

Policy on Funding Received from an External Body (RCPI-Pol-040)

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide principles for external funding related to the development and/or delivery of an education programme.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to staff involved in the development and delivery of specific education programmes funded by an external body.

3. Responsibility

The Head of Education is responsible for this policy.

4. Policy on funding received from an External Body - Guiding principles

- 4.1 RCPI will consider external funding for the development and delivery of a programme once the conditions of the funding states that the external body has no influence on the academic rigour applied to developing and delivering the programme.
- 4.2 Funding proposals are submitted to the Head of Education, who in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Board, will determine if the funding meets the criteria of an independent education grant.
- 4.3 If approved, the funding received from any external body is formalised through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as appropriate.
- 4.4 Funding must be used for the sole purpose as stated in the SLA or MoU.
- 4.5 RCPI is responsible for the selection of the Programme Lead, Faculty, External Examiner, or any other staff involved in the programme independent of the funding organisation.
- 4.6 Development and delivery of a programme and selection of candidates for the programme is managed by RCPI.
- 4.7 Funded programmes are subject to the same quality assurance standards as all other RCPI education programmes.

5. References

Quality Qualifications Ireland (2016) Core Statutory Quality Assurance Guidelines

<https://www.qqi.ie/Downloads/Core%20Statutory%20Quality%20Assurance%20Guidelines.pdf>

Quality Qualifications Ireland (2015) Code of Practice for Provision of Programmes of Education and Training to International Learners

<https://www.qqi.ie/Downloads/Code%20of%20Practice.pdf>