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Trinity Long Room Hub  
Arts & Humanities Research Institute

**Postgraduate Lives—Challenges and Opportunities in Postgraduate Support and Education**  
**Thursday 9 May 2019**  
**Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin**  
**Call for presentations**

**About the conference:**

This free one-day conference will bring together academics, professional support staff, students, and policy makers from the higher education sector to discuss the current and future landscapes of postgraduate experience; to share examples of best practice in postgraduate support, education, and supervision; to showcase the postgraduate student voice; and to begin a conversation on how to enhance the experience of postgraduate students throughout their educational journey.

Our title, "Postgraduate Lives", speaks to the different roles --students, researchers and educators-- postgraduate students occupy (often simultaneously) in our institutions. This conference will focus on this integral element of the higher education ecosystem through both academic and practitioner lenses.

The conference is jointly organised by Trinity's Postgraduate Advisory Service and CAVE (Cultures, Academic Values in Education) research centre, and is kindly hosted by the Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute. The key-note speaker will be Prof. Ron Barnett, UCL, England.

**Who can submit a proposal:**

Proposals are welcome from anyone working in higher education institutions, or other related organisations, in Ireland or abroad, as researchers, educators, or in a role in supporting the postgraduate experience in student affairs and academic support.

**Conference Themes:**

Proposals for both research papers or presentations on practice initiatives/ models on any aspect of the postgraduate experience are welcome. Ideally, presentations will be outcome-based and demonstrate one or both of:

- New research, analysis or datasets on postgraduate support, education, academic policy or the student experience and institutional or sectoral level and/ or
- Innovative modes of postgrad-specific service, education, intervention, or supervision

The below list is intended as a guide of suggested areas for contribution— papers not covered by the areas below are also encouraged:

1. Challenges, Changes and Opportunities in postgraduate-education in Ireland and beyond
2. Academic policy and resourcing: putting fourth-level education centre stage
3. Targeted supports or infrastructures for postgraduates
4. The supervisor relationship and supervisor-training: mitigating challenges or designing new models

5. The student voice: engagement and capturing the postgraduate perspective
6. Internationalisation: How issues of race and culture impact an increasingly globalised postgraduate community
7. Gender: empowering women and minority-genders throughout their postgraduate journey and beyond
8. Priorities to support life-long, part-time and distance learning
9. Mental & physical health: cultivating a healthy community
10. Diversity & Participation: facilitating inclusion of postgraduates with disabilities, from target socio-economic groups, LGBTQ+ postgraduates, and others
11. Careers and employability: preparing postgraduates for work within and beyond the academy

**How to submit a proposal:**

Proposals should be submitted by **5pm 15<sup>th</sup> March** submitting an abstract (250 words), together with submitter details at the below link:

[Postgraduate Lives Conference Submissions](#)

**Further information:**

For more details please contact the Postgraduate Advisory service at [pgsupp@tcd.ie](mailto:pgsupp@tcd.ie)

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