



### Graduate Studies meet and greet event

As the new academic year begins the SETU Graduate Studies Office welcomed graduate students and staff for a meet and greet event at the Cork Road campus on Friday, 9 September. While the event provided an opportunity for new graduate students to meet colleagues from across campuses and get to know one another before commencing their research programmes, it was also an opportunity for continuing students to share their experiences with those beginning their research. The meet and greet event marks what will be the first of many outings for the combined SETU Graduate Studies office for the coming year, continuing with induction workshops later this September.

Combining the expertise from academic supervisors and researchers with experience of the Graduate Studies Office teams will enable graduate students to maximise their development and make the most of their training opportunities during their time at SETU. SETU is focused on delivering meaningful research and innovation impacts at a regional, national and international level; development of the next generation of researchers will be a cornerstone of achieving these goals and SETU Graduate Studies Office will assist in this regard.



The multi-campus nature of SETU will allow for many innovations and fresh approaches in how the Graduate Studies team meets and serves the needs of both supervisors and graduate students in the coming academic year. As a preview to these events please watch for further details for our upcoming alumni network events, skills training workshops and a 3 Minute Thesis competition launching in 2023. A series of open-door Q&A meetings will be hosted in October and November, and the GSO-Student Liaison group will begin their work with their inaugural meeting on 30 September 2022. If you have any questions or comments reach out to us by email, in person or follow us on twitter @SETUGradStudies.





## Updates from across SETU programme

### Corporate Affairs

- National campaign to attract external members to join [SETU Governing Body](#) launched on the 15 August 2022.
- Governing Body has agreed several [policies](#) including: Risk Management Policy, Protected Disclosure Policy, and IT Acceptable Usage & Email policies.
- Replacement of external signage with the SETU branding has begun across all campuses.
- Active Directory, O365 and Quest migration tool systems are built with testing commenced on for the migration of existing systems and accounts to the SETU environment.
- First edition of joint HR newsletter issued to all staff.

### Academic and Student

- Integrated approach to communications to both our SETU applicants, and to our returning students.
- Development of new integrated SETU academic policies and procedures is ongoing.
- Development of integrated approaches to staff professional development provision and academic support for learners.

### Identity and Branding

- SETU branded resources including guidelines, logos, PowerPoint templates, email signatures and social media assets are available for download at [www.setu.ie/brand](http://www.setu.ie/brand).
- Stakeholder engagement survey completed. Findings will inform the website project and the development of a full scale new SETU website.
- [Start SETU](#) and [SETU Student Pad](#) websites live to assist incoming and returning students
- SETU branded set displays designed and completed for Higher Options 2022 and the National Ploughing Championships.
- Development of new SETU branded collateral for units, functions and faculties is ongoing.

### Research, Innovation and International

- SETU Research Rounders social event took place on Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at the West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford.
- Governing Body has agreed two new [policies](#): IP Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy.





## Programme Management Office

- The latest Change Network event took place on Wednesday, 14 September 2022. This event highlighted some of the SETU initiatives that have been launched and are already having an impact on the ground. A full list of the SETU Change Agents is available [here](#). If you would like to get involved with the Change Network, please get in touch.
- Now that we have passed the 1 September 2022 project milestone and the start of the first-ever full SETU academic year, a review of the PMO and the master project plan is now underway in order to maximise support for the next stage of activity.
- Preparations are underway for the consultation phase in the development of the inaugural SETU Strategic plan. The PMO will support this project and look forward to engaging with staff, students and stakeholders over the coming weeks.
- The PMO continue to work with our SETU risk and compliance partners to ensure that risk management is embedded across all projects in order to actively identify and manage risks as they arise.

## Strategic Plan

- South East Technological University is about to commence the process of developing its first Strategic Plan.
- The Plan will set out the priorities for the university for the coming five years and will guide the university in its activities, decision-making, its allocation of resources, programmes of study and engagement.
- There will be an extensive, inclusive consultation programme associated with the development of the Plan that will involve all members of the SETU community as well as external stakeholders. This consultation will open shortly.
- All are invited to contribute to the development of the strategic plan that will capture and give real substance to the ambitions of staff, students, and citizens and communities within and outside the region for our new University.

