



Enhancing Teaching and Learning Through Programme and Module Evaluation Initiative Expressions of Interest

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is seeking Expressions of Interest from Maynooth University discipline teams to participate in an initiative entitled *Enhancing Teaching and Learning through Programme and Module Evaluation*, for the calendar year 2020. It is envisaged that one discipline team will participate from each of the Faculties of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy, Social Sciences, and Science and Engineering.

This initiative is funded by the HEA in partnership with the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, under the Strategic Alignment of Teaching and Learning Enhancement Funding in Higher Education 2019.

The purpose of this interdisciplinary teaching and learning initiative is to examine how qualitative and quantitative student feedback and evaluation of teaching approaches, at module and programme level, can support enhancement of the student learning experience and contribute to continuing professional development for staff who teach.

This initiative is aligned with Maynooth University strategic priorities specifically, to *“further develop and refine our approach to gathering student feedback and information on the effectiveness of teaching, informed by the best available evidence, with the goal of better supporting departments in enhancing teaching and learning.”* Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2018-22. In particular, this initiative will inform the Student Evaluation Process Review.

Overview

The initiative seeks to provide agreed, institution specific and context appropriate, ways of gathering feedback and evaluating teaching which can be used (as evidence) to support enhancement of teaching and learning and personal professional development.

The initiative involves two strands:

1. To explore, pilot and share a range of student feedback mechanisms.
2. To explore, pilot and share a range of developmental approaches to the evaluation of teaching.

Key anticipated deliverables from the initiative include:

- published feedback from consultations with staff and students
- institutional, research-informed practice guides on approaches to feedback and on teaching evaluation
- piloting and evaluation of feedback mechanisms and teaching evaluation approaches within three disciplines

- institutional sharing and celebration at the Maynooth University Teaching and Learning Showcase in December 2020.

Team

The initiative will be led by the Centre of Teaching and Learning in partnership with the Institutional Research Office, three discipline teams and students. Students will be partners in this initiative and include Student Union Officers as well as student representation from each discipline. In addition, a full-time post-doctoral researcher will be recruited to co-ordinate and support the implementation of the initiative.

Funding

Each of the three discipline teams will receive funding of 15,000 Euro to support their engagement in the initiative. It is anticipated that this funding will provide the time and space for the team to engage with the initiative in 2020. For example, to buy out time for staff and to provide small student bursaries for their involvement.

Discipline Teams will:

- Act as a key partner on the initiative for the calendar year 2020
- Contribute to the initiative planning and consultation phase with staff and students
- Work with the Post-doctoral Researcher to identify needs and good practice for their disciplinary context
- Contribute to pilot development and implementation of a module and programme feedback approach
- Contribute to pilot development and implementation of a teaching evaluation approach
- Be committed to involve students as partners in the initiative team. Each team should include equal numbers of students and staff. Student involvement could include student representatives or students identified within an open call to students within the discipline, or a mix. Note: student members will need to be identified in February 2020.

Expressions of Interest

If interested in getting involved in this exciting initiative, please forward expressions of interest to the Centre for Teaching and Learning (teachingandlearning@mu.ie) no later than **Friday 31st January 2020**. Expressions of Interest should be signed off by all team members and the Head(s) of Department. Participating discipline teams will be advised in early February 2020.

Within your Expression of Interest, you should

- List the names and contact details of all staff team members
- Outline your rationale for participation in this initiative, how you would represent the interests of your faculty, and include evidence of your commitment/track record of involving student as partners (250-350 words max)

If you have any queries in relation to this call, please contact teachingandlearning@mu.ie.