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UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

## Lecturer in Philosophy (Philosophy of Technology)

Permanent, 1FTE

Contract Type B

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### **Lecturer in the Philosophy of Technology**

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| <b>College</b>                       | <b>Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies</b> |
| <b>School</b>                        | <b>History and Philosophy</b>                   |
| <b>Post Title &amp; Subject Area</b> | <b>Philosophy of Technology / Philosophy</b>    |
| <b>Post Duration</b>                 | <b>Permanent</b>                                |
| <b>Level</b>                         | <b>Lecturer Contract Type B</b>                 |
| <b>Reports to</b>                    | <b>Head of School of History and Philosophy</b> |

# JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited for an appointment as Lecturer in Philosophy (Philosophy of Technology) at University of Galway. The appointment is tenable from January 1st, 2026.

Philosophy at University of Galway is a vibrant discipline with a strong commitment to engaged teaching and research. We are seeking an excellent academic who will play a key role in advancing our teaching and research portfolios. The appointee will contribute to the design, teaching and administration of philosophy of technology modules on the Joint Honours Bachelor of Arts programme and associated programmes. They will also contribute to postgraduate teaching, coordination, administration and research supervision in Philosophy and in programmes cross-listed with other disciplines.

This post is strategically aligned to the newly formed Institute for Creativity at the University of Galway and will therefore provide important leadership in developing the theoretical framework and grounding for research and teaching in the area of creative technologies. The post is intended to develop an existing strength in the Discipline of Philosophy in a new direction, by complementing current expertise in information technology ethics, data science, environmental ethics and philosophy of creativity, and by developing existing and new research and teaching collaborations across the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. In doing so, it will boost the College's Signature Research Areas of "Culture, Creativity and Inclusion" and "Human and Environmental Health and Well-being".

The research areas of the discipline include public philosophy and ethics, Philosophy for children (P4C), philosophy of science and post-Kantian European philosophy. The appointee must have a PhD in philosophy or a cognate discipline and a strong teaching and research profile in the philosophy of technology. The appointee will also be expected to have teaching competence in other areas required within the discipline, with preference shown to those with competencies in one or more of the following: the philosophy of mind, epistemology, feminism, post-Kantian European philosophy, non-Western philosophy and applied ethics.

For informal enquiries, please contact Prof. Felix Ó Murchadha, Discipline of Philosophy, School of History and Philosophy Email [felix.omurchadha@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:felix.omurchadha@universityofgalway.ie) and +353 (0)91 492573

Additional information on the Discipline is available at:  
<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/philosophy/>

**Salary: € 63,624 to € 101,498 p.a.** This appointment will be made on the Lecturer scale in line with current Government pay policy and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the University's Remuneration policy. [QA321-Updated-PP-Remuneration.pdf \(universityofgalway.ie\)](#)

**Closing date for receipt of applications is 17:00 (Irish Time) on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025. It will not be possible to consider applications received after the closing date.**

**Garda vetting may apply.**

**Appointments will be conditional on work authorisation validation.**  
Further details are available at [www.dbei.ie](http://www.dbei.ie)

**For more information and Application Form please see website:**  
[Jobs - University of Galway](#) Applications should be submitted online.

**Please see further information on how to apply here: [E-Recruit - University of Galway](#) and [Guidelines for On-line Applications \(universityofgalway.ie\)](#)**

Please note that appointment to posts advertised will be dependent upon University approval, together with the terms of the Employment Control Framework for the higher education sector.

At the University of Galway, we celebrate diversity and believe that every candidate can bring unique perspectives, talents and approaches to our University community. We actively encourage applications from all backgrounds regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, family status, civil status, membership of the Traveller community, sexual orientation, disability or age.

We value flexibility and recognise that a work-life balance is essential. We offer flexible working arrangements, including hybrid options, to accommodate the diverse needs of our staff. Our commitment to inclusivity extends beyond recruitment as we foster a friendly and supportive work environment, where all work styles are valued and respected. Join us in shaping a workplace that thrives on diversity, creativity and collaboration.

