

## Quality Peer Reviewer Panel 2021/22

### Student Reviewer Panel Expression of Interest Form

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#### Invitation

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The Quality Enhancement Unit is inviting undergraduate and postgraduate students to submit an **Expression of Interest** in participating in Quality Peer Review. Following receipt of the Expressions of Interest, a Student Reviewer Panel will be formed for 2021 – 2022 and training will be provided. Individual students from this Panel may be invited to participate on Review Panels as full Panel Members; invitations will be based on experience, discipline and availability (students are required to be available to participate for the full duration of the scheduled reviews so will normally receive a few months' notice). To indicate your interest, please, complete the attached form, including the 300-word statement. If you have any queries about the process, please, contact Dr Silvia Brandi, Quality Enhancement Advisor, at [sbrandi@ucc.ie](mailto:sbrandi@ucc.ie).

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#### Frequently Asked Questions

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##### **What is Quality Peer Review at UCC?**

The University is required to review all of its academic and service units at least once every 7 years, and this happens on a cyclical basis. Each year, approximately 10 reviews take place. However, during the academic year 2021/22 a reduced number of reviews will take place to facilitate the fulfilling of other QEU's responsibilities. The process adheres to a four-stage model: self-evaluation report (SER); peer review and site visit; published Panel report; follow-up Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) from the unit. For each review, a panel of national and international peer experts is convened, which includes colleagues from UCC. In line with UCC's Goal to "deliver an outstanding, student-centred teaching and learning experience" each Panel includes a student reviewer as a full Panel Member.

##### **What is involved for student reviewers?**

As full Panel Members, student reviewers are required to contribute with three tasks pertaining to a unit's quality review process: first, before the Panels' site visit takes place, they will have to read and critically engage with the unit's Self-Evaluation Report (SER), particularly pertaining with student issues; second, during the course of the Panel's site visit, they are entrusted with representing and articulating issues on behalf of their UG and PG peers. Finally, after the Panel's site visit, student reviewers contribute to the redaction of a Panel Report. Prior to inclusion on the Panel, apposite training will be provided for student reviewer candidates. This is a pre-condition for their enlisting into the Student Reviewer Panel.

##### **What experience do I need?**

Relevant experience on student representative or University committees/bodies is an advantage – but not an essential experience, provided that the candidate has gained other relevant and demonstrable related experience. This includes, for example, key role in student societies, charitable organisations or work-placement, previous employment or any other relevant activity.

##### **What are the benefits of participation in quality peer review?**

Students reviewers get to participate in, and contribute to, a dynamic process, gaining insight beyond their own day-to-day experience of University life, into broader strategic, structural, organisational and academic issues across the institution. As full members of the Review Panel, they have the opportunity to engage with, and learn from, highly experienced national and international discipline experts and leaders. Equally, they will have the opportunity to appraise and lead the Panel on local student issues. Student reviewers will also be awarded a Digital Badge for their participation as Quality Peer Reviewers.

**Is this work remunerated?**

Yes, students are remunerated for their participation as Panel Members on the Review Panels.

**Expression of Interest for the role of Student Peer Reviewer**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Student Number</b>	
<b>Programme</b>		<b>Year</b>	
<b>UCC Email</b>		<b>Phone No</b>	
<p><b>Please outline, in not more than 300 words, your interest in and suitability for this role</b></p>			

Expressions of interest should be returned by **31 August 2021**.

Please, address any queries and return this form to Dr Silvia Brandi:

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Many thanks for your interest in collaborating with the Quality Enhancement Unit and contributing to improving the quality of the student experience at the University.

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