended modules and the registration procedure can be found here:

[Taught Modules for Research Students](#)



Online and in-person Graduate Studies workshops

Please remember to check and register for a place on our research student workshops, the first workshop will be on 29 January 'Good feedback' and workshops will continue to 28 March.

The programme of activities starts with online workshops, which are delivered by the international expert Hugh Kearns (Flinders University, Australia). Based on your feedback to date, these are very popular workshops that students have found both enjoyable as well as useful.

Graduate Studies also run in person workshops which help students to navigate their PhD. Please keep an eye out for workshops offered by colleagues in the Careers Network, Library and the Writing Centre.

[Register for all workshops via the Booking Centre](#)

Research Integrity Training is a compulsory element for all Research Degree programmes for students admitted after 31 August 2019, please see [research module](#)

PPI Ignite Network @ UCD
EUPATI Modules available to UCD PhD Students

UCD and the European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation

Is your research related to drug design and development, clinical trials, medical devices, use of technology in health or similar? These modules might be your perfect introduction to EU regulations and the role of patient involvement within these areas.

Uniquely available free of charge to UCD doctoral students for a limited time, there are four EUPATI modules available:

- Clinical and Non-Clinical Development
- Digital Health
- Health Technology Assessment & Medical Devices
- Regulatory affairs

Each module is equivalent to 5 ECTS and can be taken at your own pace.

EUPATI MODULES for PhD Students

Q&A Session
21st Jan 1pm
via Zoom

Module Options

- [Clinical and Non-Clinical Development](#)
- [Digital Health](#)
- [Regulatory affairs](#)
- [Health Technology Assessment & Medical Devices](#)

www.ucd.ie/ppi/learn/eupati/modules/

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Join the online Q&A about these modules on 21 Jan 2025: [Register](#)

More [information on the modules](#)

Ready to get started with a module? [Apply here](#)

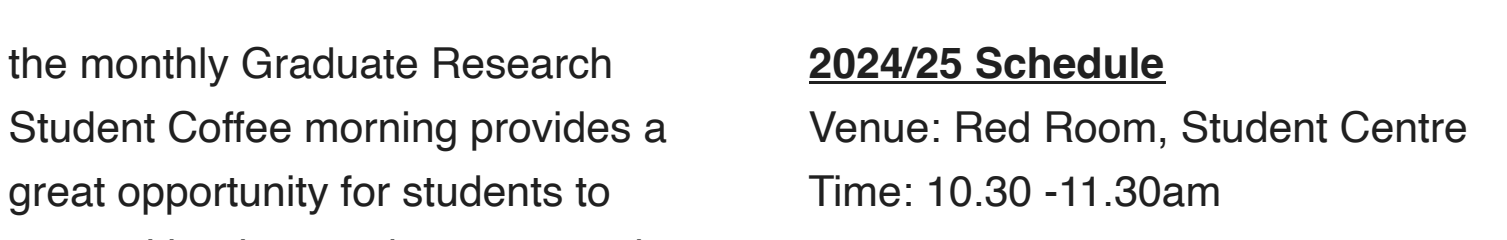
This opportunity is brought to you by the [PPI Ignite Network](#) @ [UCD](#) and [EUPATI](#).

UCD Student Adviser – Graduate Research Students

Eamonn McHugh your UCD student adviser can assist you to find pathways to deal with personal, social and emotional issues. An extended section on student supports that Eamonn can help you with is on UCD Student Advisers.



www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers



Graduate Research Student Coffee Mornings organised by Eamonn

The monthly Graduate Research Student Coffee morning provides a great opportunity for students to meet with other graduate research students, share experiences and insights, make new connections and enjoy a chat over a coffee. Please see the full schedule of dates for 2024/25. If you're new to UCD or continuing your studies, keep an eye out for an email nearer the time with details on how to sign up.

2024/25 Schedule

Venue: Red Room, Student Centre
Time: 10.30 -11.30am

- Thurs 23rd January 2025
- Thurs 27th February 2025
- Thurs 27th March 2025
- Thurs 24th April 2025
- Thurs 29th May 2025

In the meantime, should you have any questions feel free to reach out to Eamonn directly at: eamonn.mchugh@ucd.ie

UCD Careers Network

Tara Hughes is the Career and Skills Consultant for Graduate Research Students.

One to one sessions with Tara- <https://ucd.careercentre.me/members>

If you cannot find a suitable time or cannot access the system please email tara.hughes@ucd.ie



Career Action Plan (CAP) programme for Graduate Researchers via ZOOM

Starting on 23rd Jan and then every Thursday lunchtime for 6 weeks - a short 50 min session to support your CAP.

Designed as a 6-week career development programme, the Career Action Plan for Graduate Researchers includes six online careers workshops supported by linked resources on MyCareer and Brightspace.

The online 1-hour workshops take place at lunchtime every Thursday and are exploratory and discursive in nature, featuring individual reflection, group discussion, interactive activities, and Q&A.

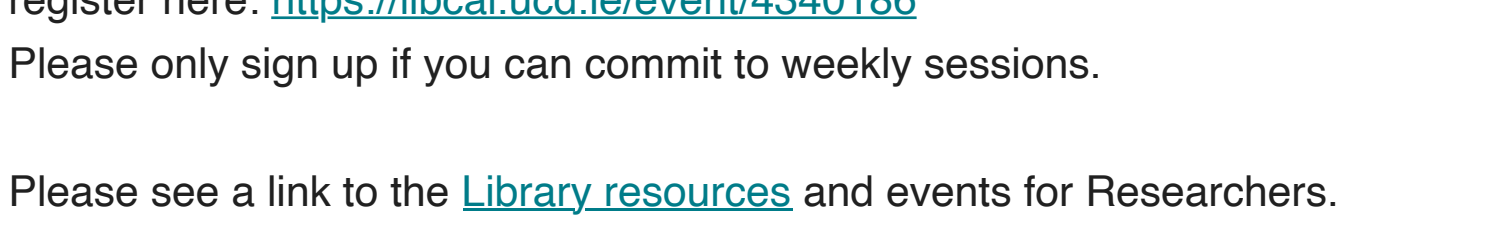
The workshops are supported by follow-up resources on Brightspace including reflective exercises, active tasks, and related video and literature resources.

Enroll on the open module 'Career Workshop Series' to access Brightspace resources.

You can drop in to any session or attend all six to complete your career action plan!

[Book](#)

You can find the list of careers events and workshops available for bookings now via [MyCareer](#)



UCD Library

Writing on Wednesday (WOW) is a weekly writing group for research students, which will take place **via Zoom** every Wednesday, from 10am-12 pm.

These sessions, open to all research UCD students, offer a supportive environment in which you can focus on one thing and one thing only... writing! WOW will start on Wednesday, February 5th. Students can read about it and register here: <https://libcal.ucd.ie/event/4340186>

Please only sign up if you can commit to weekly sessions.

Please see a link to the [Library resources](#) and events for Researchers.

Your questions and feedback are always welcome via our [Graduate Studies Connector](#). Last but not least, please do not forget to visit our [News and Events](#) page regularly for events that may be of interest.

**Wishing you all the best in 2025.
From the Graduate Studies Team.**