



Ollscoil Mhá Nuad Maynooth University

Department of Psychology and Department of Education Professor of Educational Psychology (Programme Director - Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology) (Permanent)

The Role

Maynooth University seeks an outstanding academic to join our staff as Professor of Educational Psychology, with the initial five year period spent at Programme Director, for the newly established Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology which is co-led by the Departments of Education and Psychology. The Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology is a three-year, full-time professional programme which has been developed in close collaboration with the National Educational Psychology Service (NEPS) to prepare graduates to work as educational psychologists in a wide range of settings.

We seek applicants with extensive experience of research and practice as educational psychologists who can bring vision, dynamism, and inclusive leadership to the programme. The person appointed to this role will be expected to serve as Programme Director for an initial period of five years and for regular periods thereafter as determined by the Heads of Departments. As Programme Director, they will take on a leadership role and be responsible for the delivery and management of the Doctorate in Educational Psychology programme together with a dedicated programme team. In addition, there will be sessional input from NEPS staff, other service providers, and adjunct lecturing staff. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to and shape the growth and direction of Educational Psychology in Ireland.

The person appointed will have an excellent record in research, scholarship and publication, in teaching and educational innovation, and in academic leadership. They will be expected to make a strong contribution to the teaching, research and profile of the university, and to provide ongoing leadership for the discipline.

Maynooth University is committed to a strategy in which the primary university goals of excellent research and scholarship and outstanding education are interlinked and equally valued. Professors will be expected to provide significant intellectual leadership, through a demonstrated commitment to both education and research, and also to contribute to the effective leadership and management of the department, the faculty and the university.

Principal Responsibilities

A Professor of the University is expected to:

- Be an international leader in research and scholarship and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field;
- Provide leadership in research and scholarship within the Department, Faculty and University;
- Promote excellence in teaching and learning, and encourage innovation in teaching and learning amongst staff;
- Contribute to the teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate students, including lecturing, consultations with individual students, and supervision of research students;
- Contribute to the development of the curriculum and academic programmes within the discipline and more generally;
- Assume responsibilities for management and administrative tasks associated with the Department, Faculty and University;
- Be an active member of the University and contribute to the work of the University in outreach, collaboration, internationalisation, engagement and policy development.

As Programme Director, the successful candidate will have responsibility for:

- Programme Leadership
- Management and mentoring of staff on the programme
- Liaison with external programme stakeholders, including NEPS, Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), CORU, Health Service Executive (HSE).
- Liaison with external programme contributors and adjunct members
- Overseeing programme design, revision and development.
- Overseeing the examination process relating to the programme including, student progression, viva examinations and participation in examination board meetings.
- Development of innovative teaching and learning strategies.
- Ensuring that teaching and learning approaches embrace good practices and new developments in educational psychology.
- Upholding and ensuring high ethical standards among staff and programme participants relating to teaching, learning, research and policy.
- Preparation of reports and policy documents.
- Supervision of doctoral level research and building research capacity in educational psychology across Departments of Education and Psychology.
- Teaching on the programme, and other Department of Education and Department of Psychology programmes as directed and agreed by the Heads of the two departments.
- Participation in Departmental and Faculty meetings as required by the Heads of the two departments.
- Attendance and participation in all meetings of Examination Boards.
- Developing the national and international profile of the programme.
- Contributing to outreach and promotional activities, and recruitment and selection of students
- Applying for and supporting other staff to apply for relevant research funding.
- Contributing to the research ethos and activities of the Department of Education and the Department of Psychology, and the Assisting Living and Learning (ALL) Institute.
- Undertaking additional duties as directed and agreed by the Heads of the Departments of Psychology and Education.

The above list is not meant to be exhaustive, but the director and staff on the new programme are expected to work together as a team and in a flexible fashion.

The ideal candidate will have:

Essential

- A doctorate in educational psychology (or cognate area).
- Registration or eligibility to register as an Educational Psychologist with the Psychological Society of Ireland, the British Psychological Society, or an equivalent professional body.
- Specialist current knowledge and expertise in Educational Psychology, and experience of practice as an educational psychologist.
- Experience of administration in an educational psychology context.
- Evidence of leadership and management skills.
- Evidence of having developed a significant research programme, including publications in internationally peer reviewed journals.
- In-depth knowledge of contemporary issues in educational psychology research, practice and policy.
- Evidence of a commitment to promoting social inclusion for marginalised or disadvantaged school students.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, teamwork, administrative, and organisational skills.
- Understanding of the higher education system.
- Experience of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, assessment and programme development
- Experience of supervising graduate research students.
- Experience in co-ordination of placements and interaction with multi-stakeholders.
- The ability to build effective relationships with a wide variety of internal and external colleagues.

