



Centre for Teaching and Learning Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2022-23

Call for Applications

The Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) announces the Call for Applications for the Teaching and Learning (T&L) Fellowships 2022-23.

The T&L Fellowships 2022-23 are a key part of Maynooth University's ongoing commitment to developing teaching and supporting student success.

The theme for the T&L Fellowships 2022-23 is **'Enabling Student Success through collaboration and partnership'**.

Specifically, T&L Fellowship projects must address one or more of the following areas:

- teaching and learning enhancement
- blended and online learning
- equality, diversity and inclusion
- students as partners in curriculum and enquiry
- experiential learning and learning beyond the university
- Education for Sustainable Development
- assessment and feedback practices that support student success.

T&L Fellowships which address assessment and feedback practices that support student success will be funded through a separate stream. In this context, we are using the National Forum's understanding of student success:

Student success optimises the learning and development opportunities for each student to recognise and fulfil their potential to contribute to, and flourish in, society. To be achieved, this requires a culture in Irish higher education that values inclusivity, equity and meaningful engagement between students, staff, their institutions and the wider community. (National Forum, 2019: 28)

Proposed projects should be research and/or practice informed and relevant to the work and strategy of the department(s). Proposals should also lead to outcomes which have the potential for sustainability and mainstreaming within/beyond the department/institution.

Why Fellowships?

Fellowships provide many benefits for staff who are awarded them and for the institution. They are a form of recognition and validation. They are a supported form of self-directed professional development which staff can use to enhance their understanding and their

practice, to make connections between their teaching and their research, to enquire and experiment, to forge collaborations and build connections, to reflect and to contribute, to lay the foundations for future work, to support students in their learning and to share their experience with colleagues. Previous recipients have found Fellowships motivating, encouraging and inspirational.

Who can apply for a Fellowship?

Any member of Maynooth University staff who teaches may apply for a Fellowship with the exception of Fellows who received funding in the round immediately previous to this one i.e. Fellowships 2020. Those Fellows may mentor successful individuals or teams but they should not apply for an individual Fellowship or be included in applicant team lists for this round. All other previous Fellowship recipients may apply. In turn, colleagues who have not received a Fellowship previously are encouraged to apply.

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

How many and how much?

CTL will support a minimum of eight Fellowships as part of this 2022-23 call. Each Fellowship can attract funding of up to €5,000. Of the eight, funding for at least three will be ringfenced for Fellowships which address the topic of assessment and feedback that supports student success.

What is different about the assessment and feedback fellowships?

The assessment and feedback fellowships are supported through a separate funding stream. They will be judged using the same criteria as the other fellowships but with the addition of one criterion – ‘Potential to contribute to/promote student success as a result of a specific focus on assessment and/or feedback’. Applicants who are awarded an assessment and feedback fellowship will be expected to contribute any resources/case studies they have developed to the Maynooth University ‘[Assess for Success](#)’ hub.

What is the application timeline?

9 March	Fellowships launched and Fellowship call shared
11 March	Fellowship applicant information webinar
5 April	Deadline for Fellowship applications
8 April	Applications shared with reviewers
4 May	Outcome of reviews shared with applicants

How long is the Fellowship for?

Applicants may opt for a 12 months or 18 months Fellowship as per the following timeframes:

12 months: June 2022 Fellowship awarded – June 2023 Fellowship reporting

18 months: June 2022 Fellowship awarded – Dec 2023 Fellowship reporting

What are the selection criteria?

All applications will be assessed with reference to the following criteria

- alignment with the Fellowship 2022-23 theme
- alignment with University/department plans/strategies
- evidence based and/or practice informed nature of proposal and its implementation
- clarity and viability of project plan
- costing of the plan
- potential for sustainability and mainstreaming across the department/institution or development of the project beyond the Fellowship
- potential to contribute to the development of the University T&L community through connectedness, dialogue, student partnership and an awareness of EDI
- potential to have a demonstrable impact on student success and/or the student experience

Who will review the applications?

The applications will be reviewed by a panel, which will include members of CTL, the Dean of Teaching and Learning, Maynooth University student representation, representatives from the three Faculties, and a representative from the University Research Development Office. Representatives from the 'Assess for Success' Advisory Group will be included in the panel which will review those applications.

How will Fellowship recipients be supported?

Fellowship recipients will be supported in two ways: through 'meet-ups' and by a CTL colleague. This support will provide opportunities for Fellowship recipients to share their experience, to network and to seek guidance.

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 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

- that a report on the project is submitted to CTL within the agreed timeframe
- that the outcomes of the project are disseminated as appropriate
- that there is engagement with the Fellowship support processes.

How to apply

Complete the application form available on the CTL website.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is **Tuesday 5 April 2022**. All applications should be emailed to teachingandlearning@mu.ie

All projects must be signed off by applicants and by the relevant Head of Department/Centre. Where the application is from colleagues across a number of departments, each Head of Department/Centre must sign off on the form.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission by **Wednesday 4 May 2022**.

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

References

National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 2019, *Understanding and Enabling Student Success in Irish Higher Education*. DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.9994196