



NATIONAL FORUM  
FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF TEACHING  
AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION



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## National Forum Student Associate Internship In partnership with the Union of Students of Ireland

### Internship Panel 2019

The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, in partnership with the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), is currently looking to recruit a panel of Student Associate Interns for 2019/2020. The following 6-month internships are available:

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020

**This is a part-time position, up to 20 hours per week, at a rate of €13.24 per hour.**

**The appointee/s will be required in the National Forum offices, c/o 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2 for at least one day per week. Travel and remote working arrangements can be discussed upon appointment. All travel associated with the internship will be covered by the National Forum. The National Forum will aim to be as flexible as possible in relation to working arrangements.**

The Student Associate Interns will help enhance and develop a partnership approach to ensure that students play a central role in shaping the future landscape of teaching and learning in Irish higher education.

This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidates to expand their understanding of teaching and learning enhancement in Irish higher education and the direct impact its future development will have on students and the student experience. Working alongside the rest of the National Forum team, each candidate will play a key role in bringing the student voice to the National Forum's work and communications.

### The Role

These internships will be of interest to those with a strong interest in teaching and learning. Each candidate will ideally have previous experience working in research, be able to work on their own initiative, and be able to demonstrate a clear interest in some of the following areas: technology enhanced learning, data analytics, open education, teaching and learning within and across disciplines, student supports, research, and teaching and learning enhancement in higher education.

The role will involve working with the National Forum team to support and guide the work of the National Forum in achieving its strategic objectives from 2019-2021 including having a key role in:

- Consulting with students to ensure that the National Forum strategy builds on a strong evidence base
- Championing initiatives that will support teaching and learning enhancement from a student perspective

### **Criteria**

The candidate should satisfy a number of ESSENTIAL criteria:

- Enrolment as a current student in an Irish Higher Education Institution (HEI) or be a recent graduate (within the last 12 months) of an Irish HEI
- Be able to commit to working at least one day per week from the National Forum offices in Dublin (for those outside Dublin, travel costs will be paid by the National Forum)
- A strong interest in teaching and learning enhancement in Irish higher education

The candidate should also aim to satisfy the following DESIRABLE criteria:

- Experience of research and research methods
- Demonstrable leadership skills
- Good organisational skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with both students and management in higher education

Please send:

- 1 An up to date *Curriculum Vitae*
- 2 A personal statement (not more than 350 words) clearly outlining what you feel you can contribute to the work of the National Forum and how this internship would support your own personal development
- 3 A brief cover letter

Closing Date: **5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. No late applications will be considered.**

All Applications should be sent by email to [blaithin.mcdonald@teachingandlearning.ie](mailto:blaithin.mcdonald@teachingandlearning.ie) with subject line **Student Associate Intern Application** or by post to Dr Terry Maguire, Director, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, c/o 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. Please write **Student Associate Intern Application** on the envelope.

## ABOUT THE FORUM

The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education is an academically-led national advisory body for higher education. The National Forum works in partnership with Irish higher education through its representative bodies (USI, IUA, THEA, HECA), the HEA, QQI, DES, and the wider student, academic and professional services communities, to enhance teaching and learning for real impact on the learning experiences and outcomes of students.

The National Forum has identified four strategic priorities to December 2021:

### **The Professional Development of All Those Who Teach**

Promoting evidence-based, flexible, inclusive professional development for all those who teach, reflecting the contextual needs and drivers within and across higher education institutions

### **Teaching and Learning in a Digital World**

Supporting those who learn, teach, and support learning to embrace and harness the potential of digital technologies with the goal of enhancing learning, teaching, and overall digital capability

### **Teaching and Learning Enhancement Within and Across Disciplines**

Recognising that disciplines are a key unit of change in higher education, with a focus on disciplinary excellence in learning, teaching and assessment

### **Student Success**

Developing a vision of success, in partnership with students, with the aim of providing all students with the opportunity to fulfil their potential and become creators of new knowledge who are community engaged, ethically conscious, professionally competent and equipped to flourish in a global world

## ABOUT THE UNION OF STUDENTS IN IRELAND (USI)

The Union of Students in Ireland (Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn) is the national representative body for third-level Students' Unions in Ireland. Founded in 1959, USI now represents more than 374,000 students in Further and Higher Education Colleges across the island of Ireland. The goal of USI is to work for the rights of students and a fair and equal post-secondary education system in Ireland.

USI is a full member of the European Students' Union (ESU) which represents students from 46 National Students' Unions in 39 countries, and a member of Eurodoc, the European Council for Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers.

USI works with agencies and partners across third-level to protect, enhance, and widen access to education, including Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), the Higher Education Authority (HEA), the Irish Survey of Student Engagement (ISSE), and the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.