

TUS RISE SEMESTER NEWSLETTER

We're delighted to welcome you back to the TUS RISE Research Newsletter. Published three times a year; it is designed to inform, inspire, and support you on your research journey.

Each edition will bring you insightful educational pieces, updates on how to engage with the research support office, news, events, current research projects and future funding initiatives.

We're here to support you on your research journey.

RISE at TUS: A Year of Impact

Some of you may still be asking – what is TUS RISE?

It's what you, as researchers and students in TUS, as an applied university, are doing day to day. It's how TUS engages with local and regional enterprises and community stakeholders. The programme is delivered through HEA and ERDF funding, and TUS received €12 million over four years to enhance central research functions to support our research eco system. The benefits of this programme can already be seen and are backed up by the metrics we are delivering on.

To date, TUS RISE has sponsored 20 PhD and Master's students who are now in year two of their projects, collaborating with industry and social enterprises. It has supported the launch of the following calls: The Staff Research Outputs Fund, and the Staff Conference & Travel Support Bursary Fund, which are currently live. The TUS RISE Postgraduate Scholarship is now closed, though it received huge interest from across our university.

Over the semester, numerous events have been sponsored, such as Athlone Chamber Business Lunch, RISE Connected Innovations, Researcher



Awards, GPSIS, Hackathlone, Enterprise Ireland and IDA visits, Bioeconomy events and the EURASHE CoP to name a few as well as training courses from outside providers to further invest in our researchers' knowledge and assist early researchers navigate the world of funding.

RISE is here to support research, and we are happy for any enquiries to come through research@tus.ie or our contact us page [Contact Details Archive - TUS](#)

Planning for 2026 is already underway, with a celebration in February in Collaboration with Skillets Ireland, focused on giving females in the region an idea of the support available from TUS and the Skillets – further details to follow.

All in all, 2025, the first full year of RISE, has been a success – and this is only due to the amazing teams of researchers and students we have across all our campuses.



Congratulations to Dr YuanYuan Chen who has been awarded €1 million Research Ireland National Challenge Fund announced by Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD. [READ MORE](#)

NEWS & EVENTS



If you would like to submit your news story or event to our spring newsletter - please contact: Research@tus.is

TUS to host WIRE (Week of Innovative Regions in Europe) in 2026

As Ireland takes over the Presidency of the EU Council of Europe in the second half of 2026, funded by the EU commission, TUS has successfully secured the only official EU Presidency conference outside of Dublin. Held in partnership with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and Enterprise Ireland, the TUS Moylish Campus and Millennium Theatre will provide a platform for policymakers, public authorities, knowledge centres and enterprises to discuss research and innovation practices, challenges and opportunities across our European regions. It will have a direct focus on boosting European competitiveness, and a view on current and future EU funding opportunities. Stay Tuned!

Dr Siobhán Matthews, Prof. Austin Coffey, Minister of State Kevin Boxer Moran and Dr Seán Lyons @ GPSIS



TUS Global Leader in Polymer Sustainability & Innovation

The inaugural GPSIS summit saw over 160 attendees from 10 countries join together to explore the growing worlds of Polymer Research, Medical Plastics, Smart Manufacturing, Innovations & Sustainability.

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TUS PhD & Master's by Research Graduates 2025. [READ MORE](#)



Inaugural TUS RISE Researcher of the Year Awards @ Connected Innovations

The event recognised staff and students who have made outstanding contributions to research at TUS and was held as part of Connected Innovations, which featured interesting talks on social innovation, community support, and engagement.

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Overall Winner Postgraduate Research Supervisor of the Year: Dr Jeffrey Buckley

Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers Clusters and Gateways Event - Limerick



New Frontiers & TUS Supporting Local Enterprise

Over 50 business people, entrepreneurs, academics and researchers joined together to explore the practical supports available for start ups, including practical learning, peer connection and candid discussion about the realities of validating ideas, raising finance, building teams and scaling companies. [READ MORE](#)

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**Planning Secured for
FORGE Design Factory
Entrepreneurial HUB.**
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Forge Facility Mock Up



IDA Visit to TUS
Athlone



EURASHE Community
of Practice Visit to
Mount Lucas

**Nurturing Student
Entrepreneurship**

TUS hosts Ireland's largest
space hackathon including
the TUS RISE Shannon
River Basin Side Quest.
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**TUS Celebrates RUN-EU Day
as Ireland's Sole Partner in
Transformative European
Alliance**

Over 1000 attendees joined us to
explore and celebrate our
European University network which
is driving sustainable development,
innovation, and the core values of
the EU. [READ MORE](#)

Attendees pictured during
the Inaugural RUN-EU Day



**Success for Prof.
Vincent Cunnane
during Limerick
Chamber Regional
Business Awards.**

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Limerick Chamber President, Mairead
Connolly pictured with Prof. Cunnane

Up & Coming Events

SPRING RISE - Thursday 5th February. In-person, Midlands.

Bringing together female leaders, innovators, and change-makers for an afternoon focused on connection, inspiration, and impact. Spring RISE provides opportunities to build meaningful relationships with senior females across industry, research, and technology, while gaining visibility in a high-profile setting that celebrates leadership and collaboration.

Attendees will engage with cutting-edge research, connect with emerging TUS talent, and participate in thought-provoking discussions on innovation, growth, and regional impact. Inspired by the legacy of St. Brigid and the theme of spring renewal, Spring RISE offers space to reflect, renew ambition, and help shape solutions that advance women's leadership across the region.

Stay tuned for further details

**Dreambig: Empowering the
Next Generation of Innovators in
the Midlands 2-6 March 2026**

EURASHE: Annual Conference
'Impact, Industry, Society'
17-19 June 2026. Amsterdam

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



HIGHLIGHTS...

Stay informed about grants, scholarships, and collaborative funding initiatives from TUS, leading national and international organisations. Whether you're seeking resources to advance your research or looking to build strategic partnerships, this page offers valuable insights to help you secure the support you need. Explore featured opportunities and unlock new possibilities for success.

[READ MORE - EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Funding Clinics: As part of our pre-award services, the Research Support Office aim to hold funding clinics once a month in each TUS campus. This will be an opportunity for researchers and academics to come and chat all things funding on a one to one basis with the Research Support Officers. Clinics will take place on the first Wednesday of every month. Venues and timetables will be disseminated to all in the New Year.

- 2nd FutureFoodS Call: FutureFoodS: Call 2
- Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026 - 2027: Cluster 6

Sustainable Development

- European Partnership on One Health Antimicrobial Resistance 2026
- European Partnership on Transforming Health and Care System 2026
- Welcome Early Career Awards

Biopharma, Life Sciences & Food

Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering

- Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026 - 2027: Cluster 4
- Research Ireland Pathway Programme 2026

ICT & Creative Industries

- Creative Ireland - Creative Grant Call
- European Partnership - Agriculture of Data Partnership Agriculture of Data: Call 1



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TUS Postgraduate
Funding Opportunities