

RSS Research Skills Training Programme 2021

The 2021 sessions will take place on **Tuesdays from 12.00-13.00** and will be delivered through **Teams Live event**

Title	Date	Venue	Speaker
Finding Funding – navigating the funding landscape	09/03	Live webinar	Niamh Mundow, Amanda Forde
Proposal Development and Writing	23/03	Live webinar	Jennifer Browne, Karen Galvin
Preparing your budget	13/04	Live webinar	Kevin Goggin
Dissemination, Communication & Outreach in Research Proposals	27/04	Live webinar	Tamela Maciel, Jennifer Browne
Impact	11/05	Live webinar	Ashleigh Byrne, Allen White, Sean Lucey
Learning from Evaluators	25/05	Live webinar	Allen White
Summer Break			
Project Management	14/09	Live webinar	Jacqueline Lyons, Rebecca Buckley
F.A.I.R. Data Management	28/09	Live webinar	Aoife Coffee
Research Integrity	12/10	Live webinar	Irene Kavanagh
Procurement	26/10	Live webinar	Fiona Thomson
Maximising the impact of your research through commercial exploitation	09/11	Live webinar	David Corkery
Maximising and Measuring Citation Performance	23/11	Live webinar	David O'Connell, Breeda Herlihy

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Finding Funding – navigating the funding landscape	This offers an overview of the national and European funding landscape and the tools available to help researchers find suitable funding streams. Local and national supports available to the research community will also be covered	Niamh Mundow, Amanda Forde
Proposal Development and Writing	<p>Coordinating multinational, multi-partner proposals for EU funding applications is a significant and time-consuming undertaking. Based on PRIME UCC’s experience in supporting PIs in proposal development for Horizon 2020 applications, we will explain the proposal development process and provide key tips to ensure a smooth submission, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the programme challenges, scope and evaluation criteria • Building and managing a consortium • Planning and managing the writing process • Administrative tasks, such as collecting partner information and negotiating the budget • Planning for submission 	Jennifer Browne, Karen Galvin
Preparing your budget	<p>This offers an overview of major aspects to consider when drafting your budget. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance! Compliance! Compliance! – With the funding agencies application guidelines...with UCC’s policies...with national regulations. • Direct Costs versus Indirect costs – What are the differences? • Pay costs – How to forecast? • Equipment – Cost versus depreciation? • Other Costs – How to forecast? • VAT – Is my project Vatable? • Overheads – What are they? Where are they recorded? 	Kevin Goggin
Dissemination, Communication and Outreach in Research Proposals	A well-crafted, detailed plan for Dissemination, Communication, and Outreach can make all the difference between a good research proposal and an engaging, eye-catching proposal that captures the evaluators’ attention. At PrimeUCC, we have a wealth of experience in both successful proposal development and science communication management, especially for EU-funded, multinational projects. In this session, we will share our experiences and tips from both sides of the research project cycle: pre- and post-funding.	Tamela Maciel, Jennifer Browne

	We'll discuss the key dissemination and communication elements to include in your research proposal, how to shape your communications strategy, and how to manage communications once the project is successfully funded	
Impact	<p>This workshop will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is impact and how do we measure it? Examples of research impact in healthcare • Resources to develop case studies – examples from the impact template developed in CACSSS • Examples from B&L 	Ashleigh Byrne, Allen White, Sean Lucey
Learning from Evaluators	<p>Evaluations of funding applications are often seen as a 'black box' - indecipherable, mysterious, ultimately unknowable – however in most funding programmes evaluators are researchers and academics themselves. Drawing on the experiences of a number of UCC colleagues who have acted as evaluators on national and international funding programmes this session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draw on insights into the procedures and organisation of evaluations under different national and international funding schemes & programmes • provide perspectives on how applicants can use information about evaluation to inform/shape applications • illustrate how to become an evaluator for different national/international funding agencies 	Allen White
Summer Break		
Project Management	<p>This workshop will cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management methodologies (PRINCE2 and PM2) • Project Management tools (including the use of technology platforms) • Successful communication with consortium, project coordinator and funders • Project Management skills you already have coming from research • Research Project Management supports at UCC • Tips for smoother financial/technical EU reporting 	Jacqueline Lyons, Rebecca Buckley

F.A.I.R. Data Management	F.A.I.R. data management comes from a set of principles which state that you should make data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable. These principles provide guidance for data management and sharing and allow researchers to maximise the potential for reuse of their research data. This talk will discuss F.A.I.R. data in context, describe what the F.A.I.R. guidelines are and how it relates data management and what supports for F.A.I.R. are available in UCC	Aoife Coffey
Research Integrity	Research Integrity (RI) is a current key focus on the international research landscape. While Fabrication, Falsification, and Plagiarism [“FFP”] represent the most serious examples of misconduct, there are also additional types of poor practices which, while not as serious as FFP in individual instances, are probably more widespread and therefore potentially more damaging to the reputation of research and the research community’s integrity (UCC Code of Research Conduct 2018). This very short introduction to the Research Integrity is designed to give food for thought in the broad context of responsible conduct of research. It looks at today’s incredibly competitive research environment where the pursuit of truth can be compromised by the requirement to attract funding, the need to produce important and ‘publishable’ results and the emphasis on publishing in high impact journals	Irene Kavanagh
Procurement	This information session will be an introductory session for those researchers who may be planning a tender project and will aim to cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to public procurement requirements • UCC Procurement thresholds • Submitting tender requests • Developing a tender specification • Overview of a tender process • Existing framework arrangements 	Fiona Thomson

<p>Maximising the impact of your research through commercial exploitation</p>	<p>In addition to undertaking high quality research and producing research papers, there is now a strong national and international agenda to ensure that where possible the impact of research activity is broadened to society and the economy. One way to do this is through commercialising our research ideas and expertise, either with existing companies or through the establishment of new spinout companies. This workshop will explore how best to achieve that and how UCC Innovation will lead this effort in UCC in partnership with the research community</p>	<p>David Corkery</p>
<p>Maximising and Measuring Citation Performance</p>	<p>This session will explain the basics of citation metrics and show you how to monitor them for your publications. It will show you how to select the best journal for your research and how to optimise the visibility of your publications. The role of citation metrics in the current university and research landscape is also examined and discussed</p>	<p>David O'Connell, Breeda Herlihy</p>