

FACULTY OF EDUCATION & HEALTH SCIENCES

Newsletter

AWARDS

We are delighted to note the following award winners and award nominees from EHS:

Teaching Hero Awards 2020 are nominated by students: Carmel Bradshaw, Diarmaid Lane, Grace McMahon, Jenny Roth, Kathleen Markey, Kevin O'Malley, Kieran O'Sullivan, Liam Glynn, Maria Bailey, Maria Ryan, Patricia Mannix McNamara and Sandra O'Brien.

National Forum's Disciplinary Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Assessment (DELTA) Award

Led by Dr Róisín Cahalan, the School of Allied Health DELTA team has again secured a prestigious national award granted to discipline groups who demonstrate a record of excellence in teaching and learning enhancement and who commit to an ongoing, clearly articulated and shared process of continued enhancement. The DELTA Award team is a successful multidisciplinary group of academics, practice education staff and students with members are drawn from the disciplines of human nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech and language therapy. The team's application focused on inter-professional education (IPE), which we recognise as a vital part of preparing health sciences students for post-registration working in multidisciplinary teams.



The awarded team included: Jimmy Burke, Anne Griffin, Ann-Marie Morrissey, Michelle O'Donoghue, Christine Langan, Noreen O'Leary, Eoghan Casey, Rebecca Lapeyre, Lauren Connolly, Ashley Booth and Stephanie McInerney.

UL Teaching Excellence Awards 2021

Team Award: Dr Antonio Calderón, Prof Ann MacPhail and Dr Dylan Scanlon (Dept of Physical Education and Sport Science)

Pedagogic Support Award: Dr AnnMarie Young (School of Education).



Prof. Colm Dunne

The UL Innovation Award is presented to a research team whose research has delivered outstanding impact through successful knowledge transfer to industry. The Founders and Inventors of the SoloPep technology include the School of Medicine's Professor Colum Dunne (CEO, SoloPep Ltd), Professor Deirdre McGrath (Head of School of Medicine) and Professor Barry Linnane (Consultant Respiratory Paediatrician, UHL) along with Professor Leonard O' Sullivan and Dr Kevin O'Sullivan (Faculty of Science & Engineering). The SoloPEP project aims to deliver a disposable positive expiratory pressure device to patients suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, emphysema and COPD.



SoloPEP

EHS Research Recognition Awards 2021

Prof. Ann MacPhail, Research Mentor; Dr Jon Salsberg, Research Culture; Dr Blathin Casey, Research Support; Sport Pedagogy members, Public engagement and outreach; Dr Frank Nugent, Dr Elaine Toomey, Dr Matthew Herring, Dr Kieran O Sullivan, Research Papers

ACHIEVEMENTS

Professor Anne MacFarlane (SoM) and Professor Ailish Hannigan (SoM) of the PPI Research Unit and WHO Collaborating Centre for Migrants' Involvement in Health Research, School of Medicine have published a policy brief about improving the collection and use of ethnicity data in Ireland. This is based on a HRB participatory health research project with community, academic and HSE partners (2017-2020). The policy brief has been submitted to the Department of Health and the HSE National Office for Social Inclusion to guide implementation of the Second National Intercultural Health Strategy 2018-2023.

HSE Tender award "Report on the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) training for Nurses and Midwives to inform future training in Ireland" €19,329.89 Dr Maria Noonan (lead) Professor Alice Coffey, Dr Sandra Atkinson, Dr Annmarie Grealish, Carmel Bradshaw, Jan McCarthy, Dr Owen Doody, Therese Hennessy.

Dr AnnMarie Creaven (Psychology) received a New Foundations award to support a collaboration with SpunOut.ie exploring loneliness in young adulthood.

K. Markey, O. Doody, M. Noonan, T Tuohy, C. O' Donnell, (Dept of Nursing and Midwifery (DNM)) together with their partner 80:20 Educating and Acting for a Better World. Title of project: 'Collaborating on perinatal mental health support for migrant women and their families: networking and connecting the dots'. Funding body: IRC New Foundations (2020 scheme strand 1a Engaging civic society), award amount: €12,000.

Owen Doody (DNM), Therese Hennessy (DNM), Jennifer McMahon (Dept of Psychology) "Inclusive education for people with disabilities in third level education in Ireland" IRC New Foundations scheme.

Dr Karen McCreesh & Dr. Keiran O'Sullivan (School of Allied Health (SAH)) were awarded €107k IRC PhD scholarship as supervisor to Rachel Moore: Community based exercise for people with chronic MSK pain

Dr. Karen McCreesh & Dr. Rose Galvin (SAH) were awarded €70k IRC PhD scholarship as supervisor to Kathryn Fahy: Exercise for large-massive rotator cuff tears

The **HRB-TMRN** is a HRB-funded collaborative initiative between a number of Irish and international higher education institutes and methodology centres, in operation since late 2014. Its mission is to strengthen the methodology and reporting of trials in health and social care in Ireland so that they become more relevant, accessible and influential for all stakeholders, including policy makers and the public.

