



# Dean's Awards for Innovation in Teaching 2025-26

I am very pleased to announce the 2025-26 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 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion | Trinity College Dublin](#)

## 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 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: Regent House on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 6-7.30pm (arrive from 5.30pm).



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**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, Chaired by the Dean of Health Sciences.

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)
- Articulates how this project embeds EDI throughout the innovation
- 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 **12pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**.

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