The University

Maynooth University is a very distinctive university, a collegial institution focused on science and engineering, humanities, and social sciences, and equally committed to research, teaching and community engagement. Located in Ireland's only university town, its distinctive features and character owe much to its unique history and heritage. It provides a high-quality educational experience to over 15,000 students on a campus with 18th century roots and 21st century dynamism.

The strategic trajectory and accomplishments of Maynooth University, in the 25 years since its establishment as an autonomous public university, are exceptional, and a source of great pride to the university community, staff, students and alumni. Maynooth University in 2024 ranked in the top 90 global Times Higher Education (THE) Young University rankings, placing 86th in the world. Maynooth University's growing global reputation is based on the originality, quality, importance and impact of its research and scholarship, commitment to teaching and learning, the quality of academic programmes, and its leadership in widening participation in higher education. The sources of success are the dedication of its staff and the energy and engagement of its students.

Maynooth University is a place of lively contrasts – a modern institution, dynamic, rapidly-growing, research-led and engaged, yet grounded in historic academic strengths and scholarly traditions. With over 15,000 students Maynooth offers a range of programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level in the humanities, science and engineering and social sciences, including business, law and education. The University also offers a range of international programmes and partnerships.

Maynooth's unique collegial culture fosters an interdisciplinary approach to research, which its world-class academics bring to bear in tackling some of the most fundamental challenges facing society today. The University's research institutes and centres consolidate and deliver this impact as vibrant communities of learning, discovery and creation. Research at Maynooth also is very much central to its teaching and the University prides itself on placing equal value on its research and teaching missions.

Maynooth University's Values

Our values define who we are, what we believe in and how we act as a community. They underpin our future success and guide our expectations of ourselves and each other. Our values apply to everyone in the University community:

- Integrity
- Collegiality
- Responsibility
- Freedom of expression
- Ambition

Maynooth University Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028

The University's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028 builds on our rich academic history and strong foundations to set out an ambitious and forward-looking path for the future of our University. This roadmap underscores our commitment to adapt to a changing world while staying true to our values.

Our vision is to be a university of excellence, opportunity and impact, having a significant stake in all three.

For more information about Maynooth University's future direction, please visit:
<https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/>

Plean Straitéiseach Ollscoil Mhá Nuad 2023 - 2028

Tógann Plean Straitéiseach na hOllscoile 2023 - 2028 ar ár stair acadúil shaibhir agus ar ár mbunchlocha láidre chun conair uailmhianach agus cheannródaíoch a leagadh amach do thodhchaí ár nOllscoile. Soiléiríonn an treochlár seo ár dtiomantas do dhul i dtaithí ar dhomhan atá ag síorathrú agus ár ngníomhaíochtaí a chur in oiriúint dó, agus san am céanna a bheith dílis dár luachanna Ollscoile. Is í an fhís atá againn a bheith mar ollscoil feabhais, deiseanna agus tionchair, agus lámh láidir a bheith againn i ngach ceann de na trí ghné seo.

Léigh anseo le haghaidh breis eolais faoi thodhchaí Ollscoil Mhá Nuad:
<https://strategy.maynoothuniversity.ie/?lang=ga>

Faculty and Research Institutes

The Faculty of Science & Engineering comprises the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electronic Engineering, Experimental Physics, Theoretical Physics, Mathematics and Statistics, Psychology, Sport Science and Nutrition and the School of Nursing. The role of the Faculty is to co-ordinate the academic activities of individual departments, to oversee the strategic development of departments, and to support interdepartmental activities and programmes. The University has also developed a number of interdisciplinary Institutes to support excellent research and to build research capacity across disciplines, including the Assisting Living and Learning (ALL) Institute.

