



# Dean's Awards for Innovation in Teaching 2023-24

I am very pleased to announce the 2023-24 Dean of Health Sciences Award for Innovation in Teaching. The spirit of the call is to encourage teaching innovations within the Faculty of Health Sciences, where the outcomes will be shared with colleagues across the Faculty and beyond.

The Faculty of Health Sciences strives to embed the principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in all that we do. In a clear demonstration of our commitment to this, evidence that EDI is embedded throughout your innovation will be one criterion for the award. This could be in how the teaching is delivered and assessed, in the materials being used, in the engagement practices with students, or in other ways that you highlight in your application.

## Background & Support relating to EDI in Health Sciences:

For broad context on the Faculty's recent work relating to EDI topics, please see our EDI Visiting Professors series here: [www.tcd.ie/healthsciences/events/visitingprof2022.php](http://www.tcd.ie/healthsciences/events/visitingprof2022.php)

Particular attention could also be given to Visiting Professor Reena Karani's Faculty Forum event on Zoom ([link to the video here](#)). The report presented in the Faculty Forum event is *Stand Up, Speak Out! Racial Justice in Healthcare Education*, a student-led project which is outlined [here](#), along with outcome report [here](#).

There are many resources available to support curriculum and assessment design, courtesy of the Inclusive Trinity project: [Inclusive Curriculum Resources - Equality | Trinity College Dublin \(tcd.ie\)](#)

## About this Award:

Individual awards are expected to be in the range of €2,000 to €5,000. Awards of up to €10,000 will be considered for innovations in interprofessional education across multiple schools in the Faculty. Some applicants may choose to include open access publishing fees, these fees are permissible but must be within the overall budget and will only be paid upon publication.

**Note:** Grants will not be awarded for the purposes of teaching buy-out, conference attendance, event catering.

Awardees of the Dean's Awards will be required to submit an end-of-project report in video / PowerPoint presentation format which will be shared online. Awardees are also required to engage with the Centre for Academic Practice as part of the dissemination strategy for their project, e.g. through contributing to a teaching and learning lunchtime seminar or similar event. A celebratory event will be held for all awardees (date TBC).



**Eligibility:** the award is open to Health Sciences staff with a contract of at least one year, to enable the completion and roll-out of your project.

### **Evaluation of Applications**

Each application will be assessed by a panel, which will include the following members:

- Dean of Health Sciences (Chair)
- Representative from Centre for Academic Practice
- Head of Media Services, UCD IT Services
- Internal assessor
- External assessor

The review panel will consider the following evidence in making its recommendations:

- Innovative nature and scope of the project, including the soundness of the pedagogical underpinning (30 marks)
- Clarity and relevance of aims and objectives with detailed Project Implementation Plan (20 marks)
- Reach of the project, potential for mainstreaming and adaptation/adoption across the Faculty/College (20 marks)
- Realistic Budget & Value for Money & Sustainability (10 marks)
- **NEW** Articulates how this project embeds EDI throughout the innovation, and contributes to the College's strategic goals 1 & 8 (20 marks):  
Goal 1: "We will foster an ever more diverse and inclusive student community"  
Goal 8: "We will be one Trinity community".
- Evidence of collaboration across disciplines (required for larger interdisciplinary awards)

Completed application forms should be submitted by email to Lena Doherty, Faculty Administrator, [ldohert@tcd.ie](mailto:ldohert@tcd.ie), no later than **Wednesday 20 March 2024**.

Queries are welcomed and should be directed to the Faculty Administrator.