

**Centre for Teaching and Learning**
**Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2025-26**

**Call for Applications**

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) announces the 2025-26 Call for Applications for the Teaching and Learning (T&L) Fellowships.

The Teaching and Learning Fellowships are a key part of Maynooth University’s ongoing commitment to developing teaching enhancement and fostering scholarship of teaching and learning.

This year’s theme is **‘Empowering Teaching and Learning Practice'.** Within this theme the following topics, amongst others, could be considered:

* teaching, learning and assessment enhancement
* inclusive education
* GenAI in teaching, learning and assessment
* student skills and competency development
* experiential learning
* Education for Sustainable Development and Social Justice
* T&L community of practice development
* teaching and learning for greater flexibility
* pedagogy of kindness
* transnational and intercultural learning

**Why Consider a Teaching and Learning Fellowship?**

T&L Fellowships provide many benefits for staff to whom they are awarded and for the institution. They are a form of recognition and validation. They are a supported form of professional learning which staff can use to enhance their understanding and their teaching practice, to make connections between their teaching and their research, to enquire and experiment, to support students in their learning, and to share their experience with colleagues.

Previous recipients have found Fellowships motivating, encouraging and inspirational. Fellowships also have the potential to contribute to the development of the University community through connectedness, dialogue, student partnership and an awareness of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

**Who can apply for a Fellowship?**
Any member of Maynooth University staff who teaches may apply for a Fellowship.

Applications will be accepted from individuals and teams. Applicants are strongly encouraged to include students as partners in Fellowship teams.

**Note:** 2024-2025 Fellows are not eligible to apply for an individual Fellowship or to be included in applicant team lists for this round, but may mentor a Fellowship.

**How many and how much?**
CTL will support up to six Teaching and Learning Fellowships of €5,000 each as part of this 2025-26 call.

**What is the application timeline?**

Tuesday, 18 March  Fellowships launched and Fellowship call shared

Thursday, 20 March Fellowship applicant information webinar (will be recorded)

Tuesday, 22 April Deadline for Fellowship applications

Wednesday, 23 April Applications shared with reviewers

Tuesday, 06 May Outcome of reviews shared with applicants

Wednesday, 14 May Announcement of Fellowship 2025-26 recipients at T&L

Showcase

**How long is the Fellowship for?**

Fellowships are awarded for 12 months from 1 September 2025 – 30 August 2026.

**How the funding can be used**

Fellowship funding should be used to support implementation of the Fellowship project. It can be used to support staff time on the fellowship project (including the buying out of staff time), to recruit project support, for the production of resources, for catering and events, for guest speakers/expert input, for travel and subsistence, for conference fees, for the purchase of equipment and/or software, and other reasonable expenses as approved by the review panel. All spending, and recording of same, should conform with Maynooth University procedures and processes, including those associated with recruitment and procurement.

**How will Fellowships be awarded?**

All applications will be assessed with reference to the following criteria

* alignment with the theme
* alignment with University/department plans/strategies
* evidence based and/or practice informed nature of proposal and its implementation
* clarity and feasibility of project plan
* costing of the plan
* potential for sustainability and mainstreaming across the department or development of the project beyond the Fellowship.

**Who will review the applications?**

The applications will be reviewed by a panel, which will include members of Centre for Teaching and Learning and the Associate Deans for Teaching and Learning or a nominated representative from the Faculty T&L Committee.

**What are the conditions of the Fellowship?**

Applicants awarded a Fellowship will need to ensure the following:

* that where necessary, the project research or evaluation methods seek approval from the University Ethics Committee
* that approved projects are completed within the agreed timeframe
* that Fellows, with the support of CTL, maintain contact with each other to ensure minimum duplication of effort
* that all project expenditure is managed and recorded appropriately, and in line with University financial guidelines, in readiness for any future auditing process
* that an actual expenditure summary, with all budget spent or committed, is submitted by the project end date, 30th August, 2026.
* that the designated outputs of the project are fulfilled and that outcomes are

disseminated as appropriate

* completion of a Fellowship project report and dissemination at a Teaching and Learning Showcase event.

**How to apply**

Applicants should complete [this application form](https://forms.office.com/e/LayEGztxZx).

The deadline for submission of completed applications is **Tuesday, 22nd April 2025** through the online application form.

All fellowship applications require support from the relevant Head of Department/Centre.

Where the application is from colleagues across a number of departments, support from each Head of Department/Centre must be recorded on the form.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission on or by **Tuesday 06 May 2025**. Fellowship Awards will be announced and presented at the Teaching and Learning Showcase on Wednesday May 14th, 2025.

If you have any queries regarding the Fellowship call, or eligibility of projects for this please contact CTL by email on teachingandlearning@mu.ie.

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