



**Centre for Teaching and Learning
Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2019
Call for Applications**

Introduction

The **Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2018–22** highlights that Maynooth University ‘has always pursued a strategy of balanced excellence by equally valuing teaching and research and recognising the synergies between them, so that engagement in world-class research and scholarship is accompanied by a similar dedication to teaching and student success, and these are seen as mutually supportive activities’ (2018: 6). This belief informs the work of the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and it underpins the Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2019.

The 2019 CTL Fellowships are a key part of Maynooth University’s ongoing commitment to developing teaching and enhancing the student learning experience. The Fellowships are intended to contribute to enhancement of the student experience more broadly across the University and to build institutional capacity in teaching and learning.

Aims of the CTL Teaching and Learning Fellowships

Through the CTL Teaching and Learning Fellowships Maynooth University will

- facilitate practice-based research into teaching and learning that contributes to the enhancement of teaching and learning within the University
- recognize and acknowledge individuals and/or groups who make an outstanding contribution to teaching and learning
- promote and raise the profile of innovative practices in learning and teaching that contribute to the student learning experience in Maynooth University
- support teaching that motivates and inspires students to learn
- encourage the development of curricula, resources and learning supports that reflect a command of the field, foster independent learning and demand critical thinking
- reinforce the necessity for collaboration and interdisciplinary approaches
- disseminate and cascade good practice in teaching and learning across the university.

Details of the CTL Teaching and Learning Fellowships Call

This year's Fellowship call builds on previous themes and reflects the priorities articulated in the [University's Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022](#). The theme for the 2019 CTL Fellowship call is **Maynooth University as a Learning Community**. Specifically, Fellowships should address one or more of the following areas:

- Innovation in Postgraduate Education
- Inclusive, international and intercultural teaching and learning
- Blended and online learning
- Assessment and curriculum design (particularly programmatic approaches)
- Students as partners in curriculum and enquiry.

Applicants are encouraged to design projects which reflect one or more of the above areas, which are research and practice informed, and which are relevant to the work of the department/discipline. Proposals should lead to outcomes which have the potential for application across a range of disciplines.

The CTL will support a minimum of five Fellowships in the calendar year 2019. Each Fellowship can attract funding of up to €5,000.

Eligibility and Award Process

Any Maynooth University staff member who is teaching in the University may make an application. Applications will be accepted from individuals and from programme/interdisciplinary teams.

The applications will be assessed by a panel including members of the CTL, the Dean of Teaching and Learning, representatives from the Faculty Teaching and Learning Committees, and a colleague from the University Research Development Office. All applications will be assessed with reference to the following criteria:

- strategic alignment with the Fellowship aims and themes
- evidence based and practice informed nature of proposal and its implementation
- clarity and viability of project plan
- innovative nature of project
- costing of the plan – evidence of an appreciation of value and return on investment
- potential for sustainable implementation/dissemination of project and impact across the University as a whole, with respect to students, the department and the University.

Requirements

1. All projects should be endorsed and applications signed off by the Head of Department/Centre.
2. Project research or evaluation methods may require approval by the University Ethics Committee.
3. Approved projects must be completed by **20th December 2019**.
4. Fellows will be required to submit a report on the project, including details of the impact of the award professionally and on the institution, by **31st January 2020**.
5. Fellows will be required to disseminate the project within the university (e.g. Committee presentation/Staff Development events/T&L Showcase) and a relevant national Teaching and Learning conference.
6. Fellows will be assigned a Fellowship Liaison from the Centre of Teaching and Learning with whom they should connect periodically.

How to apply

Should you wish to apply for a Fellowship, please download and complete an application form from the CTL website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/centre-teaching-and-learning/teaching-fellowships>

The deadline for completed applications is **25th February 2019**.

A hard copy of the completed application form should be sent to:

Lisa O Regan
Interim Director
Centre for Teaching and Learning
School of Education
Maynooth University.

In addition, all applications should be emailed to teachingandlearning@mu.ie.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission by **4th March 2019**.

If you have any queries regarding eligibility of projects for this scheme please contact Lisa O'Regan or Alison Farrell, both of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, on lisa.oregan@mu.ie or alison.m.farrell@mu.ie respectively.