Information for International Officers

Erasmus+ DELTA is a new opportunity to engage with the existing Erasmus+ mobility programme for all those who teach\(^1\) in Irish higher education. DELTA stands for Disciplinary Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Assessment and is a core concept of the work of the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (www.teachingandlearning.ie). This initiative is the result of a partnership between the National Forum and the International Section of the Higher Education Authority, building on the success of the existing Erasmus+ mobility programmes.

Erasmus+ DELTA provides:
- an opportunity for all those who teach in higher education to enhance their professional development through a training period in another European country
- national recognition, in the form of a National Forum digital badge, for those who complete the mobility period and come back and share their learning
- an opportunity to enhance teaching and learning within and between disciplines
- a structure to allow staff to share good practice within and between disciplines at home and abroad

For International Officers:
The International Office is the conduit for this mobility as funding for mobilities is provided for in the Erasmus+ budget.

Funding Process:
- If additional funding for Erasmus+ DELTA mobilities is required, please contact the National Agency so that extra funding can be provided.
  Please note the following:
  - Additional funding must be applied for two months in advance of the end of your contract (Grant Agreement)
  - The provision of funding may be subject to budget restrictions

Key points of the scheme from the perspective of International Officers:
- For now, this option focuses only on the training option of Erasmus+ staff mobility
- Everything about the process is identical to the existing training mobility process. It uses the same mechanisms and follows the same rules. The only differences are the application form for staff members and the opportunity to gain national recognition on their return
- Thus, if staff are interested in taking part in an Erasmus+ DELTA mobility, they fill in the Erasmus+ DELTA mobility application form instead of the standard application form
- The staff member completes the Erasmus+ Delta mobility application form and sends it to the international office of their institution. [The form is available from the

\(^1\) This opportunity is open to all those who teach in Irish higher education. This includes, for example, lecturers, librarians who teach, researchers who teach, educational developers, learning technologists, industry experts who teach...
international office or you can download it from the National Forum for Teaching and Learning website (www.teachingandlearning.ie/ErasmusDELTA)]

If approved by the international office and when the mobility is concluded, staff take the following steps:

- Fill in the standard online Erasmus+ feedback form for mobilities
- To have their commitment to the enhancement of teaching and learning in their discipline recognised at a national level, staff fill in the Erasmus+ DELTA feedback form, available at www.teachingandlearning.ie/ErasmusDELTA
- When the feedback form has been reviewed by the National Forum, if everything is in order, a National Forum Erasmus+ DELTA digital badge will be issued

For Staff:
Erasmus+ DELTA focuses on supporting the professional development of staff in Irish higher education, with a particular focus on the enhancement of teaching and learning, within and between disciplines. Those who decide to avail of this opportunity, to use their mobility period to focus on the enhancement of teaching and learning within their disciplines, can also gain national recognition for this commitment to their discipline, in the form of a National Forum digital badge.

Steps involved in becoming an Erasmus+ DELTA Scholar:
1. Complete the Erasmus+ DELTA mobility application form (available from your international office or you can download it here), indicating how you intend to enhance your learning and that of others within your discipline through the mobility period. (Note: The Erasmus+ DELTA mobility only covers training mobility periods. In this case, training can include job shadowing, peer observation, and other forms of training that are intended to help you learn and share learning within your discipline.)
2. Submit the completed form to the international office in your institution
3. If the mobility is approved, partake in the mobility period and achieve the targets you set for enhancement within your discipline
4. On your return, share your learning with colleagues and other interested parties.
5. To complete your Erasmus+ mobility process, complete the standard online Erasmus+ feedback form. (More information from your international office)
6. To claim your national recognition, in the form of a National Forum digital badge, go to www.teachingandlearning.ie/ErasmusDELTA and complete the Erasmus+ DELTA online feedback form. (Note: In completing the online form, you will be required to upload a copy of your completed mobility application form.)