I'm a Higher Education Researcher: Why join T-REX?

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1. *Connect with researchers and teachers North and South of Ireland.* Build relationships with teachers and fellow researchers working on topics relevant to your field. Share your research questions and find teachers and schools or educational settings interested in collaborating on studies that have real-world impact. By connecting with educators through T-REX, you ensure that your work is informed by classroom realities and that findings are more likely to be applied, shared, and have a genuine impact in schools and educational settings across Ireland.

2. *Recruit research participants and partners* -T-REX provides a trusted, professional space to identify potential participants and collaborators for classroom-based or school-level research. Unlike social media or general online forums, you can engage a relevant, professionally moderated community and target teachers interested in the same research areas as you thus allowing for more collaborative, participatory research that can bring benefits to teachers who are so generous with their precious time in participating in research.

3. *Find or create Special Interest Groups (SIGs)* - Join existing SIGs focused on topics like wellbeing, inclusion, leadership, AI, or education policy, or set up your own. SIGs on T-REX are searchable, have moderation tools, and come with collaborative tools such as shared calendars, document repositories, and threaded discussion forums, all designed to facilitate research collaboration efficiently and safely.

LEARN

4. *Enhance teaching and learning by connecting theory and practice* **-** Use T-REX as a teaching tool by connecting your students with practicing teachers and educational settings. Encourage students to apply theory to practice by exploring real classroom challenges, conducting mini-studies, or contributing to ongoing teacher-led research.

5. *Use T-REX Teaching Resources* – Draw on Research Stories, Short Courses, and other T-REX materials to build student research literacy and enrich your modules.

6. *Support student research outputs* - Give students a pathway to share their work publicly through the T-REX Library or E-poster Bytes. Showcase dissertations,

inquiry projects, or reflective practice reports to a professional teaching audience, helping students gain recognition while bridging the gap between academia and educational settings.

SHARE

7. *Make your research accessible* - Publish findings in the T-REX Library or via E-poster Bytes to reach teachers and other researchers without paywalls or access barriers. Your work can directly inform classroom practice, school development, and policy.
8. *Showcase and Promote your Research* – When you share your research on T-REX, the team will promote it across social media and will provide opportunities to speak directly to teachers for whom your research may be relevant, through online discussions, T-REX webinars or SIGs.
9. *Get Feedback on your Research* - Receive questions, insights, and feedback from the teaching community. These exchanges help you refine research priorities, align your studies with educational needs, and contribute to evidence that genuinely makes a difference in classrooms across Ireland.