

foa: Further Education Institutions in Wales

Dear Colleague

Developing Progression Pathways and Welsh-Medium Provision in Further Education Institutions

I write to you on behalf of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to invite you to submit applications to the Coleg's Strategic Developments Fund.

This invitation is specifically for the development of progression pathways and/or the development of Welsh-medium provision in the health and care area within the further education institutions.

You will be aware that the Coleg Cymraeg has funded many projects over recent years in the further education sector and as part of the developing partnership, the time is ripe to commission a set of new projects. Specific resources are available for these projects, and therefore, in accordance with Welsh Government priorities, we intend to prioritise applications in the areas of health and care. This is consistent with *Mwy na Geiriau [More than Words]*, the Welsh Government's strategy for health and care services. These applications may relate to level 3 provision, level 4 provision and higher, or specific progression pathways.

This letter outlines arrangements for submitting grant applications relating to the further education sector from the Coleg's Strategic Developments Fund.

Each application will be considered against the following criteria:

- the number of students benefitting;
- increasing higher education provision in further education;
- relevance to the area of health and care;
- potential to attract further education students to higher education study and increasing provision/progression between further education and higher education;
- relevance to the Coleg Cymraeg's academic plans;
- contribution to developing resources which will be of use to both the further education and higher education.

Applications are invited from further education institutions in the format stated in the appendix. No individual institution should submit more than one application. Institutions may submit joint applications – that is, with a prominent collaborative element for and by two or more institutions.

The Coleg's Grants Panel will consider the proposed projects and will make specific recommendations in relation to all applications submitted.

Applications should be submitted by **midday on July 14th, 2017**. An electronic copy of the application should be sent to c.williams@colegcymraeg.ac.uk

You are welcome to consult with the Coleg before applying, and one of my colleagues will be available to give advice as required. Enquiries should be initially referred to the Coleg Registrar, Dr Dafydd Trystan, d.trystan@colegcymraeg.ac.uk.

We shall be confirming arrangements for any successful projects before the end of July 2017, giving details of any specific conditions related to the awards.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ioan Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Dr Ioan Matthews

Chief Executive