

Roadmap to Success: MSc Research Students in CoMH

So now I am an MSc Research Student in CoMH...

Welcome to the College of Medicine and Health (CoMH) research community. Together with your supervisors, the CoMH graduate team will support your holistic development as a health science research professional. This roadmap will assist you in planning your MSc (Research) journey from registration to graduation here in UCC.



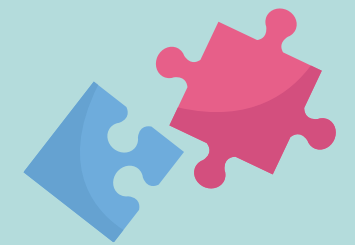
Supports and Well-being

- Supervisory Team: You have at least two supervisors or one supervisor and an advisor.
- School/Department: a postgraduate student representative and a School/Department graduate committee provide local supports.
- CoMH Graduate Studies committee: develops activities (workshops, training modules, microcredentials) and provide oversight of graduate education in CoMH.
- Vice Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor Yvonne Nolan: Leads the development of an optimal student experience for MSc students in CoMH.
- Graduate Studies Office: the central point of information for administration of MSc studies.
- Graduate Education Manager (GEM) is the research student admin platform.
- CoMH Postgraduate Research Student Canvas site: contains all relevant information and supports.
- UCC provides several mental health and well-being supports for postgraduate students.



The First Meeting

- Complete the Research Student Learning Plan and Training Needs Analysis on GEM within 3 months.
- Agree on a meeting schedule and method to capture agreed decisions, actions and timelines, either on GEM or by other means (e.g. iThinkWell Agenda).
- Discuss any ethical approvals needed for your project.
- Discuss the Progress Review Policy as it applies to your studies.



The Student Supervisor Relationship

As a CoMH MSc student, it is important that you and your supervisors develop a good working relationship that supports your career development. UCC provides guidelines on the Supervision of Research Students. Here are some useful tips:

- Take the time to set out a plan for your research and training. Perform a Training Needs Analysis and complete your Research Student Learning Plan on GEM.
- Maintain regular communication with your supervisor: agree expectations regarding supervision interactions (e.g. how often you will meet, what form the meetings will take, how actions and decisions will be documented).
- Agree a method and timeline for submission of written work (e.g. by email one week before a meeting) and feedback (e.g. oral or written).
- Ask for help, clarity and support when you need it.
- Work towards developing a respectful, professional, and constructive relationship.



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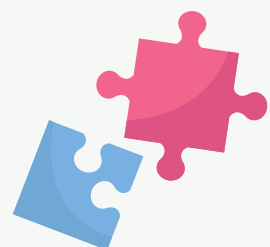
Months 1-3*

- Attend Orientation
- Complete the Research Student Learning Plan on [GEM](#)
- Attend [workshops](#) to develop your transferrable skills e.g. Ethics



Month 6*

- Progress Review
- Attend [workshops](#) to develop your transferrable skills



Month 12*

- Register for year 2 if relevant**
- Consider presenting at a conference and publishing your research



3 months before completion

- Submit 'Intention to Submit' on [GEM](#)



MSc completion

- Submit thesis on [GEM](#)
- Thesis examination
- Graduation

*pro-rata for part-time
**minimum registration is 1 year

Progress Review

- Familiarise yourself with the [Progress Review Policy](#) as it applies to MSc (Research) studies (full-time and part-time). If a review is required, the review panel will be organised by your Dept/School.
- Reviews focus on evidence of progress to date and plans for the remainder of the project.
- The Research Student Learning Plan should be discussed and updated on [GEM](#) with the Supervisory Team following a Progress Review.

Registration Change

[Changes to your registration](#) can be made on [GEM](#).

Changes permitted include:

- Full Time / Part Time
- Start Date
- Number of Years
- Supervisory Team
- Leave of Absence
- Recommencement
- Extension
- Programme
- Thesis title

Changes must be approved by Supervisors and Head of Department/School on [GEM](#).

Submission and Examination

- In agreement and consultation with your supervisors, submit an 'Intention to Submit' on [GEM](#) 3 months in advance of your thesis submission.
- Follow the [Procedures for Submission and Examination of Theses for Research Masters Degrees](#).
- Details of the [Examination Appeals Procedure](#) is available on the [Graduate Studies Policy Portal](#).
- All [examination processes](#) must be done on [GEM](#).



Postgraduate Activities

An active [Postgraduate Student Committee](#) is the voice of the graduate community. Students on the committee liaise with and listen to students in their Centres and Schools, organize social and academic events and lead initiatives that are important to the graduate student body. Consider getting involved!

Resources

[Graduate Studies Office \(GSO\)](#)
[Graduate Studies Policy Portal](#)
[Policy on Resolution of Difficulties](#)
[UCC Code of Research Conduct](#)
[UCC Research Ethics](#)
[UCC Library](#)
[UCC Student Supports](#)
[UCC Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Unit](#)
[UCC Disability Support Service](#)
[Graduate Attributes Programme](#)
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Graduate Education Manager (GEM)

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