

Academic and Research Integrity Awareness Competition

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INTEGRITY: WHY THEY MATTER

Central to each educational journey, beyond the grades, the deadlines, and the late-night cramming, are the critical values of academic and research integrity. It's not just about playing by the rules; it's about understanding that the real purpose of education is self-improvement, discovery, and preparing for any challenges and opportunities ahead. Cheating might offer a temporary boost, but in the grand scheme of things, it diminishes the value of education and undermines the trust that others place in us. If we cheat, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to truly learn and grow. The accomplishments we achieve through genuine effort and hard work? Those are the ones that stick and shape us into confident and competent individuals.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Now, here's your chance to champion the cause of academic and research integrity and make a lasting impact. We're inviting you to participate in a competition that emphasises the importance of honesty within your studies. You can use your creativity to produce a video or a poster that lets everyone know why integrity matters. Your work could be featured at the upcoming academic integrity conference to inform and inspire others.

Come together, challenge the norms, and set the bar high. Show the world that our generation values the genuine pursuit of knowledge over shortcuts and quick fixes. Make your mark. Stand up for integrity!

THE DETAILS

University of Galway, in association with the National Academic Integrity Network (NAIN), wants to see your creativity as part of its Academic and Research Integrity Awareness Competition. Your entry may take the form of a poster or short video and must be submitted **before 6pm on 20 September, 2023**.

This competition is part of the Academic and Research Integrity Conference Ireland, which will take place from 4-6 October 2023. A prize will be awarded in each of four categories, and further entries will be selected to be displayed at the conference and shared online. Prizes are awarded to individuals only.

WE WELCOME SUBMISSIONS UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

- **Students supporting students:** Championing academic/research integrity in your school/college/university.
- **Working in partnership:** Student and staff collaboration to support and uphold academic/research integrity.
- **Artificial intelligence:** A help or a harm to academic/research integrity?
- **Snakes in the tall grass:** Combatting essay mills and protecting academic/research integrity.

A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ENTRY IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Higher Education: Undergraduate
- Higher Education: Postgraduate
- Further Education and Training: NFQ L 5-6
- Further Education and Training: NFQ L 1-4

ENTRY FORMATS

- Short video

- Provide link to video shared publicly on a video-sharing platform: Youtube/TikTok/Vimeo, etc.
- Your video may be up to **30 seconds** in duration and must be suitable to share online (i.e. the content should be suitable for viewing by a general audience – though should focus on messaging to students – and you must ensure that any language or imagery used is not offensive).
- Be creative! The evaluation panel will be looking for originality and creativity in submissions.
- You must ensure that you are authorised to use any music or images that you include in your video, or that these are licenced under Creative Commons or similar.
- You must state whether you used generative AI to assist you in producing the video.

- Poster

- Your poster must be in PDF/JPEG/PNG format and be of good digital quality (at least 1920x1080 pixels).
- Your poster must be in portrait orientation. The poster size must be at least A1 but no larger than A0.
- You may choose any format or layout for your poster, but remember that less is often more! We recommend including less text, more graphics and pictures. We also recommend that you highlight key messages to make your poster easier for conference attendees to view.
- Your poster should be suitable for viewing by a general audience – though messaging should focus on students – and you must ensure that any content included (language, imagery, etc.) is not offensive.
- Be creative! The evaluation panel will be looking for originality and creativity in submissions.
- You must ensure that any text or images you have used do not infringe the copyright of third parties, or that they are licenced under Creative Commons or similar.
- You must state whether you used generative AI to assist you in producing the entry.

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMPETITION ENTRY

All entries must be submitted to academicintegrity@gqi.ie by **6pm on 20 September 2023**. You must ensure that links to videos are publicly accessible so that they can be viewed by the evaluation panel. If you are submitting a file and it is too large to attach to an email, you may send a link to the file in Dropbox/SharePoint.

Please note that the National Academic Integrity Network/Quality and Qualifications Ireland will be managing the submission and evaluation process for this competition.

Please also note that submissions may be reproduced and/or shared by the conference committee, University of Galway, the National Academic Integrity Network and their partners, including Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) through their websites and social media platforms.

An evaluation panel, which will include Irish and international student experts and alumni, will select the winning entries. The panel will also select additional contributions for display at the conference and for sharing through social media.

WHEN EVALUATING SUBMISSIONS, THE PANEL WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Is there a clear message for viewers to take away from the submission?
- How creative and original is the content?
- Is the submission clearly linked to the competition themes (see above) and the conference themes?
- Will the submission be of interest to conference attendees and students generally?

THE FOLLOWING DETAILS MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EACH COMPETITION ENTRY:

Email subject line with the competition name and category: “Academic and Research Integrity Awareness Competition – [Category: HE UG/HE PG/FET 1-4/FET 5-6]”

Contact details: Name of author/creator, the school/college/university that you are attending.

Category: The category of the competition that you are entering (Further Education and Training L1-4/Further Education and Training L5-6/Higher Education Undergraduate/Higher Education Postgraduate)

Title: This should be no more than 80 characters.

Key messages: Provide three key messages that the viewer could take from the poster/video – this should be a maximum of 350 words, including spaces.

References: Any references cited in the poster/video.

Please note that personal information provided by entrants (name, competition category, name of school/college/university) will be shared with the evaluation panel.

SELECTION

Competition winners and entrants whose submissions have been selected for display at the conference/sharing online will be informed by Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

PRIZES

Prizes will be announced over the coming weeks.