

## **Researchers at Tyndall National Institute to strike following five years of failed negotiations**

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Researchers at Tyndall National Institute in UCC are staging a one-day strike on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in pursuit of a resolution of gross pay inequities at Tyndall Institute, UCC. The escalating dispute follows five years of failed attempts by staff to seek a negotiated settlement of their claims

The Irish Federation of University Teachers (IFUT) which, together with SIPTU, represents staff said that “researchers are being severely undermined by an ongoing refusal of UCC, supported by the Department of Education, to resolve glaring pay anomalies that result in staff earning up to one-third less than they would if employed in other UCC Departments.”

Key issues facing staff at Tyndall include research staff in senior supervising roles being paid less wages than junior doctorate temporary contract staff while permanent research staff are charged for a public service pension but denied access to public service pay and conditions, he said.

“We regret the need to take this action, which is being forced on staff due to the absence of any meaningful engagement and progress. We have assured UCC Students’ Union that there will be no disruption whatsoever of examinations during the course of our dispute.

“IFUT and SIPTU are seeking immediate installation of an agreed appeals process, to allow the widespread and gross anomalies on pay and conditions for research staff at Tyndall to be addressed without further delay,” Mike Jennings said.

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