President’s Address, March 2017
Óráid an Uachtaráin, Márta 2017

Dr Jim Browne, Uachtarán

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Today’s Address

- Teaching and Learning
- Research and Innovation
- Equality and Diversity
- Campus News
- Alumni Awards
- Capital Projects
- New Appointments
Investing in the social, economic and intellectual future of our region

+ Medical Academies

+ Donegal Medical Academy
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Medical Academies
Teaching Centres

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St Angela’s College
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- Teaching Centres
- Ionaid Ghaeltachta
- Research Centres

Donegal Medical Academy
St Angela’s College
Attracting students from our region, and beyond

- Most popular locations
- Secondary locations
- Other significant locations

Map source: The Irish Times
Subjects listed

- 2016: 12 subjects
- 2017: 20 subjects
QS World University Subject Rankings

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Top 200
• Earth and Ocean Sciences
• Geography
• Medicine

Top 150
• English Language and Literature

Top 100
• Nursing
World’s Most Highly Cited Researchers

2017 Listing compiled by Clarivate

- Professor Henry Curran Chemistry
- Professor Colin O’Dowd Physics
- Professor Donal O’Regan Mathematics
- Dr Ronan Sulpice School of Natural Sciences
CAO 2017

10.4% increase in First Preferences
Spotlight on the Creative Arts

- O’Donoghue Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance – now open
- Centre includes:
  - 120-seat Theatre
  - 3 Rehearsal Rooms
  - Teaching and office space
  - First LED stage lighting system in Irish theatre
Researchers at NUI Galway crack formula to create Batman's flying wings.

Holy Bateape! Superhero-like smartclothes now a step closer.

Arsenic detected in a small number of private wells.
Research News

- Centre for Economic and Social Research on Dementia
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Science Foundation Ireland Discover Programme
- Cell Explorers
- Genetic Testing: Engaging the West of Ireland
- Bright Club
- ReelLIFE Science
Research Funding Success

SFI Research Professorships
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  Interventional Cardiology
- Professor Piet Lens
  Innovative Energy Technologies
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship
• Dr Andrea Erxleben Chemistry
• Professor Michael Gormally Microbiology
• Dr Mark Healy Civil Engineering
Research Funding Success

SFI Infrastructural Awards
- Professor Frank Barry CÚRAM
- Professor Rhodri Ceredig CÚRAM
- Dr Ger O’Connor Physics
- Irish Centre for High-End Computing
- Opportunistic Fund
President’s Excellence Awards

Research Excellence & Ryan Award for Innovation
• Nominations now open

Teaching Excellence
• Nominations closed
President’s Awards for Support Services Excellence

- Emma Brinton J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics
- Geraldine Moloney NCBES
- Nicola McNicholas Management Accounting
- Ann Ryan Research Office
- Lorraine Tansey Community Knowledge Initiative
President’s Awards for Support Services Excellence

Events Management Team Buildings & Estates
Baiba Bikovica, Mary Clery, Virginia Connolly, Joe Conroy, Savio Costello, Dermot Cummins, Tony Curling, Mark Duffy, Anda Eglite, David Kelly, Bernie Lambe, Noel McDonnell, Paul McGrath, Greg Molloy, Paul Moloney, Hilary Murphy, Kevin O’Donohoe, Seán Rafferty, James Swannick, Gerry Ward
Equality and Diversity

Gender Equality Action Plan
• See up-to-date progress at:
  www.nuigalway.ie/genderequality

Athena SWAN
• Draft resubmission open to consultation:
  www.nuigalway.ie/genderequality/athenaswanframework

International Women’s Day
• Week-long programme of activities
Commemorating Galway Icons

- Emily Anderson Concert Hall
- Formerly the Upper Aula
- Maxima, The Quadrangle
Commemorating Galway Icons

- Alice Perry Engineering Building
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- Path-Breaking Women exhibition
- Running in Hardiman Building foyer
- 12 remarkable figures from the University’s history
An Ghaeilge faoin Spotsolas

- TG4XX
- TG4 Foghlaim
- Amhránaí Cónaitheach
- Cartlann Shéain Mhic Giollarnáth
- Focloir.ie
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
Alumni Award Winners

Dr Tom Courtney
Dr Eoghan Clifford
Tara McCarthy
Michael Fitzgerald
accepted on behalf of Anne-Marie Farrell

Mike McCormack
Dr Eileen Naughten
Deirdre Mongan
Recent Events

- National 1916 Conference
- National Planning Framework
- Preparing for Brexit
Remembering Whitaker

- T.K. Whitaker (1916-2016)

- New Director of the Whitaker Institute, Professor Alan Ahearne
Capital Projects update

**Human Biology**
- April Handover

**Student Residences**
- Phase 1 now underway

**Way-Finding Project**
- Consultation process underway
Promoting Sustainability

- Sustainability Strategy
- 30% reduction in energy consumption since 2005
- Fossil Fuels Divestment
Recent Appointments

- Dr Faisal Sharif Director of BioInnovate Ireland
- Carmel Browne Head of HR Operational Excellence
New Heads of Schools

- Dr John Bogue *Psychology*
- Dr Georgina Gethin *Nursing and Midwifery*
- Dr Carmel Malone *Medicine*
- Professor Gerry Mac Ruairc *Education*
- Professor Ciaran Morrison *Natural Sciences*
- Dr Ger O’Connor *Physics*
- Dr Rachel Quinlan *Mathematics*