



**Maynooth
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National University
of Ireland Maynooth

Experience More @ MU

Experiential Learning Office

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Welcome



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Maynooth University

GRADUATES



69,633

No. of Graduates of higher education institutions



18% of Honours Bachelor Degree graduates got a first-class qualification.



43% came from 'Arts & Humanities', 'Social Sciences, Journalism & Information' and 'Business, Administration & Law'.



24% came from 'Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Statistics', 'Information & Communication Technologies' & 'Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction'.

48,769 Undergraduates | **20,864** Postgraduates





What is expected of you from future employers?



How can I
STAND OUT
from
the crowd?



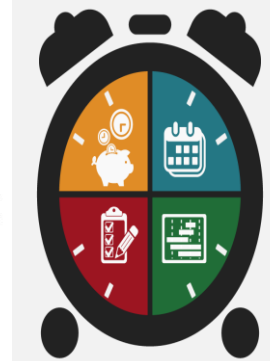
How can I
develop
these
skillsets?



What is
available at
Maynooth
University
to help?



How can I
maximize my
college
Experience?





Experience More!



Learning

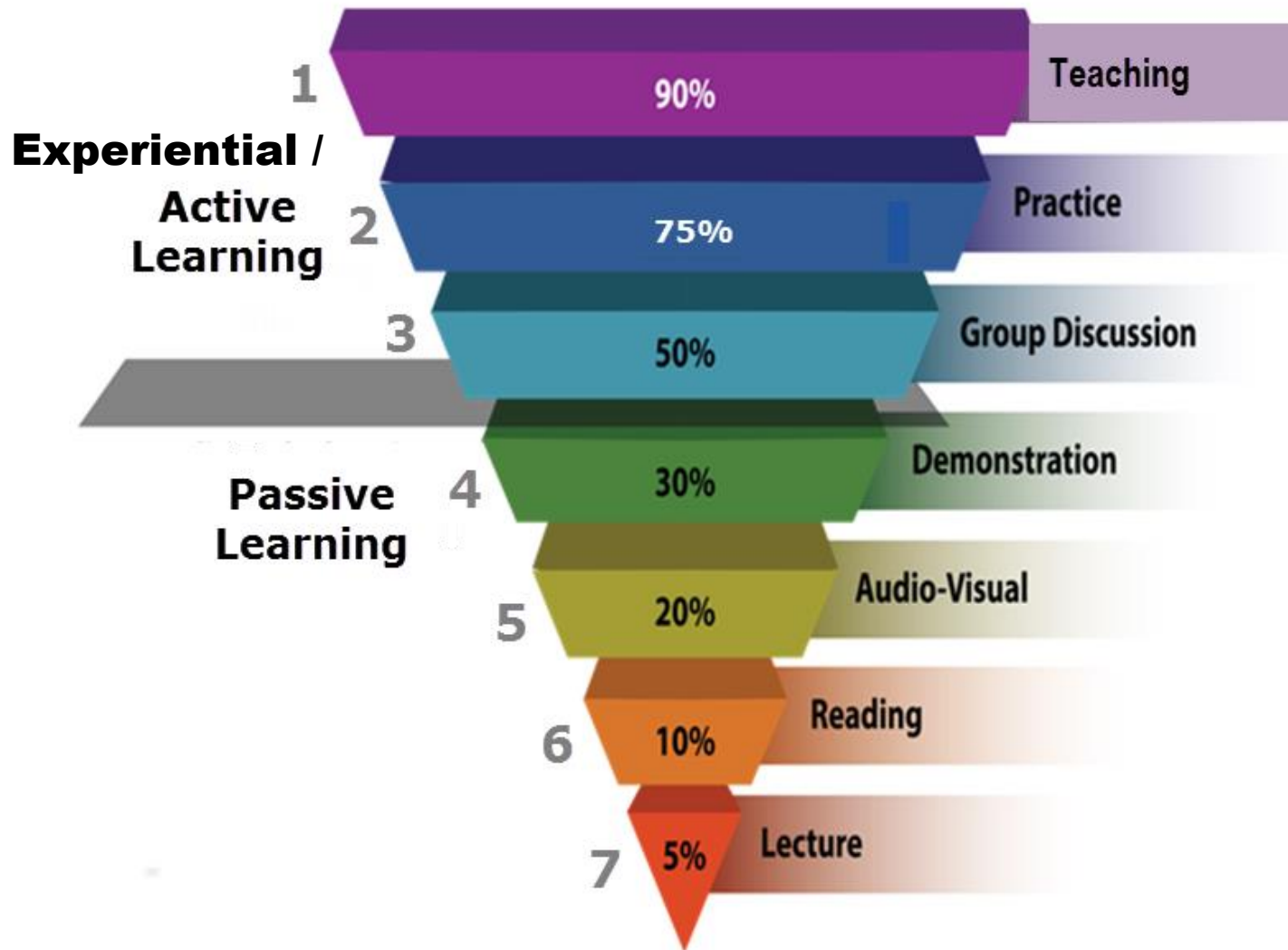
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**Tell me and I forget, teach
me and I may remember,
involve me and I'll learn.”**

— Benjamin Franklin

THE LEARNING PYRAMID

Knowledge Retention Rates



Source: Adapted from National Training Laboratory Maine and Dale's Cone of Experience

