

EIM Ireland



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The University of Limerick (UL) is a non-profit organization, established in 1972, that is located in Castletroy, Limerick, Ireland. UL is an independent, internationally-focused university with ~16,000 students and 1,600 staff. UL is an energetic and enterprising academic institution with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research. UL is dedicated to: developing a community of scholars with a global reputation for excellence, creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship, and engagement; building on the expertise of these scholars to create, harness, and impart knowledge for the benefit of our students and community; and, fostering curiosity, creativity, and academic excellence in an inclusive community committed to social good. UL offers programs across a wide range of disciplines, including arts, business, engineering, health, and medicine. UL currently supports multiple campus- and community-based exercise programs among healthy and patient groups, the Exercise is Medicine On Campus program, and extensive physical activity and exercise research conducted by members of the Health Research Institute, Physical Activity for Health Research Cluster, Department of Physical Education and Sport Sciences, and the School of Allied Health.



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2023 Goals

- Grow and strengthen infrastructure by:
 - Finalizing working groups and establishing clear deliverables
 - Enhancing linkages between academics, clinicians, exercise professionals, and end-users
 - Strengthening relationships with the Health Service Executive and the Registry for Exercise Professionals
- Recognition of credentialing and developing a registry of exercise professionals
- Expand EIM OC to an additional three universities in Ireland
- Enhance partnership with Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine and our joint conference
- Generate funding application based on collaborations among members of the EIM National Center Advisory Board
- Expand collaborations with other EIM European National Centers

Accomplishments to Date



- Officially established EIM Ireland (December 2019)
 - Secured membership on the advisory board for the Ireland Health Service Executive (HSE)
 - Participating in the re-establishment of the Irish Sport and Exercise Science Association (2022)
 - Participated on HSE Physical Activity for Chronic Conditions Working Group and HSE Physical Activity Pathways in Healthcare Model Steering Group (2022)
 - Continued an EIM Ireland webinar series (2021-present) for health professionals across Ireland
 - Co-hosted an annual sports medicine conference with the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine (2021), which awarded CPD credits to healthcare providers
 - Engaged with the Registered Exercise Professionals Ireland to focus on credentialling and recognition of exercise professionals (2021-present)
 - Partnered with the HSE on an initiative called 'Get Up, Get Dressed, Get Moving' to increase physical activity in long-term care facilities (2020-present)
 - Engaged with the Institute of Public Health to facilitate a large-scale survey of healthcare provider knowledge of physical activity (2020-21)
 - Sponsored two webinars focusing on physical activity for health during COVID-19, attended by healthcare practitioners, exercise professionals, and individuals from academia (2020)
 - Integrated EIM education into the Graduate Medical School curriculum at the University of Limerick
 - EIM On Campus expanded to five universities (University of Limerick, University College Dublin, Waterford Institute of Technology, Technological University of the Shannon-Athlone, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland)
 - Developed a Twitter account (@ExerciseisMedi3)
 - Submitted a Health Research Board Collaborative Award application to provide five PhD students with projects focused on different areas of EIM
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