



## THE INCUBATION CENTRE

WHERE EDUCATION MEETS INNOVATION

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### Developing the Partnership within and Beyond Shannon Consortium

There is a vast depth of experience in education across our four educational institutions. The incubation centre will actively facilitate collaborations between colleagues from the Shannon Consortium Institutions and beyond.

#### Symposium 2011

The incubation centre will hold a National Symposium focusing on Innovation in Education. The symposium is designed to showcase innovation at National Level and will establish the Shannon Consortium as a region of excellence in teaching and learning.

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*"Wisdom lies neither in fixity nor in change,  
but in the dialectic between the two."*

Octavio Paz (1914-1998)

### WHO WE ARE

The Incubation Centre for Teaching and Learning has designed a suite of initiatives to ignite new educational thinking and practice. The Centre will free captive ideas, enabling them to move around our campuses freely, be explored, developed and brought to life.

Funded by the Higher Education Authority under the Strategic Innovation Fund, the Incubation Centre reflects our region's commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. The centre's remit includes the Shannon Consortium Educational Partners: The University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick Institute of Technology and The Institute of Technology Tralee.

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### OUR MISSION

The mission of the centre is to support and drive innovative and creative approaches to teaching and learning in Higher Education.

### OUR PROJECTS

The centre provides funding to support innovations in teaching and learning on a competitive basis.

The projects selected by the centre's review panel will demonstrate a clear impact on the student learning experience and give rise to creative pedagogical change within and beyond the Shannon region.



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## THE INNOVATION FUND FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Open to all including: academic staff, administrative staff and students of the Shannon Consortium Institutions.

### THE PROCESS



arrange an appointment  
develop and scope your idea  
prepare a proposal  
prepare a presentation  
submit to the review panel  
presentation to panel  
feedback from panel

### THE SHORT PROPOSAL (3-4 Pages)

#### PLEASE INCLUDE

- 1.0 An introduction and rationale
- 1.1 A summary of the key objectives
- 1.2 An implementation plan
- 1.3 An introduction to the team including short biographies
- 1.4 An accurate costing

#### PLEASE DESCRIBE

- 2.0 The innovative nature of the project
- 2.1 How the project will impact on teaching and learning

### THE PRESENTATION

#### PLEASE PREPARE

A ten minute presentation. The presentation should bring your idea to life. You may involve others in your presentation as necessary.



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### THE REVIEW PANEL

*The Panel* is a dynamic group of experts drawn from different domains. The Panel plays a central role in the incubation centre as the backbone to the centre's dynamic review process. The Panel comprises of a diverse group of individuals representing a variety of voices: student, academic, entrepreneurial, educational, artistic and governmental.

*The Panel* meets twice a year to discuss and review innovation projects against a set of criteria. Project submissions involve two key components: a short proposal and a presentation. The Panel will probe ideas as presented by project champions encouraging the development of focused and creative projects that are sustainable and have a positive outcome on the student learning experience. The Panel will decide which projects to fund on a competitive basis.

### PANEL MEMBERS

Short biographies at  
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### OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### CREATIVITY WORKSHOPS

Creativity workshops can be requested to facilitate group brainstorming for the development of new ideas within departments, peer-groups or classes.

#### BUILDING A RESEARCH COMMUNITY

The incubation centre will play a key role in developing a vibrant research community in Innovation across the Shannon Consortium. Those receiving funds under the auspices of the incubation centre will be actively encouraged to publish and generate research output, collaborate with peers and share Experiences and to link with others researchers and networks whose interests intersect.