

## UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK OPEN DAYS

Open Day at UL is planned with you in mind. This is your best chance to see the University in action and get a real feel for our campus. It's your day so make the most of it!



### So what's on?

Talks on all of our degrees programmes are offered throughout the day – each talk will explain what a particular course is about and what it's like to study that subject area.

- Chat to the Open Day guides in yellow t-shirts – they're all current students who are happy to share their UL experience with you!
  - We have talks on UL sports scholarships, our clubs and societies, and the transition to third level
  - Visit our information stands in marquee where you can find out more about courses at UL and our many support services.
  - Don't forget to take a guided tour of the campus on the free bus provided – you can also check out our student village accommodation.
  - Jump on our shuttle buses for free transfers to and from LIT and Mary Immaculate College and LSAD
- Book now at [www.ul.ie/opendays](http://www.ul.ie/opendays)

## NEW GLUCKSMAN LIBRARY

**One of the most digitally advanced campus libraries in the world!**

The new UL Glucksman Library has now doubled in size and capacity. The Library now includes a range of world class innovations in book storage and retrieval, digital research, accessibility and 'inspirational learning spaces'. One stand out feature is the ARC (Automated Reserve Collection) - a 10 meter high book vault and robotic crane, with the capacity to store 500,000 volumes in a space 1/9th of conventional shelving, which will see UL's historic collections, currently housed off-site, returned to campus. Speaking at the launch, UL President Dr Des Fitzgerald said: 'The new Library is an engaging and creative space for learning and research at the heart of the campus. Leveraging UL's tradition for innovation the library is technology-rich with advanced computing, collaboration and communication space alongside traditional scholarly areas.' The



library, one of the busiest places on campus, will now provide 2,200 study spaces and a range of specialist zones to meet the changing needs of UL students and researchers.

## FIRST IRISH PERSON SET TO GO TO SPACE

**A graduate of UL's aeronautical engineering programme, Dr Norah Patten is set to be the first Irish woman in space.**



One of just 12 people invited to take part in a unique citizen-astronaut training programme, Ballina woman Dr Norah Patten studied Aeronautical Engineering at UL. Throughout this course she learned all about aircraft, aerodynamics, materials and how planes fly. For her cooperative placement, Dr Patten interned at the Boeing Company in Washington. Keep an eye out for Dr Norah Patten, she is set to become the first Irish woman in space, encouraging people to step beyond their limits - as for her, there is no such thing!

## Limerick all Ireland Hurling Team Swaps Their Jerseys for Gowns



Pictured: Gearoid Hegarty, Tom Morrissey, UL President Dr Des Fitzgerald, Sean Finn and Pat Ryan (missing from image: Mike Casey).

Limerick's All-Ireland winning hurlers swapped jerseys for graduation gowns as 5 of the team were recently conferred at UL. The graduates were also accompanied by an extremely important guest, the Liam McCarthy cup. The hurlers spoke of how they achieved balance between study and training, and how the University of

Limerick provided them with all of the support they needed in every aspect. In total, 13 panel members are either current students or graduates of UL, showcasing how UL nurtures and encourages its students to reach the best of their ability, whether that be on the pitch, or in the lecture rooms. The University of Limerick is extremely proud of their achievements and wish them the best in their future endeavours.



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