

NTUTORR Student Champion for Promoting Digital Skills, Education for Sustainability, Leadership & Employability



The Technological University sector is currently looking to recruit 100 Student Champions for the NTUTORR national project. This is a fixed term NTUTORR Student Champion role for the period June 2023 – May 2024. These scholarships offer students the opportunity to learn and develop skills in one of the key priority areas in addition to developing leadership, collaboration and communication. Each award is supported by a €3,000 bursary.

The NTUTORR Student Champion Programme Award is valued at 3,000 euro for each champion selected. Please note the following:

- all champions recruited through the selection process will be paid through the PAYE system in their local institute.
- a monthly payment arrangement will be set up at a local institute level from June 2023 to April 2024.
- all NTUTORR Student Champions will be managed by the local Student Empowerment Co-ordinator
- shortlisting, interviewing and selection of the Student Champions will be conducted locally by the TU/IoT with a diverse panel of four, including staff and a student union representative.

In April 2024, all student champions on the programme will take part in a national NTUTORR Student Partnership Conference to share and disseminate their experiences on this programme.

In addition, all student champions will play a role in piloting and evaluating the NTUTORR Student Digital Backpack.

The NTUTORR Student Champions will work closely with the local institute Student Empowerment Co-ordinator (Stream 1) and track student engagement across the local TU site. This data will feed into the sector engagement reporting. Student Champions will also collaborate with fellow champions across the sector and share ideas for local and national development of the student experience in the TU sector.

Student Champions will engage with the development of an initiative under one of the NTUTORR thematic areas:

- Academic Integrity
- Digital Transformation in Teaching and Learning
- Education for Sustainability
- Employability
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

100 Student Champions will be recruited across the sector. The allocation of Student Champions by TU/IoT site includes:

- 21 Student Champions ATU
- 7 Student Champions DKIT
- 7 Student Champions IADT
- 14 Student Champions MTU
- 14 Student Champions SETU
- 14 Student Champions TUS
- 21 Student Champions TU Dublin
- 2 National NTUTORR Student Champions, can be allocated to any TU/IoT site

Through engagement with ONE theme, the role may involve facilitation of workshops with students and staff and the creation of events/activities or designing reusable learning objects.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in training workshops onsite and undertake short online courses and gain digital badges.

About NTUTORR

Ireland's technological sector, combining new technological universities and institutes of technology, have formed a partnership to develop and deliver on the National Technological University Transformation for Recovery and Resilience (NTUTORR) programme. This programme, which is EU funded and overseen by the HEA, proposes to utilise the national scale and scope of the sector to deliver a best-practice suite of initiatives and opportunities for the learner, for staff development and supported by necessary enabling technologies.

The NTUTORR programme is designed to transform learning, teaching and assessment by focussing on transforming the student experience and developing the capabilities of all staff to address a sustainable pedagogical and learning environment with particular and critical focus on digital transformation, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

The national programme of work of the project is designed to enable and leverage digital transformations to achieve sustainable and long-lasting change in the higher education student experience. The programme aims to implement and utilise digital technologies and platforms in a manner which will enable and empower students and staff to enhance and develop their higher education experience. The goal is to empower those who teach to integrate appropriate digital technologies into their own pedagogies, teaching & learning, and assessment practices in effective and meaningful ways.

This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidate to expand their understanding of student leadership in teaching and learning in Irish technological universities and institutes of technology. The student champions will have a direct impact on the future development of the TU sector and the student learning experience.

The Role of the Student Champion:

Specifically, they will be expected to:

- act as a member of the institute NTUTORR project team, including attending and contributing to project team student champion meetings;
- liaise with local institute project team members and student union representatives on each campus;
- liaise with local institute, THEA NTUTORR project members and the communications team;
- liaise with the local Students' Union, USI and NStEP;
- run and contribute to student-led social media for the project, in collaboration with student unions and campus student champions;
- contribute to project communications e.g. podcast/video recording, presenting at events or panel discussions, webinars, provide comments for the media;
- support the activities of the NTUTORR Institutional Lead

A Student Champion Programme Contract will be drawn up between the Student Champion and the NTUTORR project member institute to ensure clear expectations are set and that the partnership is beneficial to both parties.

Key Attributes

The candidate should satisfy a number of ESSENTIAL criteria:

- Be enrolled as a student in one of the technological universities or institutes of technology in 2023-2024.
- Be able to commit to a minimum of 10 hours per month engagement with the project.
- Be able to commit to capturing your learning from the project
- Have a strong interest in any of the following areas:
 - use of digital technologies in teaching and learning;
 - education for sustainability;
 - academic integrity and assessment;
 - equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI);
 - universal design for learning (UDL);
 - or employability.

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

- 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.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion



The TU sector member universities and institutes of technology value the enrichment that comes from a diverse community and seeks to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of each individual.

All 5 technological universities and 2 institutes of technology are Athena Swan Bronze Award Institutes and are committed to advancing gender equality across our Institutions.

We aim to reflect the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all individuals.



Programme Award details

This is a part-time role and the award is €3,000. The institute will aim to be as flexible as possible in relation to engagement with the project. Monthly deliverables and outputs are expected from each student champion.

The position of NTUTORR student champion is a for the period June 2023 – May 2024, subject to meeting on-going performance requirements. The role may require some travel within Ireland, subject to COVID 19 restrictions. All reasonable and pre-approved travel costs associated with the internship will be covered by the local institute and must be arranged through the Student Empowerment Coordinator.

How to apply

Submit an application online by 31st March 2023

- 1 Submit an up-to-date two page Curriculum Vitae
- 2 Plus a personal statement (not more than 500 words) clearly outlining NTUTORR theme you are most interested in, how you can contribute to the NTUTORR Student Champion programme and how this experience will support your own personal development