This is the first time UL will be a core TMRN partner equal to the other universities in the network, and host a TMRN PhD student. By supporting a PhD student we will get ~207k in network funding (~164k plus 41k overheads), plus access to apply for an additional ~325k funding (which comes with additional overheads). If we didn't have a student we would have only gotten about 20k and much less access to that additional funding.

- The ~164k would be for things like summer studentships, capacity building study days for UL staff and/or students (e.g. basic trial conduct, trials methods eg recruitment/retention etc) and even PPI consultancy costs.
- The ~325k would be for projects like developing core outcome sets, studies within a trial (money could be used for personnel as well as other running costs)

Additional benefits of HRB-TMRN

- Research opportunities/support for staff/students: As well as the capacity building activities (which we can shape to our needs), we will get direct access to support for things like DIFAS, and also opportunities through the TMRN for people to contribute to other DIFAs (via the network). Also, lots of smaller pots of funding that early career staff can apply for to start building their research.

- International collaborations for staff/students: The TMRN are the only international partner of the UK MRC Trials Methodology Research Partnerships (TMRP) and have direct links and existing initiatives with the TMRP which our staff/students will be able to tap into.
- A well-supported and connected PhD student: Similar to the HRB Sphere students, students will have a peer cohort to support each other, as well as the TMRN core support. They also get funding for OA publication costs, travel and training, and they will also be linking in with the UK MRC TMRP groups and their students.

MARKERS OF ESTEEM

Prof Austin Stack, Chair of Medicine organised and co-chaired the Inaugural Masterclass in Health-Kidney Health (ULHospitals and St Vincent's University Hospital) on the 17th April 2021

Dr Jennifer McMahon (Dept of Psychology) Presentation of Co-SPACE Ireland data to Mood Movement Network - a UKRI/IRC funded project. (Joint presentation with Dr Polly Waite, University of Oxford, CoSPACE UK).

Dr Owen Doody (DNM) has been appointed to the Clinical Investigations of Medical Devices (NREC-MD) Research Ethics Committee. His appointment was approved by the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly. (<https://www.nrecoffice.ie/committees/nrec-md/nrec-md-members/>).

Dr Dervla Kelly, Lecturer in Med Ed has been appointed to the National Research Ethics Committee. This appointment is made at ministerial level (Minister for Health) and is in recognition of her expertise in this area. The committee will support research in clinical trials and medical devices. The establishment of this committee is a major milestone in the roadmap of transition to a national system of coordinated regulatory and ethics review, which is driven by partnership between the Department of Health, the National Office, and the HPRA.

Dr Aisling O'Donnell (Psychology) was appointed as an Associate Editor of the British Journal of Social Psychology.

Dr. Khalifa Elmusharaf, Senior Lecturer in Public Health at the UL School of Medicine (SoM) has been appointed Chair of the Irish Global Health Network. This network is a prestigious Irish organization that is funded by Irish Aid, HSE global Health and ESTHER Ireland.

SPORT & HUMAN PERFORMANCE RESEARCH CENTRE

The URC approved UL priority Research Centre status for Sport and Human Performance Research Centre (SHPRC) in May. This is a huge achievement and a reflection of the quality and impact of the research and outreach activity being undertaken by the members of SHPRC and the national and international reputation of the Dept of Physical Education and Sport Sciences (PESS) in the area of Sport and Human Performance Research. Whilst the Centre principally resides in PESS, there are a number of members from EHS, UL as well as other national and international collaborative partners.

PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

An exciting new project has recently launched that examines examples of physical promotion initiatives in schools across Europe. Over the next two years the 'Promoting Physical Activity in Secondary Schools for Health' project will identify good practices as well as the main problems linked to the design, implementation and evaluation of school-based interventions in order to improve their quality and sustainability. Funded by the Erasmus+ Collaborative Partnerships 2020, this project is led by University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour and involves academic colleagues from Ireland (University of Limerick), Spain (University of Zaragoza), Portugal (University of Porto), Belgium (University of Ghent) and France (City of Tarbes). We know that schools can encourage students to confidently and enjoyably participate in physical activity while at school and in their future lives. However not all students attain this goal and it is crucial that best practices are shared to enable the best outcomes for all. Working collaboratively with institutions from several European countries allows us to gain insights into both the cross-cutting and country-specific issues encountered when promoting active lifestyles in the school setting.

PEOPLE

The following Governing Authority appointments were confirmed by the Corporate Secretary's Office since the start of 2021:

Dr Laura-Anne Marie Furlong

(SL in Sport and Exercise Biomechanics)

Lucy McGrath

Margie Sheehan

Both appointed as Senior Administrators in the School of Medicine

Carol Lewis

Programme Executive School Leadership in the School of Education

Dr Alan Dormer

Senior Technical Officer in the School of Medicine

Dr Saadat Khan

Dr Zikria Janjua

Clinical Tutors in Medicine in the School of Medicine

The following people will be retiring from EHS within the next six months. Thank you to each one of you for the contributions you have made to your Department and to EHS.

Dr Christine Deasy, Dept of Nursing and Midwifery

Anne Fahy, Dept of Nursing and Midwifery

Prof Merrilyn Goos, School of Education

Carmel Hinchion, School of Education

Maureen Kendall, School of Education

Patricia Montgomery, School of Allied Health

Gerard Slattery, School of Education