Future Ready: Getting Started with the End in Mind

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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’.


48,769 Undergraduates | 20,864 Postgraduates
How will you stand out from the crowd in 3-4 years time?
What is expected of you from future employers?
Experience More!
Work
SKILLS FOR SUCCESS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY MODULE

**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**
266 students across disciplines benefitted from this experiential learning module to date.
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

100% Students believed their career readiness was enhanced

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“Meeting the employers in person and understanding their requirements was great”

“The ability to interact with companies without having to travel”

“I loved the element of many types of firms being in one place”

“It is great that there are fairs on campus, where people can meet prospective employers”

“Having the opportunity to speak in person to potential employers was great”

“Good strong company names such as ESB and Amazon. The map and list of companies was also a good resource to have”

“The event was well-organized and the best part was that I came to know about a lot of companies that I wasn’t aware of earlier”

“Being able to speak to former Maynooth students that are now working for those employers”

“There were employers from lots of different areas”
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MU
SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
SPUR
EXPERIENCE MORE
THIS SUMMER!
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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
MU SPUR - THE NUMBERS

437 Applicants / 62 Awards / 45 Projects / 95K Funding

100% Of Students Rated the Summer Programme for Undergraduate Research very good / excellent

156 Summer Research Scholarships granted since 2017
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!
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MUSE AWARDS: THE BENEFITS

01 Helps you stand out from your peers

02 Enhances your employability skills

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

04 Better self-awareness as you reflect on your achievements

05 Greater career readiness as you prepare for the future
MUSE AWARDS: THE OUTCOMES

"I think it is a brilliant initiative that the time you put in to extra curricular activities and the amazing experiences you develop are acknowledged. It really adds to the overall experience a student has at Maynooth".

"The process was super easy and I really felt I was given plenty of extra tools (seminar, video links etc.) to ensure the best possible experience in partaking! Thank you!"

"This is a positive and innovative experience that will show future employers additional work and activities that are pursued within the realm of university life"

"I enjoyed the award process thoroughly.... It's great to have the extra work recognized so you are able to put the award in your CV"

"I think it's a great idea to give people that extra boost on their degree transcripts".
At least 50 hours of engagement in one theme

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

All MUSE general and sub group documentation to be uploaded on to MUSE teams so that it is accessible to everyone on the task group.

COMMUNICATION

Ensure all key stakeholders are made aware of the MUSE rollout in late January 2018.

SUB-GROUPS

The various sub groups will be initiated in the next two weeks.

TECHNOLOGY

An e-portfolio and verification system will need to be tested and ready to go live in January 2018.

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ARE YOU IN?

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
COMMUNITY ENGAGED 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

Source: (Campus Engage, 2017)
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: ENACTUS

Ireland
Founded 2011
Capital City: Dublin
Population: 4,644,000
GDP: 289,703,000,000 USD

10 TEAMS
800 STUDENTS
35 PROJECTS
21,404 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

IRLAND

ENACTUS IRELAND NATIONAL COMPETITION

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Register your interest

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

Student Name *

First Name

Last Name

Student ID Number *
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