



## UCD SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE

### Graduate Research Scholarship in memory of

**Dr Roger McCarrick**

### Applicant Guidelines

#### **About the Scholarship**

Dr. Roger McCarrick made an immense contribution to the development of the Irish agri-food industry. Following graduation from University College Dublin in 1956, Roger joined the Department of Agriculture and was based at Johnstown Castle. With the establishment of An Foras Taluntais he moved to Grange Beef Research Centre where he worked as a research scientist until 1969. His main area of research was grass silage conservation which was then in its infancy in Ireland. Roger changed that and underpinned silage making with good science and practical recommendations, demonstrating a very early and clear example of impactful research.

After a period in the US, Roger joined the beef processing industry with Cork Marts/IMP group in 1969. There he promoted increased winter finishing thus modulating beef supplies across the year and helping the meat plants retain their markets. He also set about developing relationships between cattle producers and meat processors to their mutual benefit. Over the succeeding years there was rapid change in the meat industry and Roger shortly found himself manager of the Cork Marts/IMP Meat Division. Subsequently Roger left the Cork Marts/IMP group and together with a colleague, established Rangeland Meats in Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan. This was a meat processing company that was aligned to developments in the meat industry at the time, moving from direct marketing of carcasses to further downstream processing into wholesale and retail cuts and products. Rangeland Meats excelled in this area, producing an array of high-quality products for both the home and export markets. During his years in the meat business Roger undertook extensive international travel promoting and selling Irish beef into a diversity of markets.

Separate from his work in the meat industry Roger perfected the art of pedigree cattle breeding at their farm in Drumree, Co. Meath. The Pelletstown Limousin herd was genetically improved with emphasis on temperament, ease of calving and conformation. He won numerous cattle shows and industry prizes, including the prestigious SBV (Suckler Beef Value) award for his cow, Pelletstown Racquet ET, at the 2008 RDS Champion of Champions Awards.

The McCarrick Estate have generously donated funds to the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science to support postgraduate study within the School and this donation is gratefully acknowledged.



## Applicant Guidelines

### Closing date

The closing date for receipt of applications is **6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (17.00 IRISH STANDARD TIME)**.

### Selection of Scholars

- This is an internal funding scheme. Applicants must be:
  - Currently enrolled as a final year undergraduate in UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science or
  - Currently enrolled as a master's student in UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science or
  - A graduate of UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science
- Students applying for the Scholarship must have been awarded, OR expect to be awarded, a first or upper second-class honours primary degree on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. A master's degree may be considered to take precedence over the results of the primary degree.
- Scholarships will be awarded for a full-time structured PhD in UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science.
- Applications will **not** be accepted from persons currently registered as PhD students.

### Scholarship details

- This scholarship offers the opportunity for three suitably qualified individuals to pursue a structured PhD in the School of Agriculture and Food Science.
- The PhD scholarship funding is €27,500 per annum which includes University fees of up to a maximum of €6,000 per annum, student stipend and eligible direct research expenses to enable the awardee to carry out the research project and will provide support for a period of 4 years.
- The expected start date is September 2023.

### Application Procedure

#### Step 1- Identify a supervisor

1. Applicants must nominate a PhD supervisor in the School of Agriculture and Food Science. Supervisors must have a contract with an end date which exceeds the project end date. If they do not, a co-supervisor, who is a permanent staff member in the School of Agriculture and Food Science, must be identified.
2. Applicants must contact potential supervisors and discuss their application before an application is submitted.



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### Step 2- Complete and submit the application

1. Email a completed, signed application form and Curriculum Vitae, in PDF format, to [mccarrickaward@ucd.ie](mailto:mccarrickaward@ucd.ie) by 17.00 (IRISH STANDARD TIME) 6th April 2023. Include in the email subject line: MC\_CARRICK\_AWARD\_APPLICANT\_FIRSTNAME\_SURNAME.
2. The first application submitted to [mccarrickaward@ucd.ie](mailto:mccarrickaward@ucd.ie) is **final**. Re-submission, or changes after the first submission will not be accepted.
3. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

### Application Assessment

The Board of assessors will review the application form and allocate scores as follows:

- Academic Qualifications (30%)
- Description of the Proposed Research (20%)
- Personal Statement (30%)
- Career Training and Development Plan (20%)

### Data Protection

In accordance with GDPR, UCD will collect, use and share personal data as part of the Scholarship application process, for the purpose of:

- Applicant processing
- Allocation of the scholarships to the most suitable and qualified applicants
- Post award actions, including processing of scholarship payments, tracking academic progress and monitoring career progression

The data will be kept for a period of five years after the end of the project for the audit purposes.

All personal data is held in line with [UCD's GDPR policies and procedures](#)