University of Galway is an equal opportunities employer.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities**

The post-holder duties will include, but not be limited to, the following:

#### **Teaching**

The postholder will be required to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level principally in the area of Philosophy of Technology. The postholder will be expected to contribute to the development of teaching in the Philosophy of Technology and to give instruction and supervision, as directed by the Head of School, to students of the University in courses and programmes organised by the School or to courses which the School contributes to another School or College. Duties include curriculum and course design, preparation and delivery of lectures, tutorials, project supervision and general examination and other assessment responsibilities. The post-holder is also required to be available to students for academic counselling and advice.

In the postgraduate sphere, the post-holder will support the current MAs to which the Discipline contributes, attract new postgraduate students to existing programmes and develop new and growing areas of postgraduate study. The post-holder will contribute actively to the recruitment of research postgraduate recruitment students and offer specialist research supervision to PhD and postdoctoral researchers.

#### **Research**

The post-holder will be expected to engage in research in the area of Philosophy of Technology, to disseminate their research in academic publications (and other outlets, as appropriate), and to participate in postgraduate supervision. The post-holder will be expected to engage in initiatives to seek research funding, as appropriate. The post-holder is also encouraged to promote and engage in the development of collaborative research.

#### **Contribution and Scholarly Activity**

The post-holder will be expected to participate in academic administration at School, College and University levels as part of their contribution to the University, and to engage with the wider community regionally, nationally and internationally from a civic, economic, social and cultural perspective as a contribution to the life of the University. In representing the University externally, the post-holder is expected to maintain the highest professional standards, thereby enhancing the reputation of the University. The post-holder is expected to engage in scholarly activity such as (but not limited to) refereeing of journals, membership of discipline-related advisory bodies and peer review panels and work associated with external examinership.

The post-holder shall carry out these duties under the direction of the Head of the School or of an authorised senior member of the staff of the School.

The post-holder shall be a member of College/Colleges in accordance with University Statutes.

The hours of work are those prescribed under the Public Service Agreement in respect of Academic Staff.

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## Essential Requirements:

- PhD in Philosophy or cognate discipline
- Research specialism in the Philosophy of Technology
- Record of publication commensurate with career stage
- Capacity for interdisciplinary teaching and/or research
- Experience of teaching in the Philosophy of Technology at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

## Desirable Requirements:

- Teaching and research competence in the philosophy of creativity, innovation, culture and/or art
- Experience of teaching in another area of philosophy, with preference for one or more of the following areas of philosophy: philosophy of mind, epistemology, feminism, post-Kantian European philosophy, non-Western philosophy, applied ethics

The appointment will be made to the School of History and Philosophy, but will be associated with the Discipline of Philosophy.

**Appendix 2: Competency Framework for Lecturer (Contract Type B) Roles at  
University of Galway**

|             | <b>Academic Excellence</b>   |                            | <b>Leadership Excellence</b>  |                            | <b>Organisational Excellence</b>  |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| <b>CORE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Excellence in Research</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) furthers their discipline and contributes to the body of knowledge in their area through planning, carrying out and publishing/ disseminating their own high quality research, building and leading research groups and providing supervision and support for postgraduate students to enable them to produce quality research. They keep up to date with relevant developments in their field and network and collaborate with others, both internally and externally, to optimise the value and relevance of the research being produced and to maximise the School's/Discipline's ability to attract research funding.</i></p> | <b>CORE</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Personal Effectiveness</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) is enthusiastic about their discipline and is committed to making their best personal contribution through employing excellent planning and organising, communication and decision making skills to achieve their goals and through working hard and being flexible in order to meet the multiple and changing demands of the Lecturer (Contract Type B) role.</i></p> | <b>CAPACITY TO DEVELOP</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Strategy &amp; Vision</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) should contribute to the strategic development of the discipline by developing a strong awareness of the wider environment, how the discipline is developing and how the School/Discipline can develop in the long term to optimise its contribution. He /She must have the ability to make a strong case for the development of new programmes or engaging in joint programmes or collaborations that they feel will add long term value to the School/Discipline.</i></p> |
| <b>CORE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Excellence in Teaching</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) develops and delivers quality teaching programmes which engage and inspire students at all levels and maximises their learning. They are confident in using a range of teaching techniques, are open to innovations in teaching and are focused on continually developing their own teaching skills.</i></p>  | <b>CAPACITY TO DEVELOP</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leading Others</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) must work well with others, providing leadership and direction to students, colleagues and support staff in relation to projects or areas of work that they are leading on. They effectively encourage, support and manage the contributions of others to deliver results for the discipline and to ensure that high standards are met.</i></p>                                | <b>DEVELOPING</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Collegiate &amp; Community Contribution</b></li> </ul> <p><i>The Lecturer (Contract Type B) values and engages in a collegiate approach to working with others, within their own discipline, school and university and also within the wider external community. S/he actively seeks to build effective networks and is willing to contribute their time and expertise to a range of broader university wide or community projects.</i></p>   |



