

Academic Hub Exhibition Space Summer Programme

Open Call for Exhibition Proposals

Deadline: November 23, 2026

TU Dublin is inviting exhibition proposals for the inaugural Summer Programme of the new Academic Hub Exhibition Space at TU Dublin's Grangegorman campus. As part of TU Dublin's commitment to engaging with communities and wider society, the Academic Hub Exhibition Space will host a programme of exhibitions from May to September 2026 that inspire curiosity, spark conversation and foster connections beyond the University.

This is the first Open Call for exhibitions for this new space and opportunities for 2027 and 2028 exhibition programmes will be advertised in 2027. The focus and format of these may evolve as the potential and identity of the Exhibition Space emerges.

The Academic Hub Exhibition Space

Mission, Aims and Values

The Academic Hub Exhibition Space connects the talents, research and values of the University with wider society. It is a living showcase of TU Dublin's excellence and a space for engaging with the knowledge and skills that our community creates. It is a welcoming place where partner organisations and neighbours collaborate with the University to create a better world together.

The Academic Hub Exhibition Space aims to:

- Act as a bridge, connecting TU Dublin with local, national and global communities.
- Celebrate practice-based education, where students learn by doing, making and applying knowledge in the real-world.
- Communicate research and innovation with clear societal and cultural relevance.
- Welcome the wider public as learners, contributors and collaborators.

The **Values** of the Academic Hub Exhibition Space reflect the TU Dublin Values, which are:

1. **Excellence** in TU Dublin is about potential. We strive to do our best and bring the best out in others, aiming for high standards of service, good practice and commitment to continuous growth and improvement.
2. **Inclusion** in TU Dublin is about difference and diversity. We strive to foster an environment that encourages and celebrates this for individuals and groups, creating a safe space where people feel a sense of belonging and connection.
3. **Impact** in TU Dublin is about positive change. We strive to invest our collective efforts into creating meaningful and lasting change in lives and actively seek opportunities to address the challenges facing the world.
4. **Respect** in TU Dublin is about the intrinsic value of each person. We have deep regard for the feelings, needs and rights of others and we act with integrity.

Submission Information

Exhibition Duration: Exhibitions can run for between three and six weeks.

Types of Exhibitions: The Summer Programme will focus on exhibitions that will attract visitors to the Grangegorman campus and spark the interest of wider society.

These may include:

- Research showcases across all disciplines including creative and interdisciplinary practice.
- Creative practices.
- Partnership exhibitions with external organisations.
- Exhibitions related to end-of-year student shows may also submit proposals for the May-June period.
- NOTE: The Exhibition Space is not available for commercial sales activities.

Costs: There is currently a fee attached to the use of certain spaces within the Academic Hub , including the Exhibition Space. The fee charged to use the Exhibition Space is €350 excl. VAT per week. Exhibitions that will require cleaning of windows and walls following de-installation will incur an additional cleaning charge.

Fees are waived for the presentation of student work within assessed modules. In some cases, fees may be discounted e.g. research or creative practice exhibitions without secured funding sources. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the nature and scope of the proposed exhibition. Letters of support for funding applications related to proposed exhibitions can be provided on request.

The fee structure will be reviewed for future Open Calls.

About the Space: The Exhibitor Guidance and FAQ document should be reviewed in advance of sending an exhibition proposal.

Who can Apply: For the Summer Programme, applications are welcomed from TU Dublin staff; Research Groups, Centres and Hubs/Institutes; TU Dublin collaborations with external organisations including community, industry and other partners.

Timeline

Open Call submission period: 23 October - 23 November 2026

Applicants notified: 11 December 2026

Exhibition Programme: Mid-May to September 2027

Submission Format:

Email a single PDF to academichubexhibitions@tudublin.ie detailing the following:

1. Name and contact information for TU Dublin Exhibition Lead/Sponsor.
2. Exhibition Proposal (500 - 1000 words). Include an overview of the proposed exhibition, exhibitors, a preferred timeframe; intended audience, the potential impact and benefits of the exhibition to the participants and intended audiences.
3. Profile or biography of exhibitor(s) (200 max)
4. Supporting material may be provided to evidence the profile or experience of the exhibitor(s), detailing creative practices, relevant projects or previous exhibitions. This may include:
 - 10 x images (e.g., screen shots, artworks)
 - 2 x video links (e.g., video works, promotional videos)

Do not send hard copy documents. Supporting material to be included within the single PDF being submitted.

Summer Exhibition Selection Criteria

Submissions will be assessed by a Selection Committee using the following criteria:

- **Quality of proposal (25%):** Is the exhibition well planned with all relevant information provided? How well does it align with the Mission and Aims of the Exhibition Space?
- **Public engagement and impact (25%):** Who is the audience for this exhibition, and how will they be engaged? What impact will the exhibition have on this audience?
- **Feasibility (25%):** Can the proposed exhibition be created within the proposed timeframe and available resources? Does the exhibition physically work within the exhibition space?
- **Profile and experience of the exhibitor(s) (25%):** Does the proposed exhibition provide a platform for exhibitors that will attract audiences to the Exhibition Space over the summer period?