

Careers & Employability Supports at MU

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## Student Supports – what students can expect

- Postgraduate Admissions Office can support with pre-entry questions
- Office of Students & Learning



#### **Personal Success**

- Student Engagement
- Orientation (MyMaynooth)



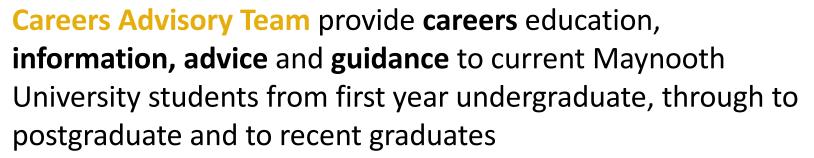
#### Professional Success

#### **Careers & Employability Service**

✓ Careers Advisory, UpSkill, Placement, Events

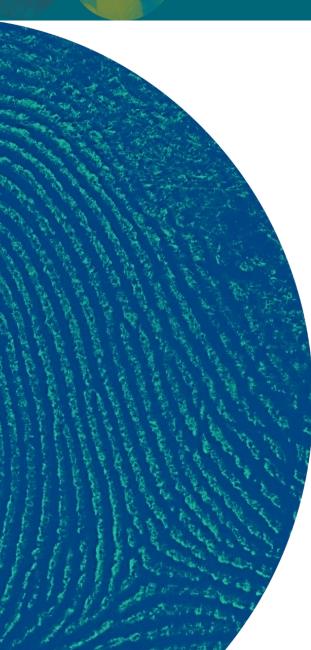


## **Careers Advisory**



- Explore your career options generate or expand on career ideas
- Further Study questions/options
- Search for jobs and internships
- Develop your CV & interview skills
- Attend employer, alumni and career events and workshops
- All MU students and recent graduates
- One to one guidance appointments any career related questions
- Email guidance

Graduate Employers contact us weekly and use Careers
Connect to advertise roles to our students / recent graduates



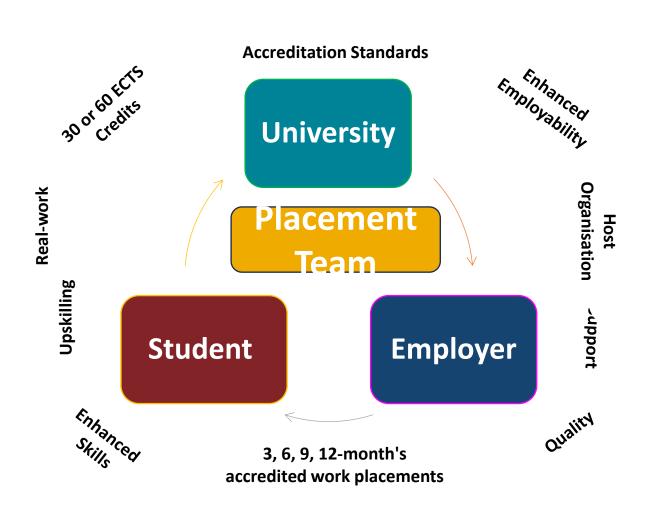
# Careers and Employability Service

# ORGANISATIONS ADVERTISING TO MU STUDENTS 2023- 2024





## **Accredited Work Placement**



The Placement Team specialise in upskilling and connecting students with valuable industry experiences that align with their academic goals. Upon completion students are awarded accreditation and it is noted on their transcript on graduation.

Our role requires strong relationship-building skills to develop partnerships with employers, excellent communication to guide and prepare students, and meticulous organisation abilities to manage placements, contracts and compliance with accreditation standards.

We are dedicated to **enhancing students' career readiness** and ensuring **high-quality placement opportunities.** 

## **UpSkill**







**UpSkill Team** initiatives at Maynooth University represent a portfolio of experiential learning opportunities that develop students' future focused skills and competencies, empowering students to understand themselves as people, as engaged citizens and as independent thinkers, and ultimately thrive personally, professionally and academically.

#### **Careers Connect**

Part of your Careers & Employability portal

**Ask Questions** 

Find Careers

Information



Search Graduate
Jobs
&

**Careers Events** 



Book Appointments with Careers Advisers



Careers Interest
Tests
&
Useful Resources





Careers Connect is our Careers & Employability portal and is your one stop shop to engage with the Careers and Employability Service.

