



Centre for Teaching and Learning Team Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2020

Call for Applications

Details of the Call

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is proud to announce the Call for Applications for the 2020 Team Teaching and Learning Fellowships (TTLF).

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 ethos informs the work of the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) and it underpins the Teaching and Learning Fellowships 2020.

The 2020 Team 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.

Applications should demonstrate how the proposed learning enhancement intervention aligns with the Maynooth University 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, as well as the National Forum 2019-2021 Strategic Priorities, particularly [Teaching and Learning Enhancement Within and Across Disciplines](#). In addition, applications should be focused on *sustainable* teaching and learning innovation or development, either within a single programme or within a particular year of a programme.

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 2020 CTL Team Fellowship call is ‘**Inspirational Teaching for Student Success**’.

Specifically, Fellowships projects must address one or more of the following areas:

- teaching and learning enhancement within and across disciplines
- innovation in Postgraduate Education
- blended and online learning
- assessment, feedback and curriculum design (particularly programmatic approaches)
- equality, diversity and inclusion
- staff and student wellbeing
- students as partners in curriculum and enquiry.

Proposed projects should be research and practice informed and relevant to the work of the department/discipline. Proposals should also lead to outcomes which have the potential for application across a range of disciplines.

Team Teaching and Learning Fellowships

Through the Team Teaching and Learning Fellowships Maynooth University aims to:

- facilitate practice-based research into teaching and learning that contributes to the enhancement of teaching and learning within the University
- recognise and acknowledge teams who make an outstanding contribution to teaching and learning. *Note* on completion of the project, teams will be encouraged to apply for a National Forum for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning [DELTA](#) award.
- 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, and contributes to student success
- 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.

Who can apply for a Fellowship?

Any team of Maynooth University staff who teach may apply for a Fellowship; teams may include students as partners. Applications will be accepted from both disciplinary and interdisciplinary teams.

How many and how much?

The CTL will support a minimum of five Fellowships in the calendar year 2020. Each Fellowship can attract funding of up to €5,000.

What is the timeline?

The Fellowship will run through the 2020 calendar year, culminating in a Maynooth University Showcase in December of 2020 which will provide a forum for discussion of the Fellowship and which will give each team the opportunity to share the details of their work.

What are the selection criteria?

All applications will be assessed with reference to the following criteria

- strategic alignment with the Fellowship 2020 aims and themes
- alignment with at least one element of the [DELTA Framework](#)
- 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
- potential to disseminate and cascade good practice in teaching and learning across the university and beyond
- potential to have a demonstrable impact on student success

Who will review the applications?

The applications will be reviewed by a panel, which will include members of the CTL, the Dean of Teaching and Learning, a Maynooth University Students' Union representative, representatives from the Faculty Teaching and Learning Committees, and a representative from the University Research Development Office.

How will Fellowship teams be supported in the process?

Fellowship teams will be supported in two ways, namely, through peer mentoring and through 'meet-ups'. The aim of the peer mentoring is to support capacity building, and to capitalise on learning from previous initiatives, while 'meet-ups' will provide opportunities for Fellowship teams to share their experience, to network and to seek guidance.

Conditions of the Fellowship

Teams awarded a Fellowship will need to ensure the following:

- that where necessary, the project research or evaluation methods seek approval by the University Ethics Committee
- that approved projects must be completed by **18th December 2020**
- that the Fellowship team submits a report on the project, including details of the impact of the award professionally and on the institution, by **29th January 2021**
- that the Fellowship team disseminates the project at the Maynooth University Teaching and Learning Showcase in **December 2020**
- that Fellowship teams engage with the Fellowship peer mentoring process

How to apply

Complete the application form available on the CTL website:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/centre-teaching-and-learning/teaching-fellowships>

The deadline for submission of completed applications is **Thursday 23rd January 2020**. A hard copy of the completed application form should be sent to the Centre for Teaching and Learning, School of Education, Maynooth University. In addition, all applications should be emailed to teachingandlearning@mu.ie.

All projects must be signed off by all team members and by the Head of Department/Centre of each department/centre involved.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their submission by 31st January 2020. If you have any queries regarding eligibility of projects for this scheme please contact the CTL by email on teachingandlearning@mu.ie