The objectives of this session:
- What are the Options after your degree?
- Where did the UCC Food Science Graduates of 2000 go?
- What’s my next step? Action Plans
- Questions/answers

Options after your degree
- Option 1 - Enter the employment market
- Option 2 - Continue to further study
- Option 3 - Take a year out

Option 1 - Entering the Employment Market
An employer is looking for:
- Your qualification (depending on job)
- Transferable skills
- Your interest in the company
- Your “fit” into the company culture
- Your work experience

What Next?
**What Next?**

- New Product Introduction
- Logistics
- Manufacturing
- Technical Services
- Quality Assurance
- Quality Control

**What You offer an Employer**

- Intellectual Skills
  - Analytical
  - Conceptual
  - Research
  - Problem Solving
- Interpersonal Skills
  - Communication
  - Linguistic
  - Team Work
  - Leadership
- Organisational Skills
  - Pressure
  - Prioritise work
  - Meet deadlines

**Importance of Transferable Skills**

- Increased Competition
- Changing Work Patterns
- Technological Advances

**Food Science & Technology Degree recipients of 2001**

- Employment 44%
- Office 36%
- Further Study 20%

**Food Science Degree recipients of 2001**

- Employment 57%
- Other 14%
- Seeking Employment 6%
- Further Studies 23%

**Graduate Employment destinations**

- Microbiologist
- Production Supervisor
- Sales Support
- Food Safety Management
- Trainee Brewer
- Trainee Manager
- Graduate Training Prog.
- Yves Rocher
- Dairygold/CMP
- Irish Dairy Board
- Dairygold/McLaren Foods
- Budelse Brewery
- Dunnes Stores
- Smurfit's
Food Technology Degree recipients of 2001

Sample Food Technology Employment destinations

- Laboratory Analyst
- Product Manager
- Quality Auditor
- Laboratory Technician
- Recruitment Consultant
- Quality Control Supervisor
- Food Safety & Hygiene Manager
- Pepsi-Cola
- Kerry Group
- Cadbury Ireland
- Lakeland Dairies
- Marlborough Group
- Murray Goldham Foods
- Dunnes Stores

Nutritional Science Degree recipients of 2001

Sample Nutritional Science Employment destinations

- Consultant
- Operations Support
- Products Researcher
- Quality Assurance
- Lab. Technician
- Student Cardiac Technician
- Sureslim Wellness Clinic
- Pfizer
- Proctor & Gamble
- Keelings Multiples Ltd
- Guinness Brewery
- Adelaide Meath Hospital, Tallaght

Option 2: Further Studies

- Masters Degrees by Research
- Taught Masters
- Conversion Courses

Sample Masters: UCC

- MSc in...
  - Food Science & Technology
  - Multi-media Technology
  - Masters in Business Studies (MIS)
  - Masters in E-Commerce
Sample Masters: (Other Universities) MSc in...
- Human Nutrition & Dietetics
- Toxicology
- Environmental Science
- Marketing Practice
- Business Studies
- Management Information Systems
- Software Localisation

Conversion Courses
- Postgraduate Diplomas
- Vocational Training

Postgraduate Diplomas (UCC)
- Higher Diploma in Education
- Higher Diploma in Computer Science
- Higher Diploma in BIS & Financial Services
- Higher Diploma in Co-operative Organisation, Food Marketing & Rural Development
- Higher Diploma in Management & Marketing
- Higher Diploma in Psychology
- Higher Diploma in Applied Science
  - Biotechnology, Plant Disease Mgt, Commercial Micro-propagation, Materials/Analytical Chemistry.

Other Irish Universities
- Higher Diploma in Business Studies
- Higher Diploma in Applied Communication
- Diploma in Legal Studies
- Professional Diploma in Accounting
- Graduate Diploma in International Marketing
- Higher Diploma in Hydrology
- Higher Diploma in Rural Development
- Environmental Resource Management
- Higher Diploma in Forestry

Vocational/Professional Training Courses
- FAS Graduate Courses
- Professional Examinations + on-the-job work experience
- In-house traineeships

Option 3 - Take a Year Out
- Voluntary work
- Time out
- Travel
**Action Plan 1: Seeking employment**
- Quality/content of degree
- Relevant/General work experience
- Extra curricular activities
- Start planning your C.V.
- Attend Milkround Presentations – get some ideas for placement

**Action Plan 2: Postgraduate Options**
- Do what you are good at.
- Read the subject content carefully.
- Unsure? Talk to current students of the course / lecturers. Look at job prospects.
- Be practical and realistic!
- Check out closing dates.

**Further study after a degree - why?**
- Develop specialized skills - 58%
- Improve job prospects - 50%
- Prerequisite for chosen career - 43%
- Interest in content - 41%
- Develop broader skills - 38%
Many see further study as the key to getting the job they want!

**Action Plan 3: To Take a Year Out or Not?**
- Taking time out - travel, vacation work, short courses, temping etc.
- Voluntary work - valuable work but unpaid
- Self employment - setting up a business, consultancy work etc.
- Consider financial implications/VISA req.

**What Next? For everyone**

**Information**
- Occupational files
- Employer files
- Postgraduate information
- Prospects Planner
- Free internet access
- Booklets/leaflets

**Careers Service**
3/4 Brighton Villas
Western Rd.
Mon-Thu: 9.30 – 5.00
Fri: 9.30 – 4.00

**Options**
- Milk round
- Website
- www.ucc.ie/careers
- Postgrad. fair

**Advice**
- Drop-in service
- Workshops
- Careers Talks

**Summary**
- Degree blinkers off
- What UCC BSc Food Science & Technology graduates of 2000 did
- 3 Choices
  - Employment
  - Postgraduate/Further Study
  - Other Options
- Action Plans