On Careers Connect students can ask questions and/or book meetings with careers advisors. Unskill through Dathways and view our lebs and

with careers advisers, Upskill through Pathways and view our Jobs and Events Listings. Students can also set email alerts for jobs and events.

## **Online Resources for Students**

#### CareerSet

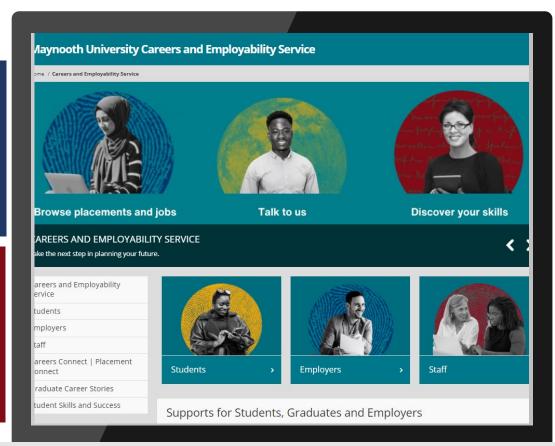
CareerSet is an Al tool that empowers students to independently enhance their CVs and cover letters via personalised, actionable feedback.



#### **ShortlistMe**

ShortlistMe is an online tool that provides students with a range of practice interviews to help develop interview skills and build confidence.





#### **Forage**

Forage allows students to enroll in job simulations with real work companies to build skills and gain insight into the working world



#### **Profiling for Success**

Profiling for Success is a range of psychometric tests, where users can explore career interests, skills, personality and learning styles

# Careers support & Postgrad Study?

## What is postgrad study?

- Typically, any course you do after your degree is postgraduate study
- There are many different types of courses
- Most are Level 9\*
- Taught courses are popular with many students –
  these are similar to your undergraduate educational
  experience they may include a significant piece of
  research work too.
- Research Masters usually involve research work only
- PhD research doctorates involve a significant piece of research – many structured PhD programmes also involve some taught modules
- Professional doctorates can involve research, class and relevant professional training experience

Туре	Course e.g.
Taught (Level 9*)	Higher Diploma* (Level 8) Postgraduate Diploma Professional Diploma Masters (MA, MSc) M.Soc.Sc Professional Masters (e.g. PME)
Research (Level 9)	MA, MLitt,
Research (Level 10)	PhD, EdD Professional Doctorate

# Conversion Courses Usually open to students from any degree

- Allows you to change direction in your studies
- Enter a new field of study
- Can be 1-2 years in length

MU Conversion Course information – <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/conversion-courses">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/conversion-courses</a>

## Micro-credentials - https://microcreds.ie/

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/micro-credentials-maynooth

- Have a look at micro-creds courses offered in many universities now
- Shorter courses a very good way to upskill in a specific area of interest to you

## How do applications work?

# Application process and entry requirements vary from course to course

## **Entry requirements**

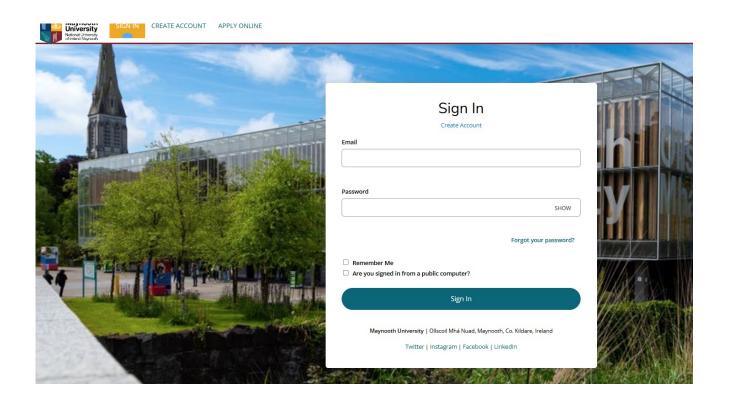
- Vary between courses
- May specify a certain grade in your final degree
- Some courses award places based on penultimate year results
- May make conditional offer before final grades awarded
- Some courses require relevant experience

