

University of Limerick May Newsletter



University of Limerick launches worldclass electronic music studio



Students of UL's BSc in Music, Media and Performance Technology Síoda McCarthy, Andrew Knox and Aileen Evans with Jürgen Simpson, director of the Digital Media and Arts Research Centre at UL

The University of Limerick unveiled its cutting-edge electronic music studio within the Digital Media and Arts Research Centre, situated in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. The University of Limerick Electronic Music Studio (ULEMS) debuted with a presentation by Irish electronic music composer Roger Doyle, followed by a concert featuring renowned artists like Paddy Mulcahy and Sharon Phelan. Established by Jürgen Simpson, Dr. Neil O'Connor, and Tony Irwin, ULEMS offers a diverse range of digital and analogue instruments, reflecting the evolution of electronic music from the 20th to the 21st centuries. With a focus on innovation, the studio boasts a newly commissioned Buchla 200e synthesizer and access to instruments by leading brands like Roli and Nord. ULEMS will benefit students of music, media, and interaction design programs, fostering creativity and collaboration among local and international composers. **Find out more here**.

Event Information Evening





UL CAO Change of Mind Event

Thursday 27th (Virtual Event) and 28th of June (In Person) 2024



<u>Register Here</u>





Special Entrance Mathematics Examination

Thursday 29th of August

2:30PM-5PM

Find out more Here

The Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Limerick (UL) offer a special entrance mathematics examination to give Leaving Certificate students a second chance to pursue a course of study in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. The following programmes have also been included: LM092; LM094; LM095; LM096 and LM097.

The special mathematics examination is for students who achieve sufficient CAO entry points and satisfy all other entrance requirements but who do not achieve the requisite Mathematics grade (Higher only) in the Leaving Certificate. The examination is based on the Leaving Certificate Curriculum in the Higher Paper Only.



#Study At UL



Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Career Evening



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Wednesday 15th of May 2024

Time:6:30PM **Location:**KBG-12,Kemmy Business School

Prospective undergraduate students, parents, guardians and teachers with an interest in our faculty's <u>undergraduate programmes</u> are invited to join us on campus for this careers evening. All are welcome including TY, 5th Year, 6th Year, QQI and mature students.

Attendees will hear from a selection of our graduates as they outline the varied career paths open to those who choose a degree under the umbrella of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences including arts, law, journalism and languages.

Register Here.

Industry leader to head up UL's Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology Centre



Damon Warnock has been appointed as Director of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology Centre at University of Limerick

An adept pharmaceutical industry leader assumes the role of Director at the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology Centre (PMTC) at the University of Limerick. Damon Warnock, with rich experience from global biopharmaceutical company Alkermes and Irish firm Elan, brings invaluable expertise to this position within UL's Bernal Institute. Damon's previous collaborations with PMTC underscore his understanding of its significance.

PMTC, funded by Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland, focuses on applying advanced technology and analytics to address current manufacturing challenges in the pharmaceutical sector. Damon looks forward to guiding PMTC's growth.

UL Vice President Research Professor Norelee Kennedy praises Damon's appointment, highlighting its potential to strengthen collaborations with indigenous companies and global pharmaceutical leaders, crucial for Ireland's economy. Padraig Somers, Chair of the PMTC Centre Steering Committee, welcomes Damon's industry knowledge, emphasizing the center's dedication to advancing biopharmaceutical manufacturing through collaborative research and strategic partnerships. <u>Click here to find out more .</u>

Seven awards for UL at prestigious national Education Awards



Pictured at the presentation of the Overall Excellence Award for UL are Awards Judge Eoin McCarthy, John O'Rourke, Chief Operations Officer (Interim) of Campus Life Services at UL, Laura Ryan, Director Marketing, Communications and Public Affairs and Liam O'Reilly, Director of Information Technology Division at UL.

For the second consecutive year, the University of Limerick (UL) emerged as the leading recipient of accolades at the prestigious national Education Awards 2024, solidifying its status as the most decorated institution in the country. At the ceremony held in the Killashee Hotel, Kildare, UL secured seven awards, including distinctions such as Best Marketing/Communications Team, Best Student Engagement & Communications, Best Erasmus Programme, and Best Library Team. Notably, UL's immersive Software Engineering programme earned recognition for Best Internship Programme, alongside accolades for Best Student Accommodation and the esteemed Overall Excellence Award.

