**Postgraduate Research Students, University of Galway - National Student Survey 2023**

**College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences**

**2023 Action Plan**

Research Innovation and Graduate Studies Committee (RIGS)

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|  |  | **Actions** | **Responsible** | **Status\*** |
| 1 | **Research Infrastructure and Facilities** | CMNHS to provide 10% of research overhead to research buildings to improve IF and facilities in proportion to numbers of research active staff  Staff in research buildings to assign funding as required locally | CMNHS RIGS  Staff to be assigned in Lambe, HBB and BMS | **\*In Progress**  **\*In Progress** |
| **2** | **Supervision** | CMNHS considering the addition of a co-supervisor for first time PhD.  CMNHS has launched a Research Institute in 2023 which will expand opportunities for training and professional development in the areas of clinical translation. | CMNHS RIGS | **\*In Progress**  **\*Complete** |
| **3** | **Research Culture** | All PGR students to have access to seminar programme in their Disciplines and Schools.  CMNHS to run an all college Research Day in 2024.  Increased advertising of outreach opportunities to be provided for PGR students. | Schools and Disciplines  CMNHS RIGS  Schools and Disciplines | **\*Not Started**    **\*In Progress**  **\*Not Started** |
| **4** | **Progress and Assessment** | CMNHS has placed more focus on the completion process in college level orientation sessions held in 2022 and 2023, focusing the student on what on-time completion means and asking them to look at QA245 at a very early stage of their research journey to understand what is required at the end of their studies. | CMNHS RIGS | **\*In Progress** |
| **5** | **Research Skills** | CMNHS has made it compulsory for PGR students to undertake Research Integrity training. | CMNHS RIGS | **\*Complete** |
| **6** | **Other Transferable Skills** | CMNHS to run an all college Research Day in 2024. | CMNHS RIGS | **\*In Progress** |
| **7** | **Responsibilities and Supports** | Continue to highlight support offerings to students during orientation and CMNHS has a strong EDI focus which again promotes training and supports for students. | CMNHS EDI committee | **\*In Progress** |
| **8** | **Personal Outlook** |  |  |  |
| **9** | **My Research Is Funded By** | CMNHS to investigate feasibility of a College PhD Scholarship in 2025 | CMNHS RIGS | **\*In Progress** |
| **10** | **My Funding Covers** | Schools to interpret % of students who cover own research expenses.  CMNHS Research Innovation and Graduate Studies (RIGS) Committee transfers 10% of the research overhead to School RIGS committees to support early career researchers (including PGR students), College will advise schools of findings who can then develop bespoke supports for their PGR students. | Schools and Disciplines  College and School RIGS | **\*Not Started**  **\*In Progress** |
| **11** | **Development Opportunities** | CMNHS has in 2023 made it mandatory for PGR students to present a PDP to their GRC, we hope this action will increase scoring in this area in the next survey. | CMNHS RIGS | **\*Complete** |
| **12** | **Motivations** |  |  |  |
| **13** | **Career** |  |  |  |
| **14** | **Overall Experience** | CMNHS has placed more focus on the completion process in college level orientation sessions held in 2022 and 2023, focusing the student on what on-time completion means and asking them to look at QA245 at a very early stage of their research journey to understand what is required at the end of their studies. | C CMNHS RIGS | **\*In Progress** |

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