The Faculty of Social Sciences comprises the Departments of Education, Adult and Community Education; Anthropology; Applied Social Studies; Design Innovation; Economics, Finance & Accounting; Geography; Sociology; the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education; and the School of Business and School of Law and Criminology. The role of the Faculty is to co-ordinate the academic activities of individual departments/Schools, to oversee the strategic development of

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Department

The Department of Psychology provides a number of routes to study psychology including our Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) accredited, denominated BA/BA (International) and BSc Psychology programmes; offering Psychological Studies as a subject in the joint honours BA degree; a PSI accredited MSc conversion programme, and an MSc in Environmental Psychology. The Department of Psychology has a strong tradition of postgraduate research through structured PhD and MSc research degrees. The Department is a unique and dynamic environment for research; and we are leading globally in several key areas. Our research partners with, and impacts on, individuals and communities, service users and providers, industry, governments, civil society and United Nations agencies. Staff members lead the [ALL \(Assisting Living & Learning\) Institute](#) and the [Centre for Mental Health and Community Research \(CMHCR\)](#); our staff are also affiliated to other interdisciplinary research institutes including the Maynooth University Social Science Institute the Kathleen Lonsdale Institute for Human Health Research. We are committed to advancing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in the Department; in 2021, we were successful in securing an Athena SWAN Bronze Award in recognition of our commitment to gender equality.

Department of Education is a dynamic and growing department committed to developing innovative educational ideas, school-university partnerships and close links with the community. It has 22 full-time academic members of staff and it offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees including Initial Teacher Education for post-primary teachers through Professional Master of Education and Bachelor of Science with Education. The Department's postgraduate offerings focus on professional programmes in Educational Leadership and Education Guidance Counselling and it offers two doctoral programmes: PhD and EdD.

Selection and Appointment

- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview;
- Candidates will be required to make a brief presentation to staff within the University as part of the selection process;
- Appointments will be made by the President based on the report of the selection board;
- It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the month of May 2025;
- The appointment is expected to be effective as soon as possible thereafter, but not later than August 2025.

Equality and Diversity

Maynooth University actively works to ensure equality, celebrate the diversity of our community, and promote inclusion. To learn more about our commitment to Equality and Diversity, please read the Maynooth University [Equality and Diversity Policy](#) / [Polasaí Comhionannais agus Éagsúlachta](#), our policy on the [Employment of People with Disabilities](#), and our [Gender Equality Action Plan 2023-2026](#). We aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all individuals across our society.

Terms and Conditions

Tenure	This a full-time, permanent post.
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Salary	<p>Professor B (2025) : €103,474 – €138,309 p.a. (6 points)</p> <p>Appointments will be made in accordance with public sector pay provisions</p>
Location	The place of work is the campus of Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
University policies and schemes	<p>Employees of the University will be subject to the terms of the University policies and schemes, available on the University website at:</p> <p>https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies</p> <p>https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/policies</p>
Pension	<p>This is a pensionable post. Employees of the University will enter into a public sector pension scheme, and as such, applicants must ensure they are eligible to become a member of a public sector pension scheme for the duration of the appointment. Details of the public sector pension schemes are available at:</p> <p>https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/pension-information</p>
Eligibility	<p>Applicants should note that eligibility is determined by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Further information regarding eligibility is available at:</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/what-we-do/workplace-and-skills/employment-permits/employment-permit-eligibility/</p> <p>Non-EEA applicants are responsible for ensuring they can secure a visa to travel to Ireland. Any offer of employment is conditional on applicants securing the appropriate employment permissions.</p> <p>Former Irish Public Service employees - Certain Restrictions on Eligibility</p> <p>Eligibility of applicants formerly employed by an Irish Public Sector body, and who availed of an Irish Public Service Redundancy or Incentivised Retirement Scheme under the Schemes below, may be affected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective Agreement: Redundancy Payments to Public Servants • Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement (ISER) • Department of Health and Children Circular (7/2010) • Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (Circular Letter LG(P) 06/2013) <p>Applicants should ensure that they are eligible to be re-engaged in the Irish Public Service under the terms of such Schemes. Applicants should address queries with their former Irish Public Sector employer.</p>
Garda vetting	Garda vetting or clearance may be required by the University.
Medical	The University may require a medical examination as a condition of employment.

Data Protection Law

Applications to the University will be treated in accordance with the University Data Protection Policies. For information on the University's Data Protection Policies and Privacy Notice, please see our website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/data-protection>

Application Procedure

Closing Date:

23:30hrs (local Irish time) on **Tuesday, 29th April 2025**.

Please note all applications must be made via our **Online Recruitment Portal** at the following link:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/human-resources/vacancies>

Applications must be submitted by the closing date and time specified above. Any applications which are still in progress at the closing time on the specified closing date will be cancelled automatically by the system.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Maynooth University is an equal opportunities employer

The position is subject to the Statutes of the University

