***Creative Connections Project***

***Instructions, Terms & Conditions***

***Graduate School* (*CACSSS*)**

**GET CREATIVE WITH CONNECTIONS:**

Inviting Postgraduate Doctoral in the *College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences* to connect with each other, and with PhDs and Masters’ level researchers from other institutions on creative and academic one-off projects. Also calling on postgraduate researchers from beyond the College (locally, nationally, internationally) to make connections with *CACSSS* researchers (listed on the Webpage).

**WHO MAY APPLY:**

Anyone from within the *College of Arts, Celtic Studies & Social Sciences* or beyond may begin the conversation to plan an event. Connections must be made with at least one researcher listed on the *CACSSS Doctoral Researchers Webpage*, and that person will act as the Principal Applicant.

**AWARD DETAILS:**

For nine months of each academic year, every six to eight weeks, the *Graduate School* will launch a *Creative Connections* initiative on the *Doctoral Researchers Webpage*. An award of up to €600 will go to a group of individuals who propose an exciting collaborative project between researchers from different departments, schools, colleges, or from another university. Existing projects, or established events that have been held in the past, are eligible for support, although it is strongly recommended that an innovative and novel aspect be introduced to these. Proposals might include any of the following (among other possibilities):

* Extramural events might include: performances, interviews, guest talks, exhibitions, readings, presentations, site-specific installations, and more;
* Small conferences or symposia;
* Guest speakers, creatives, performers, or researchers of significant stature in their field;
* Launches of events, or events themselves, with substantial potential for media attention or institutional outreach impact.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION:**

Applicants must adhere to the following conditions:

* The Principal Applicant must be a *CACSSS*-registered doctoral researcher at the time of submission, and must have obtained approval from her/his Lead Supervisor as a part of the submission process;
* The Principal Applicant must complete the submission form (available **here**);
* Applications must be submitted to the *CACSS Graduate School* (Graduateschool.cacsss@ucc.ie) on or before 12:00 on the date given on the *Doctoral Researchers Webpage* (see banner);
* The proposed event must be held before the end of the academic year in which the application is made;
* The Principal Applicant must ensure that appropriate POs have been agreed, and will be set up for all monies allocated/spent by the *Graduate School* (these will cover, primarily, elements for which *UCC* normally covers expenses: travel, catering, printing, *etc*.);
* The Principal Applicant must acknowledge *CACSSS* and the *Graduate School* in all literature circulated to publicise the event;
* Applicants may submit, and potentially win, no more than two proposals in a given academic year.

**ADJUDICATION:**

Submissions will be evaluated, and awards offered, according to the following guidelines:

* The Vice Head of College (*Graduate Studies*) will oversee adjudication of the submissions, with a selection panel comprising representatives from the *Graduate Studies* and *Research and Innovation* committees. The members should represent the main blocks of academic research activity within the college: arts/humanities, social sciences, and arts (practice).
* Applications with be scored on four categories:
	+ Innovation and originality [*30 marks*];
	+ Feasibility and organisation [*20 marks*];
	+ Strength of the proposal [*20 marks*];
	+ Potential for impact within and beyond the university [*30 marks*].

* The Vice Head of College (*Graduate Studies*) will ensure the announcement of results for each round *within six weeks* of the submission deadline;
* The Vice Head of College (*Graduate Studies*) will write a short report on each of the submissions adjudicated, and deemed unsuccessful, which will be provided to the Principal Applicant *within two months* of the date of posting of awards;
* Offers will be made subject to approval by the Head of College.

For queries on the application procedure or the terms and conditions of the award, please contact Ms Karen Coughlan at Graduateschool.cacsss@ucc.ie.