N-TUTORR Partners in Innovation and Change Fellowship Project

Incubation Project Funding Call

Call context and aim:

The N-TUTORR (National Technological University TransfOmation for Recovery and Resilience) project is an innovative collaboration across the technological higher education sector in Ireland to transform learning and the student experience. The project builds on collective learnings and experiences in delivering higher education throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, during which a new, more inclusive model for higher education enabled by digital technology emerged.

The project is designed to transform learning, teaching and assessment by focussing on transforming the student experience and developing the capabilities of all staff, to address a sustainable pedagogical and learning environment, informed by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Further information on the N-TUTORR project can be found at www.tudublin.ie/ntutorr and www.transforminglearning.ie.

The N-TUTORR Partners in Innovation and Change Fellowship projects provide an opportunity for staff and students to collaborate on enhancement projects that will have an immediate and sustainable impact on the student experience.

Applications are being sought for innovative, impactful and solution-driven projects that align with the N-TUTORR themes and relate to TU Dublin's University Educational Model and Strategic Intent.

Applications can be made by students or staff. Each project should provide an opportunity for maximum staff and/or student engagement in the University. Each project should have at least two staff and two student partners.

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Call thematic areas:

The main objective of N-TUTORR is to empower learners and develop staff capabilities in the technological higher education sector in Ireland. The impact is intended to provide an improved student experience and equal access to education.

Each project must predominantly address one of the N-TUTORR thematic areas which are:

- Education for Sustainability
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Academic Integrity
- Universal Design for Learning

- Digital Transformation in Learning and Teaching
- Employability

Key criteria:

Please submit you application no later than **8th April 2024** using this online application form:

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Please provide details of your proposed project in this online application form addressing these key criteria.

- Predominantly address <u>one</u> of the N-TUTORR thematic areas and result in a positive change that can be extended beyond the lifetime of this funding.
- The current challenge that underpins the project and how it aligns with the Principles of the TU Dublin Education Model and Strategic Intent
- How this funding will positively influence the proposed solution.
- The project deliverables and the potential impact as well as how you will measure success.
- How will students be included as meaningful partners.
- How will your project output be integrated into other areas in the university.

What is the budget?

The maximum budget for any one project is €5,000.

TU Dublin spending and procurement policies must be adhered to in detailing and spending the budget.

Any equipment that is purchased must be essential to ensuring the project deliverables are achieved. The funding can be spent on software, for example to pilot a particular approach, but careful consideration should be given to sustainability and how such software would be funded post 31st December 2024. Budgets will be managed by both the successful applicants and the TU Dublin N-TUTORR Project Team with regular reporting required. All budgets must be spent by 31st December 2024.

Who should apply?

This call is open to all staff and students within TU Dublin with the focus on sustainable teaching and learning enhancement. A strong emphasis on collegiality and integrating students as partners should be clearly evident in the application. Furthermore, future orientated and multi- and cross-functional applications are particularly welcomed.

When is the deadline?

The deadline for applications is **8th April 2024**.

Late applications will not be accepted or considered.

Who will select the successful projects?

The TU Dublin N-TUTORR Team and an external reviewer (from another N-TUTORR Partner Institute) will select successful projects based on the key criteria outline above.

Terms and conditions of the funding:

Impact:

Applications should clearly demonstrate collaboration between staff and students.

It should also describe how it will provide an opportunity for maximum staff and/or student engagement in the University.

The proposed project should also provide evidence of the potential impact on the student experience in the immediate and longer term.

Dissemination:

All successful applicants will be expected to disseminate the project deliverables at a university level (through the likes of workshops etc.) and at a national level to the other N-TUTORR project partner institutes.

Previous funding:

If a proposed project builds on a current or a previously funded "Partners in Innovation and Change Fellowship" project, it should include a different Project Leader. It should clearly identify the additional benefit to TU Dublin, and more specifically, from an impact and sustainability perspective.