

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Support for Students

Institution name	RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin, Ireland
Submission title or project name	Supporting students to become frontline healthcare workers during a pandemic
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	
Submission	<p>As a university singularly focused on health, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences was faced with an extraordinary responsibility in February 2020 – to prepare our students to join the frontline as healthcare workers in a global pandemic. By bringing forward final medical examinations by seven weeks, 312 students from 32 countries qualified early as doctors.</p> <p>For our continuing students, many of whom live far from home, we had a duty to protect them and to keep them engaged with their studies and connected with the university during the pandemic. We established Learning Community “bubbles” and embarked on a programme of student engagement in consultation with the Student Unions and class representatives.</p> <p>Despite the challenges of the academic year, we saw a high level of satisfaction from students. Our approach to supporting them remained true to our mission “to educate, nurture and discover for the benefit of human health”.</p>