Overview of Graduate Population

There were 1,738 Postgraduate Research Degree graduates (51.8% female, 48.2% male) in 2022.

Postgraduate Research Degree Graduates includes graduates from Research Masters and PhD programmes.

89.7% of Postgraduate Research degree graduates were in employment nine months after graduation. This compares to 89.6% for the Class of 2021 graduates.
Main Graduate Destination

- In Employment: 89.7% (Class of 2022), 89.6% (Class of 2021)
- Engaged in Further Study: 2.3%, 3.2%
- Seeking Employment: 3.7%, 3.4%
- Other Activities: 4.3%, 3.8%

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Fields of Study Information

• 24.0% of Postgraduate Research graduates studied Natural Sciences, Maths and Statistics followed by Engineering, manufacturing and construction (15.0%) and Health and Welfare (14.1%).

• Engineering, manufacturing and construction graduates had the highest employment rate by field of study (95.2%) followed by Education graduates (93.3%) and Information and Communication Technology graduates (93.9%).

• The largest employers are Universities, the HSE and Schools.
Employment Outcomes

- Of the graduates in employment, **63.5%** have permanent or open-ended contracts.

- The most common occupation for graduates nine months after graduation is Professional Occupations (**64.7%**).

- Of the graduates who were willing to share their salaries, **13.1%** earned over €80,000, with **72.9%** earning more than €40,000.
Employment Outcomes

- Nine months after graduation, **83.0%** of employed graduates are working in Ireland. Dublin is the most common county of employment (**44.0%**), followed by Cork (**14.9%**) and Galway (**6.5%**).

- In 2022, **22.3%** of graduates completed internships. This is up from **17.9%** in 2021.

- The most common sources of employment include Recruitment Sites (**20.5%**), already having worked there (**18.2%**), and Personal Contacts (**17.2%**).
Further Study

- Of those Postgraduate Research Degree graduates in further study, 48.6% were studying Natural Sciences, mathematics and Statistics.

- Health and Welfare (29.4%) and Information and Communications Technologies (13.4%) were the next most popular fields of further study.

- The most common reasons for undertaking further study was to develop a broader range of skills or knowledge (22.6%) followed by to change or improve their career options (20.6%)
Graduate Reflections

- Just over three in four graduates consider their course Very Relevant or Relevant to their job (75.8%).

- This is higher than the average (65.7%) for the class of 2022.

- A total of 62.0% said they were “likely” or “very likely” to study the same qualification again, if they had their time over. This is higher than the 2021 figure of 59.5%.
For further information:

- Full dashboard of results
- HEA Graduate Outcomes
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