



Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
Maynooth University

**Arts and Humanities Institute
And
Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy**

Research Centres Scheme 2020

The Director of the Arts and Humanities Institute and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy propose to establish and fund two new Research Centres in the Faculty, to be housed in AHL.

Maynooth University's Strategic Plan 2018-2022, 1.1.1 states:

We will strengthen our University research institutes and centres, to provide dedicated space, time and infrastructure for research, to support major research programmes and grants, to foster interdisciplinarity, to stimulate and nurture the development of research groups of varying scale, and to provide a platform for major interdisciplinary research programmes addressing significant societal challenges.

In keeping with these research ambitions, the establishment of two new Research Centres is intended to allow colleagues to explore collaborative areas of research which can enhance research activity in the Faculty and lead to research funding bids and grant capture in the near future. The Research Centres will work closely with the Research Development Office to write a bid for external funding at or before the end of the two-year period supported by the AHL and the Deans' Office. They will be expected to promote their work, to create research networks, to host a symposium or conference, and to produce at least one peer-reviewed article per member during the initial two-year period. Proposals for new Research Centres should involve at least three members of the Faculty from at least two separate Departments in the Faculty.

Proposals which represent a new strategic research direction for the Faculty are particularly welcome.

Research Centres established under the scheme will be required to:

- Work with the Research Development Office (RDO) over the course of the two-year period of the scheme to prepare a suitable bid for research funding
- Produce at least one article per member, connected to the research topic of the centre, to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal by the end of the two-year funding period
- Host a symposium at AHL to promote and further the work of the Research Centre
- Run one networking event
- Establish a social media presence

Successful Research Centres will receive funding of €5000 per annum for two years, beginning in September 2020.

Research Centre members will meet quarterly with the Director of AHL, the Dean and RDO to review progress and will submit a written report on progress biannually.

Proposals should be sent as a single document set out under the following headings:

- Title of research centre
- Faculty members involved
- Rationale for, and relevance and potential of, the proposed Centre
- Plans for publications

- Plans for symposium and networking events
- Future funding source(s)

Proposals (up to three pages) should be submitted by email to muahi@mu.ie by 6th March.

The Director of AHI, the Dean and a representative of RDO will meet with each proposal team to discuss their proposal and will decide on the allocation of funding based on the quality of the proposal and how it meets the objectives set out above.