

Time	Event and/or Room	Presenter	Title of Research
09:00–09:45	Registration		
09:45–10:00	Conference Opening - Room 3.10	MC: Dr. Kelly Hunnings; Conference Host: Tim Bicknell (DBS President); HECA Chair: Dr Marcella Finnerty (President Emeritus IICP)	Welcome Address
10:00–10:45	Keynote	Dr Tom Farrelly (MTU)	Keynote Address
10:45–11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00–13:00	Breakout Sessions 1		
	Technology/AI — Room 3.10		
11:00–11:20		Abhishek Krishna Pillai (Current Student/Graduate)	Unveiling the Neural Signatures of Sudarshan Kriya Yoga (SKY) through Advanced EEG Analysis and Machine Learning
11:20–11:30		John Lenehan (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Enhancing Nursing Education: Student perceptions of 7Taps Microlearning
11:30–11:50		Alexander Victor (Academic Staff/Faculty)	BifurcationGAN: Generative Modeling of Nonlinear Time Series — a Perturbation-aware Adversarial Network
11:50–12:00		Antonio Felipe Cora Martins (Current Student/Graduate)	Neural Networks Activation Functions and Hybrid Activations: accuracy and loss comparison on small vs large datasets for classification
12:00–12:10		Aswini Kumar Vyomakesan Nair (Current Student/Graduate)	Predicting Parcel-Level Land Valuation Patterns Using Machine Learning and Explainable AI: An Abductive Framework for a Resilient Ireland
12:10–12:30			Q&A (20 mins)
	Business & Sustainability — Room 3.5		
11:00–11:10		Xu Han (Academic Staff/Faculty)	The impact of the 2004 Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Budget Trading Program (NBP)
11:10–11:20		Norma Sanchez Morales (Current Student/Graduate)	Blockchain for Food Traceability: Opportunity & Fit with DigiFood NPd
11:20–11:40		Viridiana Monserrat Valentin Vera (Current Student/Graduate)	Exploring the Impact of Organizational Culture on Failure Management and on Open Innovation Adoption within the Pharmaceutical Industry
11:40–11:50		Jeanette Garcia Kola (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Ireland’s neutral donor position: implications for climate finance policy, aid effectiveness, diplomacy and recipients
11:50–12:10		Anesu Nyabadza (Academic Staff/Faculty)	AI for Electrode Quality Control in Battery Manufacturing: Evaluating ML, DL and Transfer Learning for Tin, Zinc and Titanium Electrodes
12:10–12:30			Q&A (20 mins)
	Education & Well-being — Room 3.6		
11:00–11:20		Greg Christodoulou (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Systemic Failures in Recording Affected Family Members (AFMs) in Ireland’s Addiction Treatment Data: A Call for Reform
11:20–11:30		Andrew Wall (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Ethics and AI in Education: Creating Democratic Citizens for a Digital Future
11:30–11:50		Susan O'Brien (Current Student/Graduate)	A Rock and a Hard Place: Occupational stress and burnout among clergy in Ireland
11:50–12:10		Martin Nunan (Academic Staff/Faculty)	The Role of Positive Reframing in Counselling to Support Anxiety, Stress and Other Depressive Disorders
12:10–12:30			Q&A (20 mins)
12:30-13.00	Room 3.10 Panel Discussion	Chair: Linda Butler Neff, Assistant Professor in PMEP Education at Hibernia College, with the following panel members: William Beausang, Assistant Secretary, Research and Innovation Division, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) Hugh Sullivan, Director Crowe Consultancy Dr Julie Uí Choistealbha, Registrar, Hibernia College Dr Marcella Finnerty, HECA Chair, President Emeritus IICP College Dr Tom Farrelly, Munster Technology University (MTU) Jeanette Garcia Kola, Griffith College Research Hub Kyle Quinn, Student Representative, Griffith College	A panel discussion bringing together national policy, sector leadership, industry and student voice on building a coherent, future ready research identity for HECA higher education institutions.
13:00–14:00	Lunch & Poster Viewing		
14:00–14:10	Room 3.10. Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless -Video Address		
14:15–14:25	Presentation of HECA Student Research Awards – trophies presented to winners		
14:30–16:00	Breakout Sessions 2		
	Well-being — Room 3.10		
14:30–14:50		Dr Chris Gibbons (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Not just surviving, but flourishing – insights into student coping, anxiety and motivation
14:50–15:00		Arturo Vazquez Zepeda (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Beyond Skills: Educating for Empathy, Ethics, and Wellbeing in the Digital Transformation of Higher Education
15:00–15:20		Caroline Bennis (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Empathy as a taught skill: Perceptions of Graphic Communication
15:20–15:30		Kyle Quinn (Current Student/Graduate)	Exploring the influences and behaviours of sports betting and gambling amongst 18–24-year-old males in Ireland
15.30-15.50			Q&A (20 mins)
	Business & Sustainability — Room 3.5		
14:30–14:50		Siddhi Pramod Dalvi (Current Student/Graduate)	Exploring AI Application in Real-world Evidence across product lifecycle management for pharmaceutical market exclusivity and enhancing revenue
14:50–15:00		Joshua Chiwueze Onunwor (Current Student/Graduate)	Barriers and Drivers of IoT Adoption for Food Traceability in Irish Agri-Food SMEs
15:00–15:20		Issa Nelson Nicas (Current Student/Graduate)	Assessment of Operational Efficiency of In-house (Vertical) Logistics and Third-Party Logistics (3PL) in Enhancing Supply Chain Performance: Case Study of Tanzanian Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Factories
15:20–15:40		Amy Cannon (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Collaborating Across Schools: Integrating Marketing and Creative Media Practice Through Live Clients and Digital Advertising Projects
15.40-16.00			Q&A (20 mins)
	Technology/AI & Education — Room 3.6		
14:30–14:50		Trevor Haugh; Niamh McHenry; Amy Hayes; David Rinehart (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Academic librarians’ perspectives on implementing generative AI tools in academic databases
14:50–15:10		Nilay Udeshi (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Exploring AI at the Edges: Creating Learning Media with Generative Tools
15:10–15:20		Fiona Behan (Current Student/Graduate)	Predicting Monthly Weather Anomalies in Ireland: A Comparative Study of ML and DL Models
15:20–15:30		Manjula Vijayaraghavan (Current Student/Graduate)	Predicting Shoreline Segment Lengths Using Machine Learning and Geospatial Metadata
15:30–15:50		Dr. Muhammad Iqbal (Academic Staff/Faculty)	Authentic Assessment Strategies to Enhance Academic Integrity in the Era of Generative AI: A Four-Dimensional Approach
15:50–16:00		Rob McKenna (Academic Staff/Faculty)	“Lit Review Prompt Engineer” — Careers and scholarslop. Ai;dr.
16.00-16.20			Q&A (20 mins)
16:20	Conference Close – Closing Remarks and Networking Reception - Room 3.10		