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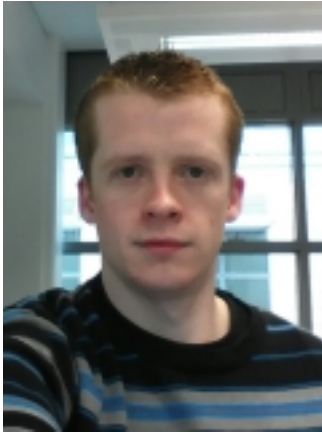


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## Institute presentation

University College Cork (UCC) is one of the most distinguished universities in all of Ireland with an outstanding track record in teaching and research. UCC is one of Ireland's leading research universities with the largest cumulative research income in Ireland over the last five years. UCC was selected Irish University of the Year 2005/2006 by the Sunday Times. The university has a strong commitment to research in the area of Neuroscience and Mental health. This is evidenced by the recent opening of a €17 million Biosciences Institute which has Neuroscience as one of its 4 core themes. With almost 40 investigators spanning the basic and clinical neurosciences [ucc.ie](http://ucc.ie) and a large graduate student and postdoctoral population UCC is a leading centre in Ireland for neuroscience research. The project will be carried out in UCC's new state of the art of €22.2 million Cavanagh Pharmacy building which opened in March 2006. Dr. Cryan's Laboratory at UCC is focused on examining the interaction between stress, developmental factors and genetics in the propensity to develop psychiatric disorders in adulthood with a clear translational focus. This it is ideally poised to exploit the data emerging from other work packages. His work on psychostimulants (cocaine, amphetamine and nicotine), anxiety/depression, behavioural genetics, glutamatergic mechanisms and interest in cortical modulation of behaviour is perfectly synergistic with the over-arching aims of the project.