## **Competencies for Lecturer (Contract Type B) in University of Galway**

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

#### ***Competency 1: Excellence in Research***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) furthers their discipline and contributes to the body of knowledge in their area through planning, carrying out and publishing/ disseminating their own high quality research, building and leading research groups and providing supervision and support for postgraduate students to enable them to produce quality research. They keep up to date with relevant developments in their field and network and collaborate with others, both internally and externally, to optimise the value and relevance of the research being produced and to maximise the School's/Discipline's ability to attract research funding.**

- Conducts high quality research that furthers the School / Discipline
- Publishes research frequently in high quality, peer-reviewed journals and presents research at high profile conferences
- Builds up collaborative links and networks with other organisations and keeps up to date with research in own area and what is happening in the international research community
- Goes to relevant conferences, and works with industry and other relevant external bodies to keep research relevant
- Writes strong research and grant proposals which sells the value and potential benefits of a piece of research
- Effectively plans research and can estimate the time and resources required to complete it, and delivers on schedule
- Provides quality supervision and guidance in relation to the research of undergraduate and postgraduate students, motivating and encouraging them to help them overcome problems

#### ***Competency 2: Excellence in Teaching***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) develops and delivers quality teaching programmes which engage and inspire students at all levels and maximises their learning. They are confident in using a range of teaching techniques, are open to innovations in teaching and are focused on continually developing their own teaching skills.**

- Provides a high standard of teaching to students across a range of programmes in their discipline
- Provides mentoring and supervision to PhD students / projects / programmes as required
- Leads on/contributes to the development and review of the curriculum and programmes delivered and encourages other staff to contribute
- Confident teaching student groups of various sizes and at different levels
- Competent and consistent in setting and organising/co-ordinating the marking of examinations
- Demonstrates, through their teaching, strong enthusiasm for their subject area and a high level of up to date knowledge and expertise in their area

- Competent in a range of teaching methods and strategies and is willing to continually evaluate and develop their teaching methods and skills, looking for better ways of teaching
- Open to using technological innovation as part of their teaching and keeps up-to-date with developments in this area
- Organises and structures their teaching logically to help maximise learning and ensure a good student experience
- Keep students engaged by incorporating research and current topics into teaching and informing their teaching by what is going on in the wider environment and including external input
- Demonstrates a commitment to students and gives the time and effort to engage with, and be accessible to students
- Has the ability to give constructive and timely feedback and advice to students
- Balances a concern for students with a focus on being consistent and equitable in their treatment
- Benchmarks teaching programmes against those in other universities and aims to ensure they are of a high standard
- Works with students to prevent plagiarism, and puts systems in place to detect and manage plagiarism

## **LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE**

### ***Competency 3: Personal Effectiveness***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) is enthusiastic about their discipline and is committed to making their best personal contribution through employing excellent planning and organising, communication and decision making skills to achieve their goals and through working hard and being flexible in order to meet the multiple and changing demands of the Lecturer (Contract Type B) role.**

- Demonstrates excellent planning, organisation and prioritisation skills, to effectively meet deadlines and to deliver to high standards across the areas of teaching, research and administration
- Has good time management skills to manage a heavy workload
- Demonstrates clear commitment and is willing to work hard for the success of their area
- Has a reflective approach to their own work and can consistently review it in order to ensure it is of the highest possible standard
- Active in reviewing systems and processes to maximise the time available for research and teaching
- Flexible and adaptable in managing competing demands while protecting core values
- Shows a strong commitment to keeping up to date and maintaining professional competence
- Is resilient and maintains a positive outlook in a challenging and pressurised environment
- Takes a balanced approach to the demands of the role and is flexible with what the role encompasses
- Understands the importance of budget management and raising programme funds, and can assimilate financial information and report back on financial matters