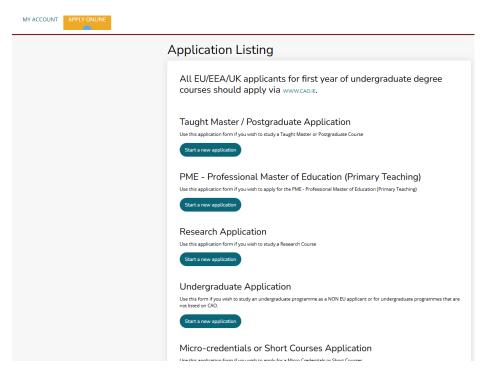
#### Closing dates vary between courses

## **Making Applications**

## **MU Apply online applications**

https://maynoothuniversityie.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login





#### **Personal Statement**

Divide your **personal statement** into several paragraphs.

State the course for which you are applying.

Why do you want to do the course/research?

- Be clear about why you have chosen this course how did your interest in this field develop?
- Show your enthusiasm for the course give details of any projects, dissertations, modules that are relevant?

#### Why this university?

- Show that you have done some research on the department and institution
- Explain why you would value the opportunity to study with them.

#### **Personal Statement**

Divide your personal statement into several paragraphs.

#### Why you?

- What academic skills do you have to offer?
- What personal skills will you bring to the course?
- Highlight your skills and give evidence of how you have developed and used these skills in the past
   communication skills, ability to work as part of a team, strong self-motivation, organisational skills.
- Here you are telling them what you will bring to the course.
- What are your strengths?
- What is the relevance of your first degree to this field of study?
- If relevant, point out any challenges you have faced and how you have overcome them e.g., any circumstances that may have affected your academic results in past years.

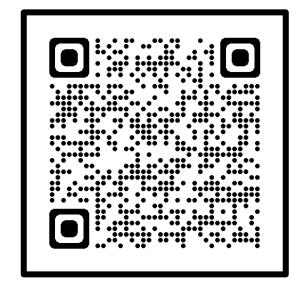
#### Sum-up

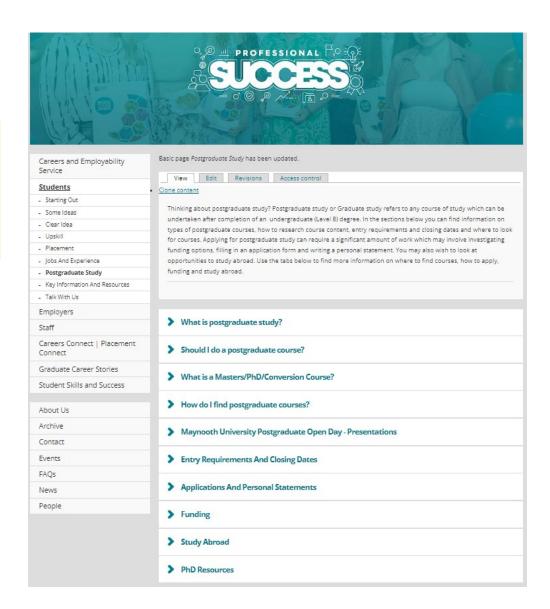
• Short paragraph highlighting your commitment to this course/career area and your willingness to work hard to meet your goals etc.

# Where to find information

As a good starting point visit our website -

Careers & Employability Service website - <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/postgraduate-study">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/postgraduate-study</a>





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I need help getting started.

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I have some ideas of my next step



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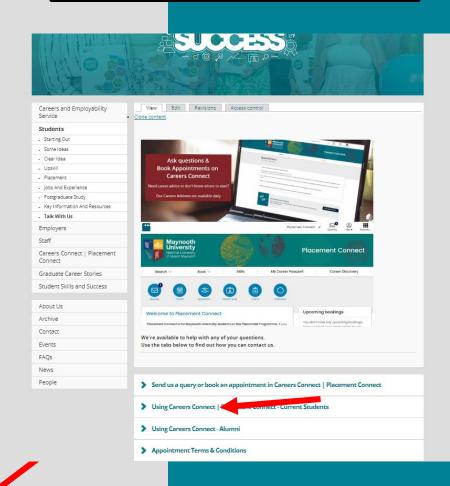


Key Information And Resources



Talk To Us (Questions & Appointments)

http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie /careers/students











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## Please ask your questions...

## Contact us

- Email careers@mu.ie
- Use Careers Connect to engage with us
  - ➤ Send us your Questions Click Ask us 🖾





