

Possible funding avenues in HE

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National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning in Higher Education



Mission Statement:

As a national body, to lead the enhancement of teaching and learning in partnership with students, staff and leaders in Irish higher education to develop an inclusive, collaborative and innovative culture that maximises learning impact for the success of all students.

Strategic Priorities:

- Student Success
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Artificial Intelligence
- Teaching & Learning in a Digital World
- Professional Development of all those who teach
- Teaching & Learning Enhancement within and across disciplines

National Forum SATLE Funding

Strategic Alignment of Teaching & Learning Enhancement **Funding**



Current focus:

- Education for Sustainable Development
- Digital Transformation in the tertiary sector
- Best practice in upholding and cultivating academic integrity

Cross institutional collaboration between higher education institutions is particularly encouraged. In keeping with the open and shared approach taken by the National Forum to date, the inclusion of participants from the private higher education and further education sectors in projects and networks will be welcome.

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Inclusive Environment Fund

Announced April 2025

Additional round of funding under Strand 4 of the Programme for Access to Higher Education (PATH 4) is centred on measures to foster and enhance belonging for the most underrepresented groups.

"PATH 4 funding has played a key role in enabling the development of the ALTITUDE Charter, which presents a significant opportunity to advance progress towards inclusive environments in a strategic, holistic and student-centred manner...The HEA is actively encouraging institutions to commit Inclusive Environment funding to supporting the next phase of full adoption and implementation of the Charter."



More Flexible
More Accessible
More Inclusive



ALTITUDE

THE NATIONAL CHARTER FOR UNIVERSAL
DESIGN IN TERTIARY EDUCATION

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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Enhancement Fund

Inaugural call of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Enhancement Fund 2024 to support equality, diversity, and inclusion initiatives in Irish higher education institutions.

Seven projects were funded under the 2024 call. The projects address important areas of development for the higher education sector including training and capacity building, research, and supporting sectoral collaboration and networks.

HEI Partners	Project title
TCD, University of Galway, TU Dublin, and RCSI	HEIs as Places for People: Inclusive Infrastructures to Support Intersectionality in HEIs
UCC, University of Galway and UL	EDI Learning Blocks–Developing a Micro Credential in EDI for a University Work Force
ATU, TUS, University of Galway, TU Dublin, MIC, MTU, SETU, IADT, and DKIT	Mobilising Men as Leaders in Gender Violence Prevention in Higher Education in Ireland
UCD, NCI, MU, and DKIT	Talk EDI to Me: Promoting Engagement in Affirming Gender Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Conversations among HE Staff
RCSI, UL, and UCC	Implementing Gender-Informed Workload allocation models to Support Women in Academia
TUS, ATU, and University of Galway	A Cross-Institute Initiative to Enhance Gender Equality in Teaching and Research in Sports Related Disciplines
UL, MIC, TCD, and University of Galway	Embedding Race Equality Training in Higher Education (EMBRACED)

Technological University (TU) Sector

Research

noun

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A detailed study of a subject, especially in order to discover (new) information or reach a (new) understanding.

As we mourn the end of N-TUTORR, there are a number of ongoing TU funding opportunities

- TSAF (Technological Sector Advancement Fund) running until June 2026
- TU RISE (TU Research and Innovation Supporting Enterprise scheme) running until 2027

European University Alliances

Thirteen Irish HEIs are engaged in European University Alliances (EUAs) that aim to transform the European HE landscape. While these alliances collaborate in areas like research, teaching and mobility, all include initiatives designed to amplify the student voice.

EngageAll: The All-Ireland Community of Practice (CoP) for Professionals involved in Student Engagement within European University Alliances

Erasmus+ supports training periods for staff working in higher education institutions. EU grants provide a contribution to your costs for travel and subsistence during your time abroad.

Erasmus+

With Erasmus+, you can train at a higher education institution in an Erasmus+ Programme or Partner country or at an organisation outside the sector in a Programme country.

Examples of such organisations include businesses, public bodies, social partners, research institutes and non-governmental organisations. A training period between two Programme countries must last a minimum of 2 days and cannot last more than 2 months.

Conference Attendance

Continuing professional development through conference participation

- Discounts for those presenting
- Conference Scholarship schemes e.g. [NASPA](#)
- HEI Research, Training and Conference Travel support schemes (HR or L&D unit)

Sample conference justification templates:
[2025 ACUI Annual Conference Justification to Attend letter templates](#)

[Business Case to Attend the EUCA Conference 2025](#)

Any other funding opportunities?