#### ***Competency 4: Leading Others***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) must demonstrate a capacity to develop skills and competence to work well with others, providing leadership and direction to students, colleagues and support staff in relation to projects or areas of work that they are leading on. They effectively encourage, support and manage the contributions of others to deliver results for the discipline and to ensure that high standards are met.**

- Works constructively within a collective collegiate structure
- Consistently works with others to ensure high standards in all aspects of the role
- Is able to get the most out of people and to secure their support and cooperation in relation to work they are leading/managing
- Gives clear instructions in relation to the contribution expected from others
- Has the ability to manage and encourage others to deliver what is required
- Actively supports the career development of postgraduate students and newer colleagues
- Organises and delegates work in a way which is consistent and fair and makes best use of resources
- Understands the importance of, and can use a range of strategies to, motivate students and support staff and colleagues
- Takes the initiative to put good ideas into practice

#### **ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### ***Competency 5: Collegiate and Community Contribution***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) values and engages in a collegiate approach to working with others, within their own discipline, school and university and also within the wider external community. S/he actively seeks to build effective networks and is willing to contribute their time and expertise to a range of broader university wide or community projects.**

- Actively builds strong internal and external networks and collaborative links
- Participates in cross discipline working groups in addition to taking on roles in external institutions/agencies (with the necessary University approval in place)
- Takes time to build up positive working relationships with others and treats everyone fairly and with respect
- Assumes administrative/organisational roles and tasks to help ensure the smooth running of the School/Discipline
- Acts as chair on committees or acting or as representative at school/college/university level and works to develop the skills needed to perform these roles effectively
- Makes an effort to understand and take account of different people's views and perspectives
- Contributes outside the university to different committees, the local community, and voluntary organisations
- Encourages students to get involved in relevant external groups also, where appropriate
- Supports colleagues internally and with other universities in initiating collaborative enterprises/programmes

- Possess the negotiation skills required to achieve a balance between the university's academic requirements with potentially competing requirements of external bodies

### ***Competency 6: Strategy and Vision***

**The Lecturer (Contract Type B) should demonstrate a capacity to develop skills and competence to contribute to the strategic development of the discipline by developing a strong awareness of the wider environment, how the discipline is developing and how the School/Discipline can develop in the long term to optimise its contribution. He /She must have the ability to make a strong case for the development of new programmes or engaging in joint programmes or collaborations that they feel will add long term value to the School/Discipline.**

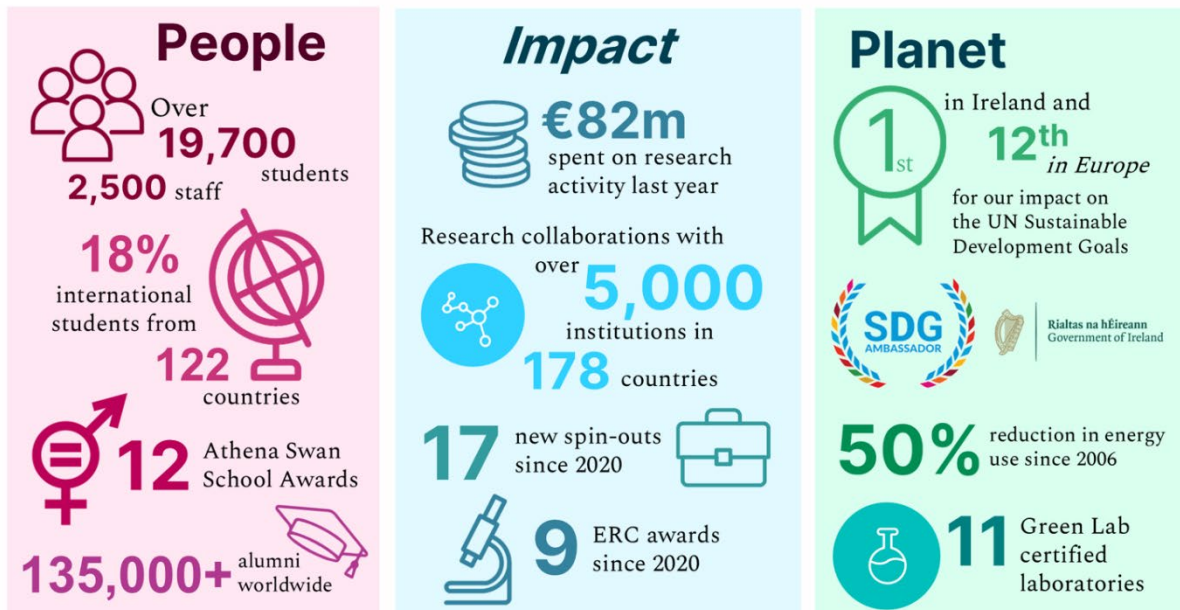
- Has a clear overall vision for what the School/Discipline is trying to achieve and how their work fits in with the overall direction
- Understands how the discipline is developing and brings this to bear on their work
- Uses initiative to benchmark against other organisations and takes other opportunities to increase understanding of best practice across the system
- Knows what research is being done within their area and what type of research will attract funding from which sources
- Identifies opportunities for new modules and programmes by assessing what will be viable and of interest in the long term
- Uses judgement to build and sell a persuasive case for resources/new programmes on behalf of their area/college
- Creates, and takes advantage of, opportunities to market programmes to attract high quality postgraduate students
- Able to negotiate for an area while recognising the realities and the resource restrictions and is willing to change and adapt to meet future needs

