

CUA Guiding Principles
towards achievement of
Technological University (TU) Re-Designation

Agreed by CUA Steering Committee January 2014

1. The partners affirm their commitment to working towards the achievement of TU re-designation. The achievement of TU re-designation will result in the creation of a new entity and requires (a) reaching the TU criteria, and (b) demonstrating a record of strong collaboration between the partners.
2. The partners agree to work together to achieve greater collaboration and coherence between the three institutions in terms of systems and processes while respecting the autonomy of each institution in their dealings with the HEA, DES, QQI or other stakeholders.
3. The partners will agree a timeframe to complete each stage of the TU application process. Each stage submission will be evaluated by the partners, considered within each institution and approved by each Governing Body.

The partners will work to progress through the TU process together. In the event that all three partners cannot agree to progress a given stage of the TU process two of the partners may agree to proceed if they consider this necessary to avoid a damaging delay to the process. The third partner will have the option of re-engaging in the process at a later date, where this is feasible. The decision around Stage 4 involving a merger will be based on evidence of substantial achievement of the TU Criteria.

4. The partners may agree to the inclusion of additional partners in the process, where this is feasible.
5. The trajectory towards the achievement of the TU criteria will be evaluated annually by the partners.
6. The partners agree that re-designation as TU is a challenging but achievable medium-process which will require the full engagement of the partners from the outset in order to be successful.
7. The focus of the CUA is to achieve the criteria for TU re-designation and to foster collaboration and coherence between the partners.
8. The key drivers of the implementation will be the CUA Steering Committee and the Executive Board in each institution.
9. It is recognised that each institution in the CUA will engage in other collaborative arrangements with other HEIs as appropriate.
10. The partners will agree a communications strategy and joint communiqués so that internal and external stakeholders will be informed on an on-going basis of matters relating to the CUA and TU re-designation. It is a matter for each partner to ensure all internal stakeholders appropriately informed.