

# UCC+ plus



## Schools Outreach Programme

The UCC PLUS+ Programme aims to broaden participation of under-represented school leavers in third level through a variety of pre-entry school initiatives and enhance their college experience through dedicated post-entry supports.



# UCC

University College Cork, Ireland  
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

## Third Level Education!



Where do you want to go?

What do you want to do?

Have you thought about going to college?

UCC

It might be easier than you think!

UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> is here to help with a range of programmes and activities.

## What is UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup>?

**UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> is about YOU and YOUR future!**

Education plays a crucial role in the intellectual, personal and social development of each individual. Third level education is seen as increasingly necessary for a good quality of life and broader and more exciting career opportunities. However, research has shown that many groups are still underrepresented at third level. UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> strives to target such students and support them to progress to and succeed in third level education. The programme involves 3 core strands: **Schools Programme, Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) Scheme, Post-Entry College Support Programme.**

## Who is UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> for?

UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> is for students that have an academic ability to succeed at third level, but for a variety of socio-economic reasons may be prevented from doing so. Students would typically come from lower-income households, with little or no tradition of progression to third level.

### Schools Programme

The aim of the Schools Programme is to enhance the educational aspirations of students and encourage those with academic ability to consider higher education as a real option and support their progression to third level.

## Primary School

Professor Fluffy's University Adventure

## Second Level School

**JUNIOR CYCLE**



1st & 2nd Year LearnSmart Workshop

1st Year Xperience Camp/Uni-4-U!

2nd Year Student Achievement Awards

2nd Year Science Camp

1st/2nd/3rd Year Homework Clubs

Junior Cert Supplementary Tutoring

**SENIOR CYCLE**

TY Easter School

5th Year Easter School: The Reunion

5th Year Gaeltacht Scholarships

Leaving Cert Master Science Revision

Leaving Cert Oral Irish Revision

Leaving Cert Weekend Study Facility

Leaving Cert Supplementary Tutoring Programme

Leaving Cert School Visit







## Professor Fluffy University Adventure

Join Professor Fluffy on her University Adventure as you have fun learning all about UCC and college life. Parents/guardians are welcome too to watch you graduate in UCC wearing your cap and gown.

## Second Level Schools Outreach Programme

### LearnSmart

(1st & 2nd Year)

School-based practical workshop to help you find your study space and find the right study skills for you. Top tips, a take home pack and a follow-up session in 2nd year to help you LearnSmart.

### Xperience Camp/Uni-4-U!

(1st Year)

This 1-day camp offers you a unique, interactive and fun introduction to UCC and the UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> Programme. Enjoy interactive practical workshops, a campus tour and activities in the Mardyke Arena.

### Student Achievement Awards

(2nd Year)

We recognise potential and reward effort! Award categories include: Maths, Irish, English and European Languages. If selected by your class teacher, you and your parents enjoy a prestigious Award Ceremony in UCC.

### Science Camp

Are you a budding scientist?  
(2nd Year)

This 1-day camp brings science learning to life. Carry out experiments in the purpose-designed UCC Eureka Centre labs and be amazed with the incredible Chemistry Magic Show.

### Homework Club

(1st/2nd/3rd Year)

Do you want help with your Homework? UCC tutors travel to schools to help students with homework after school hours. So get involved, you'll find homework easier and hear all about college too.

### Supplementary Teaching

(Junior Cert & Leaving Cert)

Are you finding any of your subjects particularly difficult? Would you like to get some extra help? Ask your career guidance counsellor about the free UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> small group extra tuition and go get that grade!



SENIOR  
CYCLE

## Easter School: Get a life, Get a COLLEGE life!

(Transition Year/5th Year)

Ever want to know what it's REALLY like to be a College Student? Be a UCC student for a week and get a real insight into University life. Get the REAL student experience on this activity-packed, fun-filled university taster programme with a variety of workshops such as Dragons' Den, drama, languages, physics show, moot court, lab experiments and the Mardyke Arena.

## Easter School: The 5th Year Reunion

(5th Year)

Following the success of Easter School, we do it all over again in 1 day! College taster sessions, speed-meeting with undergrads and everything you need to know about getting to college. Re-unite with students and re-ignite your college ambitions.

Reunite &  
Re-ignite

## Gaeltacht Scholarships: Gaeilge Abú

(Transition Year/5th Year)

How about a trip to the Gaeltacht to improve your Gaeilge? Schools can avail of a Gaeltacht Scholarship to organise a small group visit to the Gaeltacht.

## Master Revision Classes

(Leaving Cert)

1-day intensive, premium quality revision classes, including laboratory practicals for Leaving Cert students studying higher level Chemistry, Biology and Physics. These exam-focussed sessions based in the Eureka Labs UCC will boost you grades.

Need Some  
Exam Help?

## Oral Irish Revision Classes

(Leaving Cert)

Want to ace the Leaving Cert Béaltríal? How about a top quality, intensive oral Irish revision class? You will be confident and fully prepared to face the Oral Irish exam.

## Weekend Study Facility: Got Space?

(Leaving Cert)

Do you need somewhere quiet to study at the weekends? UCC PLUS<sup>+</sup> offers an on campus weekend study facility for Leaving Cert students. Get space, get studying!





## Parents

We are here to help parents too! Subject choices, study skills, applying to college or any other questions you may have. UCC PLUS+ staff attend parent events in schools, welcome parent groups on campus visits and are always just a phone call away.

## Traveller Mentoring Programme

Traveller students are supported by a school Mentor for one-to-one or small group sessions that explore the students experience of school in a positive and supportive manner. The Mentor acts as a key link between student, parent and school staff and can provide academic, personal and career-planning support to help students reach their potential in school.

## Proud Partners

UCC PLUS+ are proud partners in the following initiatives to support student progression:

- Johnson & Johnson Bridge To Employment (BTE) Programme
- DPS Student Support Programme
- Cork City Traveller Mentoring Programme
- Centre for Talented Youth Ireland (CTYI) Programme.



## Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) Scheme

What about college? There are many routes to achieving your career goal. It might be easier than you think! The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) Scheme provides an alternative entry route to college/university. HEAR applicants must meet a range of financial social and cultural criteria to be considered for a reduced points place and extra college supports.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, ASK YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR OR CONTACT UCC PLUS+.**

## UCC PLUS+ Post Entry College Support

Once admitted to a degree programme in UCC HEAR students are supported by UCC PLUS+.

Supports include:

- Residential orientation programme
- Dedicated Support Worker
- Student Resource Room
- Extra academic tuition
- Laptop loan/textbook service
- One-to-one mentoring
- Financial Bursary.

### SCHOOL VISITS

A UCC PLUS+ staff member will visit your school to speak with the Leaving Cert class about UCC PLUS+ and HEAR. **DON'T MISS IT!**





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