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Education

University College Dublin — Dublin, Ireland
PhD in Economics — 2023 –present

Maynooth University — Kildare, Ireland
MSc in Economics, First Class Honours (1:1) — 2021 –2022

Dublin City University — Dublin, Ireland
Bachelor of Business Studies, First Class Honours (1:1) — 2017 –2021

Research Fields

Primary: Economics of Education, Labour Economics
Secondary: Applied Microeconomics, Causal Inference, Gender, Inequality

Job Market Paper

Building Success: The Effect of On-Campus Housing Expansions on Student Outcomes
Ciarán Murphy (2026)
Housing shortages are increasingly cited as barriers to degree completion. Using a 17-year panel of 1,208 U.S. colleges, I estimate the effect of dormitory expansions on retention and graduation via within-college differencing models, confirmed by stacked difference-in-differences. Large expansions do not affect first-year retention but raise four-year graduation by 1–2.3 percentage points; effects grow with expansion size and cohort exposure and reflect higher total completion rather than re-timing. Mechanism analyses find no rent-market spillovers, pointing to campus housing access as the primary channel. Expanding on-campus capacity is a tractable, institution-controlled policy to raise graduation rates.

Publications

Socioeconomic Status and Enrolment in Science and Maths: A Machine-Learning Approach — *Education Economics*
Dáire Crotty and Ciarán Murphy (2026). doi:10.1080/09645292.2026.2688823 — *Published online*

Working Papers

The Origins of the STEM Gender Gap: Evidence from an Analysis of Secondary School Subject Selection
Dáire Crotty and Ciarán Murphy (2025) — *Under Review*

Lockdowns and Conspiracy Theories: Evidence from European Policy Variation
Ciarán Murphy (2026)

Work in Progress

The Other Side of the Game: Coaching Allocation and Player Effort in Football Academies
Draft available soon

Other Research

Exploring the Gender Pay Gap in Early Adulthood: A Longitudinal Analysis Using Growing Up in Ireland Data
Dáire Crotty and Ciarán Murphy (2026). Commissioned report for the Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Teaching

Lecturer at Maynooth University

- Introduction to Quantitative Methods (EC103Q), Behavioural Economics (EC334) — Spring 2026
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods (EC103Q), Information Economics (EC230) — Spring 2025

Tutor / Teaching Assistant at University College Dublin

- Econometrics, MSc (ECON42770) — Autumn 2026
- Intermediate Microeconomics II (ECON20180), Economics Research Project (ECON30620) — Spring 2026
- Econometrics, MSc (ECON42770) — Autumn 2025
- Intermediate Microeconomics II (ECON20180) — Spring 2025
- Econometrics, MSc (ECON42770), Exploring Economics (ECON10740) — Autumn 2024
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON10010) — Spring 2024
- Introduction to Economics (ECON10770), Intermediate Microeconomics I (ECON20010) — Autumn 2023

University Tutor at Maynooth University (2022–2023)

- Full-time Departmental Tutor and Head of Economics Support Centre. Coordinated and delivered tutorials, provided one-to-one tuition to undergraduate and postgraduate students, and acted as Departmental Advisor to the Access Office.

Scholarships and Awards

- Cormac Ó Gráda Award for Best Transfer Seminar Paper, University College Dublin — 2026
- Nominee, UCD Teaching and Learning Award (student-nominated) — 2026
- PhD Research Fund, University College Dublin — 2025
- School of Economics Scholarship, University College Dublin — 2023
- Paddy Geary Prize for First Class Honours and First in Class in MSc Economics, Maynooth University — 2023
- Entrance Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Maynooth University — 2022
- Entrance Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Dublin City University — 2017

Professional Activities

- Research & Reading Group Organiser, School of Economics, University College Dublin — 2024 –present
- Postgraduate Researcher, Geary Institute for Public Policy — 2023 –present
- Research Micro Files Researcher (Officer of Statistics), Central Statistics Office — 2022–2023, 2025 –present

Presentations

- **2026:** Growing Up in Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin (scheduled); BeNA Labor and Education Economics Workshop, Berlin (scheduled);EDGE Jamboree, Munich; Irish Economic Association Conference, Tipperary; Research & Reading Group, UCD; Leuven Economics of Education Research Conference, Leuven; CESifo/ifo Junior Workshop on Economics of Education, Munich; Young Irish Economists Seminar Series, Dublin; UCD School of Economics PhD Seminar, Dublin; Lisbon Economics and Statistics of Education Conference, Lisbon; Irish Postgraduate & Early Career Economists Conference, Maynooth
- **2025:** Workshop on the Economics of Education, Leuven; Research & Reading Group, UCD; UCD School of Economics PhD Seminar, Dublin

Other

- **Software:** R, Stata, Gretl, LaTeX, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- **Languages:** English (fluent), Irish (advanced), Spanish (beginner)

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