Professor Shane Kilcommins, UL's Provost and Deputy President, attributed these successes to the unwavering dedication of the staff and their commitment to student welfare. Laura Ryan, UL's Director of Marketing, Communications, and Public Affairs, expressed pride in the team's dedication to creative storytelling and audience-centric communication strategies, which earned them the Best Marketing/Communications Team award for the second consecutive year. **Find out more here.**

ISE Staff make the Sunday Buisness Post "30 Under 30" List



Photo Credit:Sunday Business Post

The <u>Sunday Business Post's 30 Under 30 Ranking</u> highlights upcoming talent that to date may not have attracted much in the way of publicity for what they are doing. It also serves to acknowledge that while still only at the start of their journeys, they could end up being superstars in their various sectors.

ISE were delighted to see two of our lecturing staff, <u>Josh McGiff</u> and <u>Jack O' Regan</u> <u>Kenny</u> featured in this years list! Learn a bit more about Josh and Jack below.

Josh McGiff – ISE Lecturer, Founder & Community Leader

Pictured above, second from the right is Josh McGiff. Josh is Head Instructor on the ISE programme and is currently pursuing a PhD in AI. His passions lie with revolutionising the way people learn about software engineering and machine learning. Josh is also the founder of the Twitch Ireland community and Streamably (his business that supports creators thorugh providing them with an array of tools and supports).

Jack O' Regan Kenny – ISExAWS Fellow, Entrepreneur and Engineer

Jack joined the ISE team through our <u>fellowship programme in partnership with AWS</u>. Jack is a serial entrepreneur having founded two startups in his teens. He has also served as MD of the Patch Accelerator. Jack is committed to supporting the tech community in Ireland, particularly with respect to entrepreneurship and innovation. He is currently teaching in ISE as part of his fellowship.

UL's EPI-STEM Centre hosts BT Young Scientist participants and winner



Ruben Massey, Amina Costello, Aiden Oscar, Taha Nije, Dr Donal Canty, Professor Geraldine Mooney Simmie, Ms Edel Farrell, Mr Ger O'Sullivan, 2024 BT Young Scientist & Technology winner Seán O'Sullivan, Miles Bueno, Lily Li

The EPI-STEM National Centre for STEM Education, housed in UL's School of Education within the Faculty of Education and Health Sciences, is a globally recognized hub for STEM teacher training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Recently, EPI-STEM hosted students, along with their principal Ger O'Sullivan and science and physics teacher Edel Farrell, from Coláiste Chiaráin Croom.

Among the visitors were Miles Bueno, Amina Costello, Lily Li, Ruben Massey, Aidan Oscar, Taha Nije, and Seán O'Sullivan, participants in the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, with Seán O'Sullivan winning the top award.

The guests were warmly welcomed by interdisciplinary experts, educators, researchers, and industry partners. Professor Geraldine Mooney Simmie, Chair of STEM Education and Director of EPI-STEM, emphasized the significance of the seminar, praising local talent and highlighting the importance of student perspectives in shaping STEM education strategies. <u>Click Here to find out more.</u>

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- First for student Experience: UL has been voted Best Student Campus 2023, the third time in 5 years.
- First for Facilities: Worldclass, unique facilities including state of the art library and Irelands only Academic Flight simulator.
- First for Supports: With Dedicated staff for First Year students and a unique First seven week programme.
- First for Choice: More than 70 undergraduate programme to choose from with "build your own Degree" options.

- First for Co-OP: The Largest in Ireland and the largest in Europe with a network of 1700+ employers.
- First for Graduate Employment: 98% of graduate employed or in further study.
- First for Sports: Known as Irelands sporting Campus, UL attracts some of Irelands best athletes.
- First for study abroad: Largest international exchange and most successful Erasmus programme in Ireland. UL welcomes more than 2500 international students from 100 countries.



Virtual Tour

The UL campus is truly one of the most beautiful university campuses anywhere in the world. Visitors never fail to be impressed by this peaceful green place with its trees, its fountains and the beautiful river Shannon flowing majestically through it all.

In spring, UL is a symphony of birdsong, while in autumn, it is a celebration of colour.

Click the link below for a virtual tour of our campus.

<u>University of Limerick Virtual Tour</u>