

Chair

Professor Philip Nolan has been President of Maynooth University for the past 6 years where he has led strategic development that has advanced research capacity and transformed undergraduate curricula. He is currently President of the Irish Universities Association (IUA) and Chair of the IUA's Task Group on Reform of University Selection and Entry.

Professor Philip Nolan's academic career, which includes a PhD and various scientific research accolades, point to a strong commitment to methodological rigour in generating evidence. This followed a primary degree in Physiology in 1988 and the medical degrees of MB BCh BAO in 1991 from University College Dublin (UCD). Professor Nolan then spent a short time in medical practice so understands the health service and the need to use and apply data and evidence to optimise patient outcomes.

In 1996 Professor Nolan joined the staff of University College Dublin, where he received both the UCD President's Research and Teaching Awards. He led the development of UCD's Health Sciences Centre, which opened in 2005, and was Director of the UCD Conway Institute from 2003-2004. Professor Nolan was appointed Registrar and Deputy President of UCD in 2004, where he continued to lead developments until his appointment to Maynooth.