

Governing Authority Election 2025: Candidate Profile – Other academic staff



Dr Eva Flynn
School of Medicine

Candidate Biographical Details / Sonraí Beathaisnéise an Iarrthóra

Dr. Eva Flynn is a dedicated General Practitioner and Assistant Professor with over 15 years of experience in clinical practice. Based in Galway, she is deeply committed to delivering person-centred care - a philosophy she brings to her work with people and the broader university community. Currently pursuing an Executive MBA, Eva is combining her expertise in healthcare with skills in governance, strategic planning, and financial management.

Guided by a strong belief in fairness and equality, Eva sees a thriving university as one where every individual, student, educator, researcher and support staff, feels valued and supported. Her work as a GP has taught her that understanding and empowering people leads to sustainable growth, a principle she extends to the organisational health of the University. She believes that by fostering transparency, collaboration, and inclusivity, the University can achieve excellence in education and research while succeeding as a forward-looking institution.

Eva's leadership also on the board of the Galway Family Planning Clinic and her contributions to the School of Medicine reflect her ability to balance ethical governance with strategic progress. Appreciating also the Irish language and the richness it brings, Eva is committed to ensuring that the University's community flourishes, locally and globally.

Candidate Statement / Ráiteas an Iarrthóra

At the heart of the University of Galway is its people - a community of students and staff whose dedication and talent shapes our university and has impact far beyond campus. Located in the heart of our city, Galway is more than a place of learning; it's a centre of innovation, culture, and community.

Staff face however significant challenges that hinder our progress and ability to work effectively. Budgetary constraints, unclear career progression pathways, procurement complexities, and recruitment bottlenecks are persistent frustrations that impact both morale and productivity. The experienced team of the Governing Authority has played a crucial role in ensuring the effective and equitable running of the university. If elected, I will advocate for these staff concerns to be addressed openly, collaboratively, and with a focus on fairness and transparency, aiming for lasting and meaningful solutions.



I believe that when people feel heard, valued, and supported, we thrive, as does the university. Empowering people and ensuring resources are managed effectively, we can collectively excel in what we do best, which is to teach, to research, to drive innovation and to lead. A flourishing university uplifts its people, strengthens our city, and our global presence.

My career has been about helping people achieve their potential, whether in healthcare, education, or governance. I bring this same dedication to the Governing Authority, ready to listen, advocate, and work to build a stronger, fairer, and more inclusive University of Galway.

Together, we can shape a future where the University of Galway continues to thrive as a community, an institution, and a global leader.

Go raibh míle maith agat as do chuid ama chun mo ráiteas a léamh agus do thacaíocht
Thank you for taking the time to read my personal statement and your support.

Dr Eva Flynn

Candidate Outline of Relevant Competencies / Cur síos an Iarrthóra ar Inniúlachtaí Ábhartha

Dr. Eva Flynn is an accomplished healthcare leader. Known for her person-centred approach and ethical leadership, she brings a unique blend of strategic insight, governance expertise and humane understanding to her candidacy for the Governing Authority of the University of Galway.

As a member of the School of Medicine, Eva has led initiatives that enrich teaching and research while advocating for equality and inclusivity in academic life. Her role on the Galway Family Planning Clinic board has deepened her expertise in compliance, risk management, and stakeholder engagement. Pursuing an Executive MBA at the University of Galway has further enhanced her strategic planning, financial acumen, and understanding of governance best practices.

Eva's entrepreneurial vision is demonstrated by her establishment of a medical practice, where she managed strategic planning, financial operations, and staff leadership. This experience deepened her understanding of the critical role governance plays in fostering fairness, transparency, and ethical decision-making. These lessons have informed her commitment to promoting strong governance principles that prioritise the well-being of stakeholders - an ethos she brings to all her roles. Her work emphasises empowering individuals - whether students, colleagues or patients to thrive and contribute to a larger, flourishing community.

Eva values also the role of An Ghaeilge and its meaning in shaping the University's cultural identity. Her commitment to fairness, equity, and fostering a supportive environment for all reflects the ethos of the Governing Authority's mission.

With her collaborative and thoughtful approach, Eva envisions a university where people and ideas thrive, driving innovation, sustainability, and excellence in education and research. She is ready to bring her dedication and insight to ensure the University of Galway continues to succeed as a community and as an institution with global impact.