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University of Galway

## PROFILE OF THE UNIVERSITY

### The University at a Glance:



### The University Management Team

The University Management Team (UMT) is responsible for the executive day-to-day management of the University. UMT is led by the President who is the Head and Chief Officer of the University. Our current Interim University President, Professor Peter McHugh, was appointed in 2024. You can read more about him at: [www.universityofgalway.ie/president](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/president)

Acting under the President, the members of the University Management Team (UMT) each have specific leadership responsibilities for delivery of the University's objectives in education, research and management of the organisation. You can see the full UMT membership in the organisational chart above.

Find out more about the University's Governance and Management structures at: [www.universityofgalway.ie/governance/the-kube-the-governance-hub](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/governance/the-kube-the-governance-hub)

### Colleges and Schools

The University has four Colleges:

- College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies
- College of Business, Public Policy & Law
- College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences
- College of Science & Engineering

Each of the Colleges is led by an Executive Dean. Within each College, decisions are taken by College Boards, chaired by the Executive Dean, and including the Heads of each School in the College.

For more information on Colleges, Schools and Disciplines, visit:

[www.universityofgalway.ie/colleges-and-schools](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/colleges-and-schools)

### College

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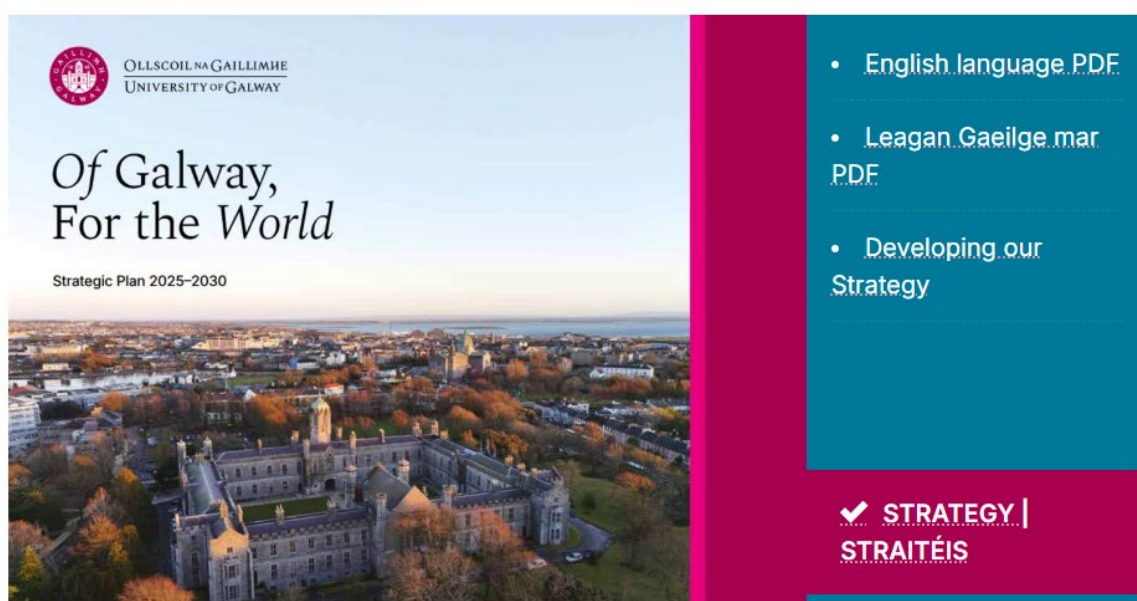
### Schools

