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Funding Framework Schedule

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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.

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Objectives of the Funding Scheme/Programme

The aim of Strategic Alignment of Teaching and Learning Enhancement Funding in Higher Education (SATLE) is to drive teaching and learning innovation across the higher education sector. The SATLE fund was launched in 2022 and is made up of €5m base allocation distributed to the higher education sector on an annual basis for projects and initiatives under specified thematic areas.

Eligibility for Funding

The following bodies are eligible to receive SATLE funding:

1. Atlantic Technological University
2. Dublin City University
3. Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art and Design
4. Dundalk Institute of Technology
5. Mary Immaculate College
6. Maynooth University
7. Munster Technological University
8. National College of Art & Design
9. South East Technological University

10. Technological University Dublin
11. Technological University Shannon: Midlands Midwest
12. Trinity College Dublin
13. University College Cork
14. University College Dublin
15. University of Galway
16. University of Limerick

Funding Period

SATLE funding is allocated for a calendar year.

Allocation Principles

A top slice of the €5m SATLE funding base allocation, equal to €100,000 per institution, is distributed to all eligible bodies. The remaining funding is then allocated following the proportion of their share of the core grant within the Universities and specialist colleges sector (60% of the overall core grant) and within the Technological sector (40% of the overall core grant), in the relevant calendar year.

Eligible Expenditure

SATLE funding is provided as an annual allocation to cover teaching and learning enhancement activities. The internal allocation of funds is a matter for each institution.

SATLE funding should not, and must not, be used for the purposes of subsidising any commercial activities of the institution.

Other Conditions of Funding

The following additional conditions of funding apply to SATLE fund:

1. Ensure that funds from the SATLE allocation are used for teaching and learning enhancement activities.
2. To comply with the *Higher Education Authority Governance Oversight Framework – Higher Education Institutions*.
3. Institutions shall promptly notify the HEA (SATLE@hea.ie) of any changes to the list of Institutional leads (i.e. SATLE Leads) available on the HEA National Forum website.

4. Funding can be used to address capacity issues as part of the development and roll-out of projects. However, Institutions should avoid creating future liabilities or expectations beyond the lifespan of projects.
5. Funded bodies in receipt of SATLE funding are not permitted to make onward grants from this funding.
6. Funding must be allocated to a dedicated Teaching and Learning cost centre/cost code within each institution.
7. Institutions are required to submit an annual report on institutional allocation of funding, activities undertaken and impact of their projects using the template available on the HEA National Forum website. The reporting window to submit the report opens in October each year and closes on 31 January of the following year.
8. Resources/materials developed as part of each initiative must be made available as Open Educational Resources (OER), i.e. openly licensed (Creative Commons "CC BY" licence) and designed with the potential for future adaptation at a local level in mind. As these resources/materials become available, they must be added to the National Resource Hub. For further information please refer to the National Forum Open Licensing Toolkit.
9. The support from the HEA must be acknowledged in any external communication related to the SATLE fund. Please refer to Media and Branding webpage.

Additional Information

1. Local learning enhancement projects are encouraged, particularly those that support "proof of concept" initiatives.
2. Institutions are encouraged to collaborate with each other in the development and implementation of projects and engage with students in the planning and implementation phases.
3. Institutions are encouraged to promptly provide information about SATLE-funded initiatives to the HEA upon request, to support reporting, dissemination, or sharing of good practices across the sector.
4. A grant allocation letter is issued by the HEA each year advising individual Funded Bodies of their SATLE allocation.
5. SATLE funding is paid to Funded Bodies in annual instalments.