

Dear Student,

I'm delighted to welcome you to the new academic year, and to especially welcome our new students, many of whom I met at the President's Welcome ceremonies and Orientation last week.

As the Chief Academic Officer of UCD, I oversee your teaching, learning and overall university experience. Working with schools, colleges and many other colleagues, we develop and manage the University's academic programmes. We pride ourselves in the excellence of our faculty to support your learning and the opportunities open to you to develop personally. I encourage each of you, new and current students, undergraduate and graduate, to seize all of the opportunities available to you.

Your wellbeing, both educational and personal, while you are a student at UCD, is of the utmost importance to us, and there is no problem that is too big or too small. Don't be afraid to reach out to your <u>Student Advisers</u> or contact your <u>School or</u> <u>College office</u>, they are here to support you to ensure you reach your potential.

The start of a new term is always exciting, and having new experiences and making friends is part of life at university. You will find details on lots of social and sporting activities on the **Events Calendar** and UCD has societies and clubs for everyone. Fresher's Week runs from 16-20 September and the Sports Expo takes place from 16-19 September. My hope for each of you is that you can feel a sense of belonging in UCD and that this supports you to flourish and to thrive while studying with us.

Lastly, make the most of your time at UCD, get involved in all that this great university has to offer, be part of the UCD community. I encourage you to be a welcoming face to your fellow students and wish each of you a very successful and productive year.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Colin Scott Registrar and Deputy President



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