

Winner of UCC Science for All Competition 2010

Heather McLaughlin was named as the 2010 winner of the UCC Science for All Postgraduate Student Public Presentation Competition, in which young scientists have to explain themselves “without the jargon” to a live audience. Heather will represent UCC at the All-Ireland Science Speak Final in the RDS in Dublin on Tuesday, April 27th 2010.

Heather competed against six students to present lively presentations ranging from Harnessing Wave Power, Cracking the Cheese Problem, the Internet, the Battle for Iron Inside the Body, Transport in the Quantum World to Improving Electronic devices.

Heather is a postgraduate student in the Department of Microbiology and Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre and graduated from the University of Texas with a Microbiology degree in 2005. She came to Ireland to study for only three months as an undergraduate, but loved it so much she is now here for nearly five years. She is currently in her 4th year as a PhD student researching how the bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes* causes infection.

The competition was jointly organised by the College of Science, Engineering & Food Science, the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre, UCC and Tyndall National Institute. This year’s competition was sponsored by the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre, the Tyndall Institute, Mason Technology and Snap Printing.