

Dr. Orla Flynn, President of ATU's Welcome Message

Dear Students,

My name is Dr. Orla Flynn, President of Atlantic Technological University (ATU). It brings me immense pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students.

We especially welcome our 5,000 new first year students. You are joining a vibrant community comprising more than 22,000 individuals, spread across eight campuses in Galway, Mayo, Sligo, and Donegal, online and across the globe. Regardless of your location, you are an integral part of Ireland's largest and most recently established university. Here at Atlantic Technological University, we are delighted to be able to offer you access to a full spectrum of university resources and opportunities.

In November, we will be joined by the students and staff from St Angela's College in Sligo. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone this year. Regardless of our growth in size and reach, all of us here at ATU remain proactive in our welcome as an inclusive and friendly community.

We are committed to ensuring that your university experience is nothing short of remarkable. While the journey ahead may present challenges, be assured that our dedicated team of over 2,200 staff members is here to provide you with committed support throughout your voyage through Atlantic Technological University.

I strongly encourage you to fully engage in your induction and orientation programmes. These will equip you with the essential information to kickstart your academic journey. Discover the variety of resources available to support your academic, physical, and mental well-being.

Your student union is another valuable resource at your disposal, I encourage you to get involved and consider putting yourself forward as a class representative. Through the Union, you can uncover new interests and connect with fellow students. Our Student Union provides a wide range of support services, so don't hesitate to reach out to them.

University life is not solely about academic achievements; it can also be a transformative journey. This time will be filled with unforgettable moments, and I hope you forge lifelong friendships along the way.

Today, you are officially part of a diverse and all-embracing community as you embark on this exciting journey of self-discovery.

Savour every moment as the newest members of Atlantic Technological University's incoming class in 2023.