MU
SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
SPUR

**EXPERIENCE MORE
THIS SUMMER!**

Register Your Interest
maynoothuniversity.ie/experiential-learning/research



Maynooth University Summer Programme for UG Research



Up to 40 Scholarships
Available annually



Faculty Mentors and
Researcher development
sessions



Helps you to stand
out from your peers



Get recognition on your transcript



Develop a new network and an
insight into postgraduate study



Gain work experience on your CV



Enhance your personal and
professional development



Earn a stipend of 1500 euros tax free

4 STEPS

TO POTENTIALLY
ACHIEVING A SIX
WEEK PAID
RESEARCH
PLACEMENT

1 Register for SPUR on Moodle and attend an info session

2 Review the SPUR department projects on Moodle

3 Select the project(s) you want to apply for and find two suitable academic supporters

4 Complete the online application form by the deadline

Get started today!
maynoothuniversity.ie/experiential-learning/research



MU SPUR - THE NUMBERS

358 / **51** / **53** / **90K**
Applicants / *Awards* / *Mentors* / *Funding*

95% of student participants and faculty mentors said that it was likely that they would recommend the programme to a friend or colleague



MU SPUR 2018 / **SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**



85% of student participants and faculty mentors ranked the programme Excellent/Very Good



I honestly didn't think I would learn an awful lot in just six weeks but in that time I have managed to complete my project, make new contacts, get offered a PhD, attend a renowned conference featuring experts in the field around the world and learned a vast array of skills which will be indispensable going forward in research".

— Science and Engineering 3rd Year Student



The SPUR experience went a long way in getting my graduate role in Accenture. The senior managers were very interested in the programme and it was probably what got me the job".

— Science and Engineering 3rd Year Student



Unforgettable experience. A brilliant insight into the world of an academic"

— Social Sciences 2nd Year Student



Given me no option but to pursue research ... because I enjoyed it so much".

— Science 3rd Year Student



Brilliant internship experience".

— Arts 2nd Year Student



MUSE

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY
STUDENT EXPERIENCE
AWARDS

LET YOUR EXPERIENCE BOOST YOUR CV!

Receive the recognition
you deserve with a
Maynooth University
Student Experience
(MUSE) Award.

Get started today!
maynoothuniversity.ie/museawards



MUSE AWARDS: THE BENEFITS

Helps you stand out from your peers

01



Gives you the confidence to articulate the skills you have gained at MU

03



Greater career readiness as you prepare for the future

05



02



Enhances your employability skills

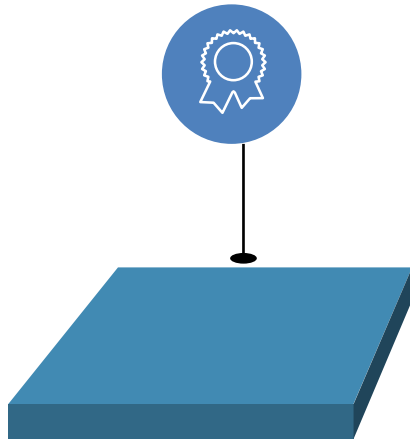
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Better self-awareness as you reflect on your achievements

Proposed Model: Levels and Criteria

MUSE Award



At least 50 hours of engagement in one theme

MUSE Award
Advanced



At least 120 hours of engagement in a minimum of two different themes

University Community and Campus Life



Volunteering and Civic Engagement



Internationalisation



Leadership



Social and Cultural



Enterprise and Work Experience





SIX EASY STEPS

- 1** Register for a MUSE Award on Moodle
- 2** Attend a one hour induction session
- 3** Select your theme(s) and undertake relevant activities
- 4** Record and reflect on your learning and the skills gained
- 5** Update your CV or attend an interview (MUSE Advanced Level)
- 6** Submit for assessment and receive the award



Work



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY MODULES



ELECTIVE

Offered as a 5ECTS elective module delivered each semester to eligible second year students



EXECUTION

Involves interactive employability skill workshops involving employers



ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment involving formative feedback. An e-portfolio and interview are two core components



OUTPUT

Up to 180 students across disciplines can avail and benefit from this new experiential learning module.



Employer-Led Interactive Skill Workshops

- Focus on You-Self Awareness
- Elevator Pitch and Interviewing for Firms
- Enterprise Uncovered
- Excelling in interviews and the workplace
- Applications and Group Assessment
- The Art of Leadership
- Pitch Perfect- Perfecting your Presentation Skills
- Me.Inc-Your Professional Brand
- Teamwork: Problem Solved



"I found this entire module very engaging and enjoyable. I have gained invaluable experience, knowledge and skills".



"Even though I felt completely outside my comfort zone, I really found the in-class practical group work extremely beneficial. Learning skills like elevator pitches and interview scenarios will serve me well in the future".



"Helped me greatly for preparing for jobs in the future and realising my strengths and weaknesses and how to sell myself".





Community



COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE LEARNING



What is it?

Experiential education with a civic underpinning



Community

Active engagement occurs in response to a need identified by them. Valued partners in the process



Characteristics

Academic theory viewed in a real world context and academic credit can be earned



Output

Cultivate community partnerships and real world projects for students

Experience More!



Register your interest

We want to keep you informed throughout the year on how you can Experience More at Maynooth University.

Student Name *

**Student ID
Number ***



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