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Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh
University College Cork, Ireland

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UCC Entrepreneur-in- Residence Programme

Connecting Ambitious Researchers
to Entrepreneurial Expertise



Designed for researchers committed to exploring the commercial potential of their work, this programme provides direct access to UCC's Entrepreneurs-in-Residence, structured guidance, and the power of peer-to-peer support.

The programme will be mentoring 4 groups of 7 (28 researchers in total). Peer groups will be aligned with the stage of commercial development. Each group is limited to **seven researchers** to enable personalised support and deep entrepreneurial insight.

What you'll get



Your own assigned Peer-to-Peer group of 7 facilitated by an Entrepreneur-in- Residence



Opportunity to access monthly 1:1 sessions focused on progressing your commercial opportunity



Eligibility Criteria, Requirements

The Entrepreneurs-in-Residence programme is designed for researchers with a innovative concept who want to take the next step to explore how their idea can deliver real economic and societal benefit beyond the university in a commercial setting.

Each group will be represented by one team project member only.

Participants need to be able to commit to:

Attending and contributing to 4 x Peer-group sessions from 10am-12.30pm on:
Monday 23 February
Monday 13 April
Monday 8 June
Monday 5 October

Be prepared to have regular meetings with their designated EIR. The availability and capacity of each EIR is unique, therefore, requests for a specific EIR cannot be guaranteed. Identify your most pressing or challenging problems.



Who Should Apply

Researchers who:

Are serious about moving their research toward real-world use through commercialisation

Want commercial guidance, mentoring, and support

Are prepared to engage fully and consistently

If you're ready to deepen your commercial journey, learn with peers, and explore what your research could become, this programme is for you.

Apply here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gK6fWHwUcLding>

Applications close Friday 13th at 5pm.

Projects will be informed of selection on Monday 16th

For any queries related to the Entrepreneur-in-Residence programme please email maevem@ucc.ie

Meet UCC's Entrepreneurs in Residence



Deirdre Mortel
CEO Rethink Ireland



Donal Daly
Founder, Executive
Chairman Future Planet



Liz Shanahan
Entrepreneur, Chair,
Non Executive Director



Ray Alcorn
CEO at Exceedence Ltd



Rick Livesey
Scientific Founder and Chief
Executive Officer of Talisman
Therapeutics

