



Working with Public Sector Partners

Keeping research active in the private education sector

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The conundrum

- ▶ Public sector research

1. Less teaching
2. Research built into job specs
3. Business model built on research activity

- ▶ Private sector research

1. More teaching
2. Research built into ethos of organization, ongoing discussions around job specs
3. Business model reliant upon research (at pedagogical level but, crucially, also marketing)



Active Solutions

- Research as CPD
 1. Staff as professionals continue to develop through research activity
 2. Research increases the quality of teaching and learning at both the lecturer level and management level
- Research as quality enhancement
 1. As above, the quality of classroom output affected by Lecturer's research
 2. Content enrichment



Another Solution: Collaboration

- In-house collaboration

1. Staff collaborate- reduce workloads, share the burden
2. Produce research for the organization
3. Research with wider impact
4. Good for junior and senior staff relationships

- Outside collaboration

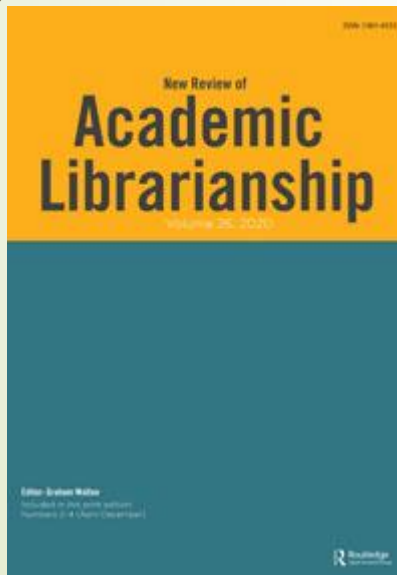
1. Many part-time staff already associated through work
2. Full-time staff will also have relationships
3. Builds connections
4. Enhances quality

UCD & the Research Accelerator

- My MLIS at UCD
- Continued professional relationships
- Defining these relationships
- Need to encourage these relationships
- The Research Accelerator
 1. Crystal Fulton, Suzanne Guerin, Claire McGuinness, Marta Bustillo, Andrew Browne, Paige Pope
- A collaboration within a collaboration:
 1. A collaboration between several schools in the College of Social Sciences & Law and UCD Library to share expertise in specific core dimensions of research.

Project with multiple outputs including peer-reviewed publications

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DBS & the Research Accelerator

- The outside collaboration inspires further inside collaboration
- A multi-year project
- Outputs so far:
 1. 4 Conferences
 2. A digital artefact (to be launched shortly)
- Intended outputs
 1. Article in preparation
 2. Another, related research project developed from the ideas



Conclusions



- Research in the private sector needs to be considered
- Collaboration is key due to the nature of our work
- Outside collaboration should be encouraged
- The public sector should embrace the private sector
- Value added with industry associations
- The walls to funding research in the private sector need to come down