School of Political Science & Sociology  
School of Psychology  
School of Education  
School of Geography, Archaeology & Irish Studies  
School of English & Creative Arts  
School of History & Philosophy  
School of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

J.E. Cairnes School of Business & Economics  
School of Law  
Shannon College of Hotel Management

School of Health Sciences  
School of Medicine  
School of Nursing & Midwifery

School of Biological & Chemical Sciences  
School of Computer Science  
School of Engineering  
School of Mathematical & Statistical Sciences  
School of Natural Sciences



- **Strategic Plan:** You can read the strategic plan at: [Strategy | Straitéis 2025-30 - University of Galway](#)

Our new strategic plan was developed through 18 months of consultation with our university community, with external partners in our city and region, and with the input of experts and supporters from around the world. Despite the diversity of inputs, the message was consistent:

- Be clear in our purpose and our core activities
- Communicate our distinctiveness
- Demonstrate our global impact
- Invest in our organisation to make it an effective university to work in and work with.

Our new strategy focuses on our core mission as a university to nurture talent and generate knowledge for the world. It articulates our ambition to make a distinctive impact through our research and innovation. It demonstrates our drive to enhance our education for the future, both in the excellence of our teaching and learning and the quality of our student experience. And it commits us to investing in our organisation and infrastructure to make it a more effective, sustainable and empowering place for our people.

We have stated these ambitions clearly and concisely. We now warmly welcome the engagement of our university community, and we invite the community to respond in inspiring and impactful ways. And we invite and encourage partners who share our vision to reach out and join us on our journey.

Building upon our strategic priorities, we have used this opportunity to engage staff, students and partners to define what makes us stand out, in terms of:

- Our Distinctive Place
- Our Research Pillars
- Our Galway Graduates

These have been informed by our shared experience of working and studying in University of Galway, and by external perspectives of our reputation. We will use this framework to guide us in our strategic planning and to communicate our distinctiveness with the world.

To give confidence to our community and partners that we listened to your feedback, we have also detailed where we plan to invest in our organisation in our Priority Initiatives and where we will evidence the impact of our actions in our Measures of Success.

In such a large and complex organisation, we have identified those Key Enablers that support excellence across our activities. Guiding us in our actions, and setting standards of behaviour for our university, our people and partners, we have articulated five Core Values informed by student and staff feedback: Excellence, Respect, Openness, Sustainability, and Belonging.

## **Student Body**

The total student body, including part-time learners, comprises over 20,000 students, over 25% of whom are studying at postgraduate level.

Over 18% of our students were from outside the island of Ireland, coming to study in Galway from over 122 different countries worldwide. Through the Global Galway project, we are seeking to grow our international diversity further through a greater focus on international recruitment, mobility and partnerships.

## Research

University of Galway is a globally focused research-intensive university. We recognise that research areas are neither standalone nor static. The problems of the world are not solved from just one perspective. With our knowledge of global challenges, national policy and regional needs our research areas enable an interdisciplinarity approach and impact.

Our research community achieved over €110m in EU research funding during the 2014-2020 programme period. We are now firmly focused on the 2021-2027 programme cycle, with ambitions to achieve in excess of €150m of EU research funding, including Horizon Europe. In 2023, the University had a record €82m annual spend in research, across a breadth of research areas. Engaging with our partners locally, nationally and worldwide, our current university strategy (Strategic Plan 2020-2025) invites ambition in research that underpins the following areas:

- Enhancing policy and society
- Enriching creativity and culture
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Realising potential through data and enabling technologies
- Sustaining our planet and people

These areas are aligned to the work of our Research Institutes, including:

- Data Science Institute
- Ryan Institute for advancing sustainability and innovation
- Institute for Lifecourse and Society
- Institute for Creativity
- Institute for Clinical Trials
- Institute for Health Discovery and Innovation (launched in October 2024).

