



**Maynooth
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Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2024-25

SPARK Initiative 2024-25

What are the T&L Fellowships?

The T&L Fellowships are part of the University's ongoing commitment to developing teaching, supporting student success and enhancing the student learning experience.

They are designed to

- build institutional capacity in teaching and learning
- address teaching and learning themes of strategic importance to the University
- recognise individuals and teams for their contribution to teaching and learning enhancement across the University.

Fellows' feedback on the T&L Fellowships

Opportunity to

- collaborate, connect and network, within and beyond University
- increase knowledge and enhance understanding of T&L research
- connect teaching practice and research identity
- enquire, experiment, create, reflect
- engage in professional development (build CV)
- support colleagues in their professional development
- focus on enhancement
- contribute to student learning methods and to greater student engagement
- have more time, space and resources

Additional impact beyond the T&L Fellowships

Evidenced in

- applying for external funding
- sharing the learning from the Fellowship with other colleagues
- interdisciplinary collaboration and learning
- positive student feedback
- publications.

The T&L Fellowships shine a light on T&L.

SPARK

Opportunity to

- try something
- research into practice
- secure small amount of funding
- build towards a Fellowship
- collaborate

Feedback from participant: ‘SPARK incentivised me to clarify my thoughts, put an application together, stay focused and on-track re. learning targets and outcomes It was also a catalyst to take a student-led approach.’

T&L Fellowships and SPARK 2024-25- differences

T&L Fellowships	SPARK
€5000	€1000
Up to six T&L Fellowships	Up to 10 SPARK awards
Deadline 15 April 2024	Rolling call – last submission 30 August 2024
Notification 6 May 2024	Notification within 2 weeks
Recipient in round immediately preceding this one may not apply	Recipient in round immediately preceding this one may apply
T&L project	One small change

T&L Fellowships and SPARK 2024-25 – shared features

Theme: 'Valuing Teaching and Learning: Action, Enquiry, Inspiration'.

All staff who teach may apply. All applications are online through Forms.

Individual or team, department, inter-department, or between departments and units/centres. Students as partners welcome.

All applications judged against published call criteria. Advice for all

- write in plain English for an intelligent reader but also someone who may not be from your discipline
- ensure that the project is feasible
- work within the word counts noted in the application form.

All successful applicants need to write a report and participate in the T&L Showcase.

Deadline for completion of work and funding spent **30 August 2025**.

Funding to be spent in line with University financial and other relevant procedures.

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Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2024-2025

The Teaching and Learning Fellowships are a key part of Maynooth University's ongoing commitment to developing teaching and supporting student success.

Feedback from previous Fellows about the Fellowship experience has been consistently positive with colleagues noting the numerous and varied benefits of participating in the programme.

The theme for the T&L Fellowships 2024-2025 is: "**Valuing Teaching and Learning: Action, Enquiry, Inspiration**".

If you would like to learn more about the Fellowship programme, please contact us by email on teachingandlearning@mu.ie

Further Information

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Spark Initiative - Change One Thing

The CTL 2024 SPARK Initiative aims to support individual staff and teams in implementing small-scale Teaching and Learning enhancement projects. The idea behind SPARK is to identify one aspect of your Teaching and Learning that you would like to enhance and to begin to address this issue with a starter project that creates opportunity to build on the initiative beyond the funding timeframe. The funding's motto captures the spirit of the initiative: *'Change one thing'*.

Examples of previous projects are available in the [SPARK Initiative report 2021](#) and the [SPARK Initiative Report 2022-23](#).

Theme and Funding

The theme for this year's SPARK call is the same as the T&L Fellowship 2024-25 theme: **'Valuing Teaching and Learning: Action, Enquiry, Inspiration'**.

This year, there are up to **10 grants of €1,000** available for individuals/teams

A SPARK 2024-25 **information session will take place online on Friday, March 22nd from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm**. [You may register here](#)

Full details on the SPARK call and Application Process are available in the tab below.

[➤ SPARK 2024-2025 Call and Application Process](#)

How can the funding be used?

- staff time (including the buying out of staff time)
- the production of resources
- catering and events
- guest speakers/expert input
- travel and subsistence
- conference fees
- the purchase of equipment and/or software
- other reasonable expenses as approved by the review panel.

All spending, and recording of same, should conform with University procedures and processes, including those associated with recruitment and procurement.

Review criteria: T&L Fellowships 2024-25

- alignment with the theme
- alignment with University/department plans/strategies
- evidence based and/or practice informed nature of proposal and its implementation
- clarity and feasibility of project plan
- costing of the plan
- potential for sustainability and mainstreaming across the department or development of the project beyond the Fellowship.

Review criteria: SPARK 2024-25

- be narrow in focus i.e. associated with one small change/enhancement to teaching/learning/assessment
- be informed by literature or recognised good practice in teaching and learning
- contribution to student learning
- process and timeline for planning, implementation, and evaluation of the initiative
- breakdown of how the €1,000 grant will be spent.

Help

- Call documents
- This webinar
- FAQs

- Email us teachingandlearning@mu.ie with subject line of 'T&L Fellowships 2024-25' or 'SPARK 2024-25'