

PROFESSOR ORLA FEELY

President, University College Dublin

**EMAIL**president@ucd.ie**EDUCATION**

PhD in Electrical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, 1992

MS in Electrical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, 1990

BE in Electronic Engineering, University College Dublin, 1986

EMPLOYMENT

President, University College Dublin (UCD), 2023-

Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact, UCD, 2014-2023

In UCD School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering:

Professor (now termed Full Professor), 2009-

Associate Professor, 2003-09

Senior Lecturer, 1996-2003

College Lecturer, 1992-96

**SELECTED
AWARDS/HONOURS**

Member, Royal Irish Academy, 2015-

Fellow, Irish Academy of Engineering, 2013-

Fellow by Presidential Invitation, Engineers Ireland, 2012-

Fellow, IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), 2009-

Best Paper Award, International Journal of Circuit Theory and Applications, 2007

Best Paper Award, European Conference on Circuit Theory and Design, Budapest, 1997

D. J. Sakrison Award for Outstanding and Innovative Research, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1993

**PROFESSIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Member, Judging Panel, Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering, 2024-

Member (2023-) and Chair (2025-), IEEE Founders' Medal Committee

Member, Vitold Belevitch Circuits and Systems Award Subcommittee, IEEE CAS Society, 2021

Chair (2020) and Member (2019), John Choma Education Award Subcommittee, IEEE CAS Society

Member, Charles Desoer Technical Achievement Award Subcommittee, IEEE CAS Society, 2018-19

Member, Fellow Evaluation Committee, IEEE CAS Society, 2012-2014, 2018-20, 2022-23

Chair, IEEE Technical Committee on Nonlinear Circuits and Systems, 2011-12

SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

President, UCD, 2023-

UCD is a leading research-intensive university, with over 40,000 students and turnover in excess of €800 million. It is Ireland's largest university and the largest primarily English-speaking university in the European Union. It has a strong focus on global engagement and has also had major influence on the development of modern Ireland. As President, I manage and direct the university in its academic, administrative, financial, staffing and other activities. I also lead the university community, represent the university externally, and advocate for its interests and those of higher education and research.

Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact, UCD, 2014-23

In this role, I was responsible for the strategy, development and central support of research and innovation across UCD. I led support units UCD Research and UCD Innovation, and was also responsible for the seven university research institutes, the Innovation Academy, UCD Press and the Biomedical Research Facility. My term saw a significant advance in the performance of the university in all dimensions of research and innovation, along with a strong emphasis on a positive research culture.

President, CESAER, 2024-25

CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research) is an association of more than 50 leading universities of science and technology from across Europe. Its aims include advocacy (particularly in relation to European policies and funding programmes), mutual learning and leading debate on key issues. As President I oversee the successful operation of the association, represent the views of members externally and chair the Presidency and Board of Directors.

President, Engineers Ireland, 2021-22

Engineers Ireland is the voice of the engineering profession in Ireland, with over 25,000 members. The President is Chair of the Council and Executive Board, engages actively with members and represents the collective interests of the profession within the organisation and with external stakeholders.

Chair, Irish Research Council, 2012-15

The Irish Research Council (IRC) was a major national funder of research, and the only one to fund research across all disciplines. I was appointed Chair of the IRC by the Minister for Research and Innovation shortly after the Council had been formed through the merger of the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology and the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences, and worked to establish it as a trusted and effective organisation with a strong voice in support of research.

Chair (2015-17) and Member (2013-15), Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are the European Union's reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training. The purpose of the 25-member Advisory Group was to provide advice to the Commission on the implementation of the MSCA and to assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives.

Board Member (2016-23) and Deputy Chair (2020-22), Higher Education Authority

The Higher Education Authority (HEA) has statutory responsibility for the effective governance and regulation of higher education institutions and the higher education system in Ireland. As a member of the Board I contributed to all strategic decisions of the HEA at a transformative time for Irish higher education.