For more information on our research institutes, centres and units, visit:

[www.universityofgalway.ie/our-research/listings/research-centres-institutes-and-units.html](http://www.universityofgalway.ie/our-research/listings/research-centres-institutes-and-units.html)

## Staff

The University employs approximately 2,500 staff, including full-time and part-time, which includes approximately 1,000 academic staff.

Human Resource issues are managed within the Human Resources Office, under the direction of the Director of Human Resources. In 2023, a new Hybrid Working Policy was launched to facilitate more flexible working arrangements in a post-Covid environment.

## Finances

The University is its own financial authority and has an annual income of over €350m, including contract research income of over €70m. The sources of income are Student Fees (approx. 40%), State Grants and Pension funding (approx. 30%), Research Income (20%) and Miscellaneous (10%).



## The University and the Irish language

The University's commitment to the Irish language was first set out in the University College Galway Act 1929 and this was reiterated in the University College Galway (Amendment) Act 2006, which states that one of the principle aims of the university is "the provision of education ... through the medium of the Irish language".

The University's Strategy 2020-2025 goes even further and commits to developing and implementing an ambitious and future-focused strategy for the Irish language, in partnership with national stakeholders and Gaeltacht communities, based on our values of respect and sustainability. In 2021, the University published its first Irish Language Strategy and appointed its first Irish Language Officer.

Irish language programmes are delivered primarily through the Discipline of Irish and through Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, our Irish language academy, which has three centres located in the Gaeltacht.



### Our Region

Our regional footprint includes five Medical Academies, three Gaeltacht centres, off-campus research sites in Connemara and the Burren, and a satellite campus in Shannon College, Co. Clare.

### Our Campus

The main University Campus, with an area of some 105 hectares in the heart of the city of

Galway, is attractively situated on the west bank of the River Corrib, and stretches from Nuns' Island in the south to the Sports Grounds in Dangan to the north. Other teaching and research facilities are located outside the city in An Cheathrú Rua, Carna and Mace Head in Connemara, in Shannon, Carron and Finnevara in Co. Clare, and in Gaoth Dobhair in Co. Donegal. The University's medical students and researchers benefit from on-the-ground Medical Academies located in hospitals throughout the region from Portiuncula University Hospital in Co. Galway to Letterkenny University Hospital in Co. Donegal.

**Building for the Future:** The University is in the process of finalising its masterplan for the years ahead, which will include the Nuns' Island creative and innovation district in Galway city centre. Recent years have seen some significant additions to campus, including:

- Clinical Simulation Facility: completed in 2022
- Dunlin Village on-campus student accommodation (674 beds): completed in 2022

The following construction projects have been commenced or approved in recent years:

- Learning Commons (new Library): construction commenced in 2024
- Water Sports Centre: planning permission approved in 2023
- New Law School: design for planning in progress
- New Pharmacy School: funded to planning stage
- New Medical School: funded to planning stage

## **Sustainability**

Sustainability is one of the University's core values and we are recognised as a leader in the transition to a sustainable future. We are committed to the SDGs at an institutional level on multiple levels:

- As a signatory to the SDG Accord, we have committed 'to align all major efforts with the SDG targets and indicators, including through our education, research, leadership, operational and engagement activities' and to 'share our learning'.
- Our Climate Action and Sustainability Policy formalises our commitment 'to lead the transition to a sustainable future by embedding the SDGs into all our major efforts'.
- Our Sustainability Strategy 2021-2025, which is mapped to the SDGs, sets out our vision across the campus and beyond.

In the past three years we have been ranked First in Ireland and Top 50 worldwide in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for our progress on the SDGs. In 2023, we established a new Sustainability Office to lead the implementation of our Sustainability Strategy and to embed sustainability across our curriculum and operations.

Through the work of the University's Sustainability Office, the Community and University Sustainability Partnership, colleagues in Buildings and Estates and other university operations, and our Student Societies, we have advanced understanding and action on the urgent need for sustainability, using a Learn – Live – Lead model. Since 2006, we have achieved over 50% reduction in energy usage, exceeding our targets. In 2021, we established our carbon footprint, and we are actively working towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

