



## Postgraduate Plebiscite 2023 - Results

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Between 19 April and 22 April 2023, TCD Students' Union (TCDSU) held a vote on the future of union representation for postgraduates in Trinity College Dublin.

Its aim was to determine whether postgraduates would prefer to re-establish a separate organisation(s) for member defence within the university, or be integrated into existing TCDSU structures. Full results of the TCDSU Postgraduate Plebiscite 2023 are available to view [at this link](#).

We saw a strong turnout of Research PhDs for Question 2 (PhD), which returned a consensus to establish a separate body that will be the sole representative organisation for all PhD postgraduates. The turnout for Question 2 (Masters/Diploma/Certificate) was lower, with 152 eligible voters casting a ballot in favour of a separate body that will be the sole representative organisation for all Masters and Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate students.

It is important to note that the establishment of any new bodies must be led by the communities they will come to represent. Over the coming months, TCD Students' Union will provide administrative support, e.g. opening channels of communication between postgraduates, to action the above results.

TCDSU will continue to represent and support all students of Trinity, as has been our constitutional obligation since 1968. Until a separate body is recognised by Trinity College Dublin, our interim representation of postgraduates — via Class/Discipline and College Committee reps — will be preserved to ensure that your needs are met.

We thank the Mi-Voice team for facilitating the plebiscite. This marks the first time that TCDSU members were automatically eligible to vote online without the need for pre-registration.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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