

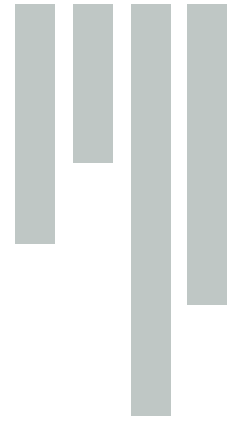
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An tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas
The Higher Education Authority

Funding Framework Schedule

National Student Health and
Wellbeing Research and
Development Projects

Schedule 19-2026-10



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This Schedule forms an integral part of the HEA Funding Framework. Any conditions outlined in this Schedule apply in addition to, and in conjunction with, the Generally Applicable Funding Conditions in the Funding Framework.

The terms and conditions applicable to each funding scheme and programme shall be a combination of the Generally Applicable Funding Conditions as set out in the Funding Framework and the relevant Schedule or Schedules for each individual Funding Scheme or Programme.

National Student Health and Wellbeing Research and Development Projects

Objectives of the Funding Scheme/Programme

The National Student Health and Wellbeing Research and Development Projects funding scheme supports the development of evidence-informed policy and practice in student health and wellbeing across the higher education sector.

The funding will support two national research and development projects designed to strengthen the evidence base underpinning implementation of the Healthy Campus Charter and Framework and the National Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Framework.

The objectives of the funding scheme are to:

- Strengthen the evidence base relating to student health and wellbeing in Irish higher education.
- Support implementation of a whole-campus approach to student health and wellbeing.
- Identify effective, innovative and evidence-informed practices across the sector.
- Inform future national policy development and investment decisions.
- Promote consistency and quality in student health and wellbeing provision across higher education institutions.
- Support collaboration and knowledge sharing across the sector.



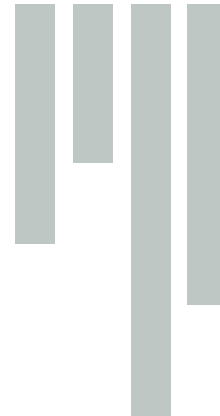
Eligibility for Funding

Staff members in eligible Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may submit an application for National Student Health and Wellbeing Research and Development Projects funding. The eligible higher education institutions are:

1. Atlantic Technological University
2. Dublin City University
3. Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
4. Dundalk Institute of Technology
5. Mary Immaculate College
6. Maynooth University
7. Munster Technological University
8. National College of Art and Design
9. South East Technological University
10. Technological University Dublin
11. Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
12. Trinity College Dublin
13. University College Cork
14. University College Dublin
15. University of Galway
16. University of Limerick

Projects may involve partnerships or consortia led by an eligible higher education institution. Projects may take the form of collaborative proposals involving higher education institutions and relevant external stakeholders with expertise in research, student health, mental health, wellbeing, evaluation or related fields.

The lead institution shall be responsible for management of the funding award, compliance with funding conditions and reporting requirements. If it is the intention of the grantee to make onward grants from the funding received from their own grantor (HEA), details of these onward grants and their proposed recipients must be provided to the grantor, along with details of the terms and conditions applying to these onward payments. Onward payments may only be made to eligible higher education institutions as specified in this Schedule. The Institution in receipt of National Student Health and Wellbeing Research and Development Projects funding remains responsible for the totality of funding regardless of any such onward payment.



Funding Period

The funding period will commence upon formal approval of funding by the HEA. The duration of each project shall be as specified in the funding call documentation and approved project plan. Projects are expected to commence as soon as possible following award of funding and must be completed within the timeframe approved by the HEA. A draft report and final report shall be submitted in accordance with the reporting schedule specified by the HEA. Any unspent funding remaining at the approved project end date may be subject to recoupment by the HEA.

Allocation Principles

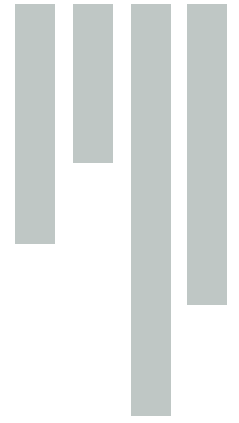
Funding will be awarded through a competitive Expression of Interest process.

Applications will be assessed by an evaluation panel convened by the HEA against the following criteria:

Criterion	Marks
Relevant experience, expertise and resources to be applied to the project	20
Proposed approach to the project and overall quality of the proposal	50
Timeframe for delivery of project	10
Value for Money	20
Total	100

Up to €80,000 will be available for each project.

Funding will be awarded to the proposals that best demonstrates the capacity to deliver high-quality research outputs, practical recommendations and value for money in support of national student health and wellbeing priorities.



Eligible Expenditure

Funding may be used only for activities directly associated with delivery of the approved research project and budget.

Eligible expenditure includes:

- Project management and administration.
- Personnel costs directly associated with project delivery.
- Research and evaluation activities.
- Data collection, analysis and reporting.
- Literature reviews and evidence synthesis.
- Stakeholder engagement and consultation activities.
- Workshops, focus groups and dissemination events.
- Travel and subsistence directly related to project delivery.
- Communications and dissemination activities.
- External specialist expertise or consultancy support where required.
- Software, licences and digital tools necessary for project delivery.
- Publication and design costs associated with project outputs.

All expenditure must represent value for money and be incurred during the approved project period.

Ineligible costs

The following activities/costs are not eligible for the National Student Health and Wellbeing Research and Development Projects funding scheme:

- **Major capital costs**, specifically the purchase or development of land or buildings.
- **Retrospective costs**, any costs incurred prior to the award of funding.
- **Committed expenditure beyond the end date or in excess of budget**. All funds must be spent within the timeframe of the project and institutions will be responsible for costs associated with



any commitments that extend beyond the end date of the project (e.g., contracts, staff pay, bursary or studentship costs) or exceed the approved project budget.

- **Indirect costs**, costs which are in support of project objectives but not necessarily incurred for the project and as such cannot be readily associated with the project.

Other Conditions of Funding

Submission and Approval of Project Plan

Successful applicants will be required to submit a final detailed project plan for approval by the HEA. The HEA may request revisions or clarifications prior to approval.

Monitoring

The approved project plan and budget will form the basis for monitoring progress, expenditure and outcomes. The HEA may request additional information, updates or evidence at any stage during the project lifecycle.

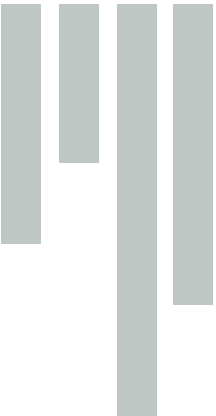
Awardees will be required to submit:

- A draft final report.
- A final report incorporating feedback from the HEA.
- Any supplementary outputs agreed as part of the project.

Additional Information

The projects are expected to contribute to:

- Implementation of the National Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Framework.
- Implementation of the Healthy Campus Charter and Framework.
- National policy development relating to student health and wellbeing.
- Improved consistency and quality of student health and wellbeing provision across higher education.

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- Future investment and funding decisions in student health and wellbeing.

Recipients should actively disseminate findings and recommendations across the higher education sector to maximise impact and sectoral learning.