

Call for Expressions of Interest – Construct Innovate Technology Centre Steering Committee Chairperson

14th February 2023

Enterprise Ireland invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals for the position of Centre Steering Committee Chairperson for the Construct Innovate Technology Centre.

The initial commitment from the Chairperson will be for one year, with the option to renew. Expressions of interest are welcomed from individuals who possess the following skills and experience:

Skills:

- Excellent leadership skills.
- Excellent governance skills.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and facilitation skills.
- Impartiality, fairness, tact, and diplomacy.
- Ability to ensure that decisions are taken and acted upon.
- Understanding of the roles/responsibilities within the Construct Innovate Consortium.

Experience:

- Excellent understanding of corporate governance, construction technology, delivery of housing, built environment and sustainability.
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the construction and residential sector, its challenges, stakeholders, and business operating environment.
- Previous leadership or chair of a successful entity would be an advantage.

Applications

Expressions of interest should be submitted by **15:00, 27th February 2023** via email to contech@enterprise-ireland.com and should include the following documentation:

1. A statement of suitability for Chairperson of the Construct Innovate Technology Centre Steering Committee, briefly outlining how you fulfil the above criteria (approx.300 words).
2. Curriculum Vitae Summary/Short Bio

Information and Queries

- To find out more about the role, visit www.enterprise-ireland.com/construction
- To find out more about Construct Innovate, visit www.constructinnovate.ie
- Any queries or requests for clarification relating to any aspect of this request for expressions of interest may be directed to contech@enterprise-ireland.com. All queries and requests for clarification will be responded to by email.

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Centre Steering Committee Chairperson for Construct Innovate: Ireland's Centre for Construction Technology and Innovation.



About Construct Innovate

As part of Enterprise Ireland Technology Centres programme, Ireland's first ever Construction Technology Centre, Construct Innovate (www.constructinnovate.ie), was established in 2022 with initial funding of €5M over 5 years.

The Centre will deliver on its vision to make Ireland a global research and innovation leader for sustainable construction and built environment technology.

The breath of change required in Ireland's construction sector and the scale of the Irish housing challenge, demands that this new initiative should be a game-changing centre of excellence for construction technologies with a specific focus in its first 3 years on developing and disseminating best practice applied research for housing delivery, cost, sustainability, and affordability.

Hosted at the University of Galway, Construct Innovate will build on existing capabilities and facilities and make use of the high levels of expertise that is currently available within its research consortium of Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin, and University College Cork. The Centre will have industry at its heart, with the Irish Green Building Council playing a leading role in the consortium.

Industry

Construct Innovate will support the technology transformation of the entire construction, housing and built environment sector by engaging directly with the construction industry through a membership model. This will enable companies to engage on key issues and take ownership of the research, development and innovation activities required for their continued progression.

Vision

To make Ireland a global research and innovation leader for sustainable construction, housing and built environment technology.

Mission

- Construct Innovate is a platform for collaboration, which enables:
- Industry to take ownership of the research, development, and innovation process.
 - More resilient companies in times of disruptive changes.
 - Modernised, sustainable sector supporting circular economy and climate action.

Values

Construct Innovate's values include Collaboration, Agility of operation, Transparency and Ethics.

Approach	By providing access to innovation, knowledge, and business ecosystems, Construct Innovate will act as an accelerator and allow SMEs to increase their capacity and competitiveness, while creating a sustainable construction, housing and built environment ecosystem.
Chairperson Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To lead the Centre Steering Committee to enable it to support Construct Innovate to fulfil its purpose. • To effectively communicate the vision and purpose of the Centre and the role and responsibility of the Steering Committee. • To advocate for and represent the organisation at external meetings and events. • To be aware of current issues that might affect the Centre. • To ensure an effective relationship between stakeholders. • To act as a spokesperson for the Construct Innovate as appropriate.
Chairperson Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To plan Centre Steering Committee Meetings in conjunction with the Centre's Directors and Manager. • To chair Centre Steering Committee Meetings. • To ensure matters are dealt with in an orderly, efficient manner. • To bring impartiality and objectivity to meetings and decision-making. • To facilitate progress and address conflict. • To act as a spokesperson for the Centre Steering Committee as appropriate.
Role Duration	The term of the Chairperson will commence once appointed. The initial commitment from the Chairperson will be for one year, with the option to renew to 21 June 2025.
Working Culture	The working culture is respectful of all staff from the most senior to the most junior and aligns with the University of Galway's 2020-2025 vision which is to create a distinctively values-based culture, having excellence, ambition, and the wellbeing of our communities at its core.
Time Commitment	The Centre Steering Committee will meet 6 times in its first year and a minimum of 4 times per year, thereafter.
Remuneration	Details available upon submission of Expression of Interest application to construct@enterprise-ireland.com
Administrative Support	Secretariat/administrative support will be provided by Construct Innovate.
How to apply	Send the following to construct@enterprise-ireland.com : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement of suitability for Chairperson briefly outlining how you fulfil the criteria (approximately 300 words). • Curriculum Vitae
Selection Process	Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed to determine suitability, availability, and absence of conflict of interest.
Closing date for applications	15:00, 27th February 2023 via email to contech@enterprise-ireland.com