

UNIC Student Representative roles at University College Cork

UCC seeks two student representatives for a pan-European consortium, offering an international collaborative experience.

University College Cork is a founding member of UNIC, the European University of Cities in Post-Industrial Transition (co-funded by the European Union). UNIC brings together ten universities and their cities across Europe: University College Cork, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Koç University Istanbul, University of Deusto in Bilbao, University of Liège, Ruhr University Bochum, University of Oulu, University of Zagreb, University of Lodz, Malmö University. UNIC unlocks new international opportunities by connecting students, staff and city stakeholders with our partners for transformative learning, research, innovation and societal impact. Read more about UNIC: <https://www.unic.eu/en>.

The two student representatives for the academic year 2024/2025 will work closely with the UNIC Secretariat in the Office of the Vice-President for Global Engagement in UCC, with the student body in UCC, and with other UNIC student reps from partners across Europe. These are paid roles, following UCC salary scales for student help (current rate: €13.12 per hour).

- Work will be arranged on an hourly basis and will normally be around 4 hours per week (16 hours per month). Further hours may be arranged depending on requirements and based on mutual agreement up to a maximum of 140 during the period.
- Work will be conducted in a hybrid format: Onsite on UCC campus and online collaboration with international partners.
- The role is focused on representing UCC on the UNIC student board, contributing to the delivery of UNIC in UCC from a student perspective, and supporting the promotion of UNIC on campus.
- The position will run from October 2024 until the end of May 2025. There is flexibility to do fewer hours if needed during busy academic periods (e.g. approaching exams).
- The role includes international travel. International trips will not normally be paid on a per-hour rate but travel and subsistence costs will be paid.

Job duties

- Advise the UNIC Secretariat and Team, as well as consortium-wide boards and working groups, on student matters in the context of international student mobility and Higher Education.
- Serve as a point of contact and provide guidance for UCC students and incoming international students in the context of UNIC.
- Generate and implement ideas to increase student engagement or enhance the student experience of UNIC activities.
- Represent UCC on the UNIC student board which meets once every two weeks.
- Represent UCC on a UNIC student board subgroup as required (meet once every two weeks).
- Represent UCC at UNIC conferences around Europe (approx. 1-2 opportunities may arise).
- Represent students at the UNIC Team Meeting in UCC.

- Work with a group of volunteer 'UNIC student ambassadors' to develop ideas for deepening involvement and engagement with UNIC across campus
- Alongside the UNIC secretariat, contribute to developing and locally promoting a UNIC-wide student event, the 'UNIC Student Learners' Forum', due to take place in November.
- Speak publicly at any of the above or at other related international events.
- Attend work package meetings and contribute to work package deliverables. In particular: the Teaching and Learning work package, Communications work package.
- Gather the opinions of UCC students and ensure that students are taken into account in all UNIC activities.
- Engage UCC students as guided by the UNIC student board.
- Support the UNIC Secretariat in UCC with administrative tasks.
- Join operational meetings with the UNIC secretariat on campus.
- Develop initiatives to engage existing student networks such as the Student Union, Societies, and others, across UCC, to increase awareness of UNIC and organise student-led events to promote or advance UNIC in UCC.

Criteria

Essential

- Registration as a full-time UCC student in the academic year 2024/25.
- A strong interest in European matters and in connecting UCC students with international opportunities.
- Proven record of volunteering or leadership in school, university, community, or other contexts.
- Reasonable availability to travel on short trips during term time.
- The ability to express yourself in a clear manner understandable by non-native English speakers.
- Strong connections across the student community in UCC.
- Experience in student representation and advocating on behalf of classmates (either in school or in university).

Desirable

- A strong track record of activating change in the community (school, university or other).
- Experience in contributing to the advancement of equality and inclusion.
- Command of a foreign language.
- Skills and interest in creating content for social media posts (to promote UNIC via the main UNIC social channels).

Successful candidates will be expected to positively represent UNIC values, including respectful engagement with people of different backgrounds and perspectives.

We welcome applications from students of all backgrounds and identities, including mature students and those from underrepresented groups.



Email your CV and a motivation letter to unic@ucc.ie by end of day Friday September 20, 2024.

Interviews of shortlisted candidates will be held on campus on Thursday October 3, 2024.

Enquiries: email unic@ucc.ie.