

# Roadmap to Success: MSc Research Students in CoMH

## College of Medicine & Health Graduate Studies

### 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.



### 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.

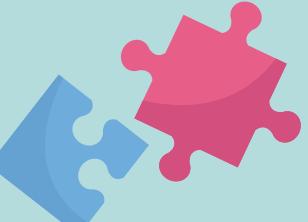
### Supports and Well-being

- 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 Elaine Lehane: 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.



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