



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

UCD SCIENCE SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY 2026

For International Students

28 JUNE - 5 JULY 2026



UCD campus, Belfield, Co. Dublin

The **UCD Science School of Discovery** is an enrichment programme designed for international students especially interested in learning more about the wide spectrum of sciences open for discovery in UCD. The **UCD Science School of Discovery** is delivered through taught lectures, hands-on laboratory experience, collaborative projects and learning under the mentorship of the UCD Science faculty.

The **UCD Science School of Discovery** will also highlight the unique range of degree programmes available and prepare students for the exciting and rewarding experience of studying with UCD Science on a more long-term basis.

Science Discovery Programme

Key Features:

- Taught lectures and laboratories to learn about and engage with the UCD Science faculty
- Faculty-led workshops to learn about different degree options in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Environmental Science, Earth Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Opportunities to meet with UCD staff to discuss degree options
- Leadership and career development sessions
- Introduction to UCD's student supports, clubs and societies
- Accommodation in UCD's on-campus student residences.



UCD O'Brien Centre for Science



UCD... A Global Student Experience

UCD is Ireland's largest and most international university, with over 38,000 students and with 31% of the student body being international students from 152 different countries. Established in 1854, UCD has over 150 years of tradition and is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide.

UCD is located on a modern campus in Dublin's south suburbs, easily accessible to the city centre by bus, bike or car. The campus boasts a dedicated International Student Centre, state-of-the-art classrooms and sports facilities that are among the finest in the country. UCD also offers newly renovated, single-room residence halls, as well as an abundance of dining options on campus.

Ireland... The Friendliest Country in the World!

Ireland is an island located to the west of Europe with a population of approximately 5.3 million people.

Ireland is well known for its stunning scenery and landscapes, from rugged coastlines and inland lakes to impressive mountains and flat pasture farmland.

Ireland has been designated as one of the friendliest and safest countries in the world; boasting one of the top education systems worldwide.



Earth Sciences Field Trip, Killiney Bay



Evening Social, Dun Laoghaire Pier

Admissions Criteria Application Deadline

To be eligible for admissions to the UCD Science School of Discovery, students must be 16 or 17 years old during the programme dates and resident outside the EU.

Students must also present the following documents for consideration:

- Current and/or projected grades based on curriculum of study
- Teacher/Counsellor recommendation
- A one page statement detailing interest in studying in Ireland/UCD

Please note that we are unable to offer university credits for the UCD Science School of Discovery.

Application deadline: 23rd January 2026

The UCD Science School of Discovery has limited numbers. To ensure you secure your place early application is advised. Applicants going into senior year will be prioritised for places on the programme.

Fees

The cost of the programme is €1,700 Euros. This fee includes:

- Academic lectures and workshops
- Laboratories
- Field trips
- On-campus housing
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Cultural and social activities

Please note that airfare is not included in the fee for the UCD Science School of Discovery.

"Every aspect of the programme, from the accommodation, food, people, academic sessions and activities were above and beyond my expectations."

Student Participant 2025, South Africa

"This trip was an incredible opportunity for high school students to have hands-on lab experience. The exposure to the academic staff and university life was an amazing opportunity to broaden their horizons and discover the applicability of Science to both the real world and everyday life. It was lovely to also have a bit of exposure to the Irish culture and see a bit more of the world."

High School Teacher Participant 2025, South Africa

"As a Counsellor assisting learners to explore and make decisions about their next step in education, engagements like the UCD Science School are essential to gather information about potential degree paths. In addition, being able to experience life for a week as a student on a university campus starts to make the journey to the next step a little less imaginary. UCD opening their world class School of Science, staff and facilities, to high school learners to immerse is a not to be missed opportunity."

Learner's Journey, South Africa

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