



## Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship

### Information for International Officers

The Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship is a new opportunity to engage with the existing Erasmus+ mobility programme for staff 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](http://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.

#### The Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship provides:

- an opportunity for staff in higher education to enhance their professional development through a training period in another European country
- national recognition, as Erasmus+ DELTA Scholars, 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<sup>1</sup>

#### 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:

- At the interim report stage, if IOs require additional mobilities for staff training for Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarships, please let the NA know by email so that, subject to available funding, extra funding for these mobilities can be provided
- Additional funding for the scheme can be applied for at Interim Report 1 stage (January 2019) and/or Interim Report 2 stage (April 2019). **Please note that this relates to KA103**

#### 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 availing of the Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship, they fill in the Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship 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 HEI. [The form is available from the international office or you can download it from the National Forum for Teaching and Learning

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<sup>1</sup> From National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning:  
(<https://www.teachingandlearning.ie/resource-hub/enhancement-within-disciplines/erasmus-delta-scholarship/>)



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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](http://www.teachingandlearning.ie/ErasmusDELTA)
- If approved as an Erasmus+ DELTA Scholar, which is based on this online report, a National Forum digital badge will be issued

### **For Staff:**

The Erasmus+ DELTA Scholarship 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, as an Erasmus+ DELTA Scholar, complete the online form. (Note: In completing the online form, you will be required to upload a copy of your completed mobility application form.)<sup>2</sup>

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