

## NUI Galway School of Law – Partnering with GSBA on Professional Work Placements



Dear Sir/Madam,

**NUI Galway School of Law** are delighted to partner with our local solicitors in the Galway Solicitor's Bar Association as we launch the full placement programme this year.

We are currently inviting partner firms that would be willing to host students on an **8 month placement** for the next academic year. Employers can host students from our Law (BCL), Law & Business and Law & Human Rights undergraduate programmes for placements beginning September 2021.

We recognise that these are particularly challenging times for employers, but we are hoping that you might still be interested in discussing with us how a placement could be managed to be of benefit to both you and our students.

You can choose to hire a student on a full time basis or a shared student placement with another local firm which we can arrange with your approval.

For full details and to get involved, please contact our Placement Officers **Aisling Conroy** at [aisling.conroy@nuigalway.ie](mailto:aisling.conroy@nuigalway.ie) or **Larissa Lamb** at [larissa.lamb@nuigalway.ie](mailto:larissa.lamb@nuigalway.ie) or call 091 493610

Some information on the Professional Work Placement Programme:

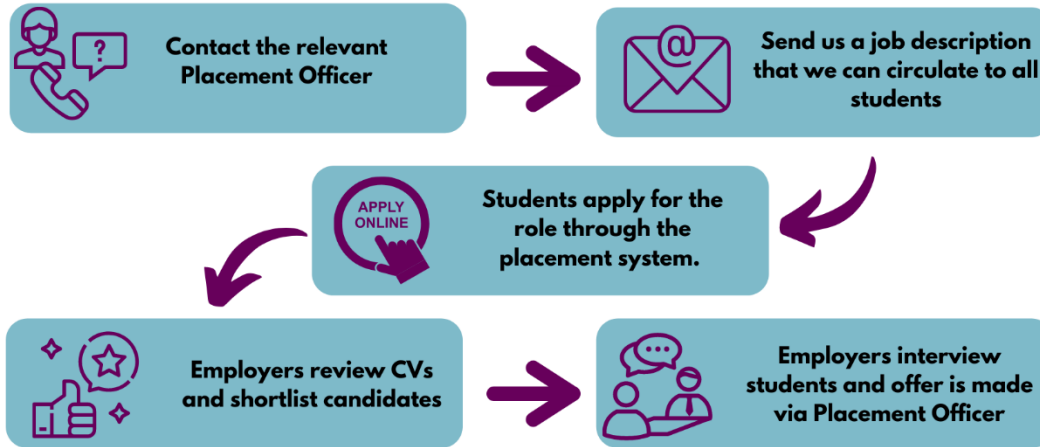
- 130 students from our [Law \(BCL\)](#), [Law & Business](#) and [Law & Human Rights](#) undergraduate programmes are eligible to partake in placement beginning September 2021.
- The placement is full time for a full 8 months, September to April inclusive. It is an academically credited programme and the students will be in their third year.
- We are seeking paid placements that meet the national minimum wage, currently €10.10 per hour.
- During placement, student will work alongside experienced staff and are delegated tasks deemed appropriate by the employer. The student should gain experience in as many areas of the business as is reasonably possible to give them the knowledge and experience of working as a legal professional and to apply their academic learning.
- Feedback from firms that have participated in the programme during our pilot phase has been overwhelmingly positive. The key benefits noted include:
  - A valuable opportunity to have a Law student work in your firm full-time from September to May in a very cost effective manner.
  - A temporary resource to cover trainees released for PPC I (and also PPC II as student contracts can be extended into the summer).
  - Succession planning for trainee programmes, securing top students as trainees/graduates that otherwise may not have applied
  - An increased brand awareness amongst the 800 undergraduate and postgraduate law students in the School of Law.

For full details and to get involved, please contact our Placement Officers:

- Law (BCL) and Law & Business **Aisling Conroy** at [aisling.conroy@nuigalway.ie](mailto:aisling.conroy@nuigalway.ie) or call 091 493610
- Law & Human Rights **Larissa Lamb** at [larissa.lamb@nuigalway.ie](mailto:larissa.lamb@nuigalway.ie)



# THE PLACEMENT PROCESS



## Proposed timeline for Professional Work Placement Process

