	All-Ireland Conference for Undergraduate Research (AICUR) Programme 2026		
8.45 - 9.15	**Coffee & Registration** **Lunar Theatre, Foyer**		
9.15 - 9.55	**Welcome** **Dr Tara Giddens, Chair AICUR Conference, Director Regional Writing Centre**		
	Opening Address **Dr Reena Cole, Assistant Vice President Academic Affairs**		
	Keynote Address **Leah Shanahan, Product Designer, Dolmen Design**		
	Live Presentations - Research Papers - Session 1		
10.00 - 11.00	**The Fianna Room** **Chair: James Murphy**	**The Keystone Room** **Chair: Geraldine Grimes**	**The New Dawn Room** **Chair: Mary Fitzpatrick**
	Presenter: Marlene Schwingeler **Title:** Queer representation in the media **Programme of study:** BSc Social Sciences **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Sofie Smith** **Title:** The effect of acetylcholine on reduced nucleic pyridines in *Raphanus Sativus* radishes **Programme of study:** BSc Biological and Chemical Sciences **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Melissa Shiel** **Title:** An Exploration into the Feasibility of Designing and Manufacturing a Circular Furniture Product using Irish Grown Wool. **Programme of study:** BSc (Hons) Furniture Design and Manufacture **Institution:** ATU

	Presenter: Markus Lautwien **Title:** 'The Standard Drag in Everyone's Head is a Drag Queen': Drag Kings in Contemporary Ireland **Programme of study:** BA European Studies **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Sharon Akachi-Kanu** **Title:** Deep Learning-Driven Leaf Segmentation for Plant Disease Classification Using EfficientNet-B1 **Programme of study:** Computer Systems **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Cormac Molyneaux** **Title:** Modelling Dynamical Systems from Noisy Data: Comparing Methods for Mass-Spring-Damper System Parameter Estimation. **Programme of study:** Aeronautical Engineering Institution: UL	
	Presenter: Miruna-Ioana Surugiu **Title:** 'Their intellects are now as they have always been, as dark as their skins': Mental Illness amongst the Enslaved in the United States of America **Programme of study:** History **Institution:** UCD			
11.00 - 11.15	**Diane Nolan** **Global Undergraduate Awards** **Lunar Theatre**			
	Live Presentations - Lightning Talks - Session 2			
11.20 12.20	**The Fianna Room** **Chair: Mike Wride**	**The Keystone Room** **Chair: Mary Fitzpatrick**	**The New Dawn Room** **Chair: Clem O'Donnell**	**The Lunar Theatre** **Chair: Pam Wall**
	Presenter: Nessa Madden **Title:** An Examination of the Motivations and Barriers to Student Volunteering Amongst Fourth-Year Undergraduate Students **Programme of study:** BA English and Sociology **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Shauna O' Keeffe** **Title:** Understanding Immune Dysfunction in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia: the Role of Natural Killer Cells **Programme of study:** BSc in Bioscience **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Sarah Willis** **Title:** Non-contact injury characteristics in schoolboy and male adult amateur rugby across match and training exposure. **Programme of study:** BSc Sports & Exercise Science **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Orlaith Condren** **Title:** From Hashtags to Health Labels: Exploring Self-Diagnosis in the Age of Social Media **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UL

	Presenter: Valeriia Tkachenko **Title: Myth withing Us:** Archetype Theory in Artistic Practice **Programme of study:** BA World Music **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Connor Pires** Title: Early Intervention Matters: A National Retrospective Analysis of Pre-EMS Defibrillation and Community Response in Irish Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest from 2021–2024 **Programme of study:** Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Meg Waters** **Title:** Humility Culture and English Language Acquisition in Japan **Programme of study:** BA Applied Languages **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Beverley Colton** **Title:** Past Performance: The Potential Influence of Gender and Socio-Economic Status on Children's Mental Rotation Strategies **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UL
	Presenter: Annika Jungfleisch **Title:** From Artefact to Interaction: A Tangible Smart Replica of an Ancient Greek Statue **Programme of study:** Digital Media Design **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Rocher Adeyeye** **Title:** Project Probacine: A Novel In Silico Framework for Engineering a Precision Synbiotic Guild to Target Alzheimer's Neuroinflammation **Programme of study:** Food Science & Health **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Maryanne Romymond** **Title:** Scarcity and Morality: How Limited Resources Influence Self-Interested Choices Across Age and Socioeconomic Status in Ireland **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UCD	**Presenter: Oisin Lane** **Title:** Is Playing Engaging Serious Games Related to an Increase in Attention Residue in Subsequent Tasks? **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UL
	Presenter: Morgan Low **Title:** Are you feis fit? A study of how Irish dancers prepare for competition with a focus on health, safety, and sustainability. **Programme of study:** BA Irish Dance **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Joanna Maria Saldanha and Aurel Ivanka** **Title:** The Impact of Female Body Representation in CPR Training on Health Outcomes and Survival in Women: A Narrative Review **Programme of study:** Medicine **Institution:** RCSI	**Presenter: Sharon Scanlon** **Title:** Parental Relationships Influence on Emerging Adults' Subjective Well-being: The Mediating Role of Self-esteem **Programme of study:** Work and Organisational Psychology **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Genevieve Holmes** **Title:** Almost Perfect: A study exploring how self-efficacy and executive functions relate to adaptive and maladaptive traits of perfectionism in university students. **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UCD

	Presenter: Rachel Murphy **Title:** Nation, Nature, Natalism: The Tradwife as a Political Image **Programme of study:** Fine Art Media with Critical Cultures **Institution:** NCAD	**Presenter: Swapanthi Akkapeddi** **Title:** An audit of adherence to 2023 GINA guidelines for management of asthma at the Annascaul Medical Centre **Programme of study:** BMBS **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Jay Jay Olajitan** **Title:** Beyond Recognition: Reframing CAPTCHAs as Human-Usable Moving Target Defences **Programme of study:** BSc in Immersive Software Engineering **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Ella O'Kelly** **Title:** Does music go with the Flow? An analysis of the effect of background music on flow state **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UCD
	Presenter: Sophie Healy **Title:** Does competing have a positive or negative effect on young musicians? **Programme of study:** BA Music & Dance and Digital Media &Communications **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Nicole Eisen and Sarah Kirkhope** **Title:** Audit of Mirena (52 mg LNG-IUS) knowledge among female patients in a general practice **Programme of study:** Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Tamara Kelleher** **Title:** Re-Engaging with Education: Exploring Youthreach Students Experiences Through Bronfenbrenners Ecological Systems Theory **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UL	**Presenter: Marco Acerbi** **Title:** Trust in Collaborative Planning for Future Care: Meanings, Mechanisms, and Moments that Matter **Programme of study:** BSc Psychology **Institution:** UCD
12.30 -13.00	**Student Panel Roundtable Discussion** **Lunar Theatre**			
13.00 - 13.30	**Poster Session & Lunch**			
13.00 - 13.30	**Secondary School Essay Writing Competition Awards** **Award Presenter: Professor Ann Ledwith, Interim Provost and Deputy President**			