

Data Protection Notice for 2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey

The Graduate Outcomes Survey is being conducted by a third party on behalf of University College Cork Career Services. The personal information you provide will only be used for the purposes of the Graduate Outcomes Survey and your personal data (e.g. name, email address, address, telephone number etc.) will remain confidential in the analysis of the results. The results of this survey will be shared with the Higher Education Authority (HEA) so they can perform their statutory functions under the Higher Education Authority Act, 1971.

Survey participants will be contacted for the survey by the third party in the first instance by email, with follow up emails and further to this by phone in order to complete the survey.

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) uses the data collected in the Graduate Outcomes Survey for fact-based statistical analysis to help understand the real needs that higher education should meet, to promote equality of opportunity in higher education and to assist the government in developing future higher education policies and investment. For further information, please see <https://hea.ie/skills-engagement/graduate-outcomes/>

Anonymised data will be used by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and University College Cork (UCC) in reporting the results of the survey. This anonymisation process is done by linking information from the Graduate Outcomes Survey through student ID number and/or PPSN.

The following Graduate Outcomes Survey data will be given to the HEA:

- Data on graduate qualifications and employment both within Ireland and overseas
- Data on relevance of employment to area of study
- Data on graduate further study
- Data on graduate unemployment and unavailability for work
- Longitudinal data to track career progression of graduates
- Graduate perceptions of the quality and relevance of their higher education experience

Your Data Rights

Please note that completing the survey is optional but should you choose to complete the survey there are some mandatory questions in order to submit the survey. Should you wish to opt out of the survey, there is an opt-out link in the email inviting you to complete the survey.

At all times your data will be held securely in accordance with UCC's Data Protection Policy

If you have any questions in relation to your personal data, or how to exercise these rights, you may contact the UCC's Data Protection Officer – gdpr@ucc.ie