



Dear ICAT Supervisors,

We hope this message finds you well. As 2024 draws to a close, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

In this edition of our newsletter, we are excited to share updates from the recent ICAT Retreat. Also, we greatly value your feedback and invite you to take a moment to complete the ICAT Supervisor Survey if you haven't already done so.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year—we look forward to continuing to work together in 2024!

Best wishes,
The ICAT Team

We would love your feedback



We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our short feedback survey linked below. Your input is invaluable in helping us improve the programme and better support our fellows and supervisors.

The anonymous survey takes just 3-4 minutes, and we would greatly value your feedback, it is open to everyone on the supervisor list. Thanks so much for your feedback and suggestions for improvements.

[Click here to provide your feedback for the ICAT Supervisor Survey](#)

ICAT Retreat

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent **ICAT Retreat**. The two-day event brought together fellows, supervisors, and mentors for an inspiring celebration of research, collaboration, and academic growth.

This annual retreat continues to serve as an invaluable platform for ICAT fellows to showcase their research findings, engage in stimulating discussions, and strengthen connections with peers and mentors. The event highlighted the impressive diversity and depth of research across the ICAT programme, underscoring the fellows' important contributions to advancing academic medicine.

We were privileged to hear from our esteemed keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Nicola Fletcher** (Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Ad Astra Fellow, UCD School of Veterinary Medicine), who delivered an insightful talk on *"Understanding Viral Infections Using a One Health Approach."*
- **Professor Finbarr Allen** (Professor of Oral Rehabilitation and Prosthodontics, Consultant in Restorative Dentistry, UCC), who shared valuable advice on *"Leadership in Clinical Academia – Tips That Might*

Help."

- **Professor Mary Horgan** (Professor of Infectious Diseases, UCD, Interim Chief Medical Officer), who provided an engaging perspective on "*One Health and Pandemic Preparedness*."

We are incredibly grateful to our speakers, fellows, and all participants who contributed to making this retreat such a success. Your engagement and enthusiasm helped make this event a highlight of the ICAT calendar.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year as we continue to celebrate and support the vital work of the ICAT community.



Cohort 8 ICAT Fellows at the ICAT Retreat (2024)



Images from the ICAT Retreat 2024.

ICAT Website Updates and Resources for Supervisors

A reminder that as part of the recent upgrade to the ICAT website, you now have the option to add your photo to your supervisor profile. If you would like to include your photo, please send it to info@ICATprogramme.org, and we'll be happy to update it for you.

The supervisor survey linked above, also gives supervisors the opportunity to provide feedback on the online supervisor database and to provide suggestions for improvements.

A reminder that the ICAT Supervisor eligibility criteria and terms of reference are available on the [website](#). We encourage you to read and save these documents; if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In the coming weeks, we will release a detailed ICAT Supervisor guidance document, which will serve as a guide to the ICAT recruitment process and the supervision of ICAT Fellows.



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