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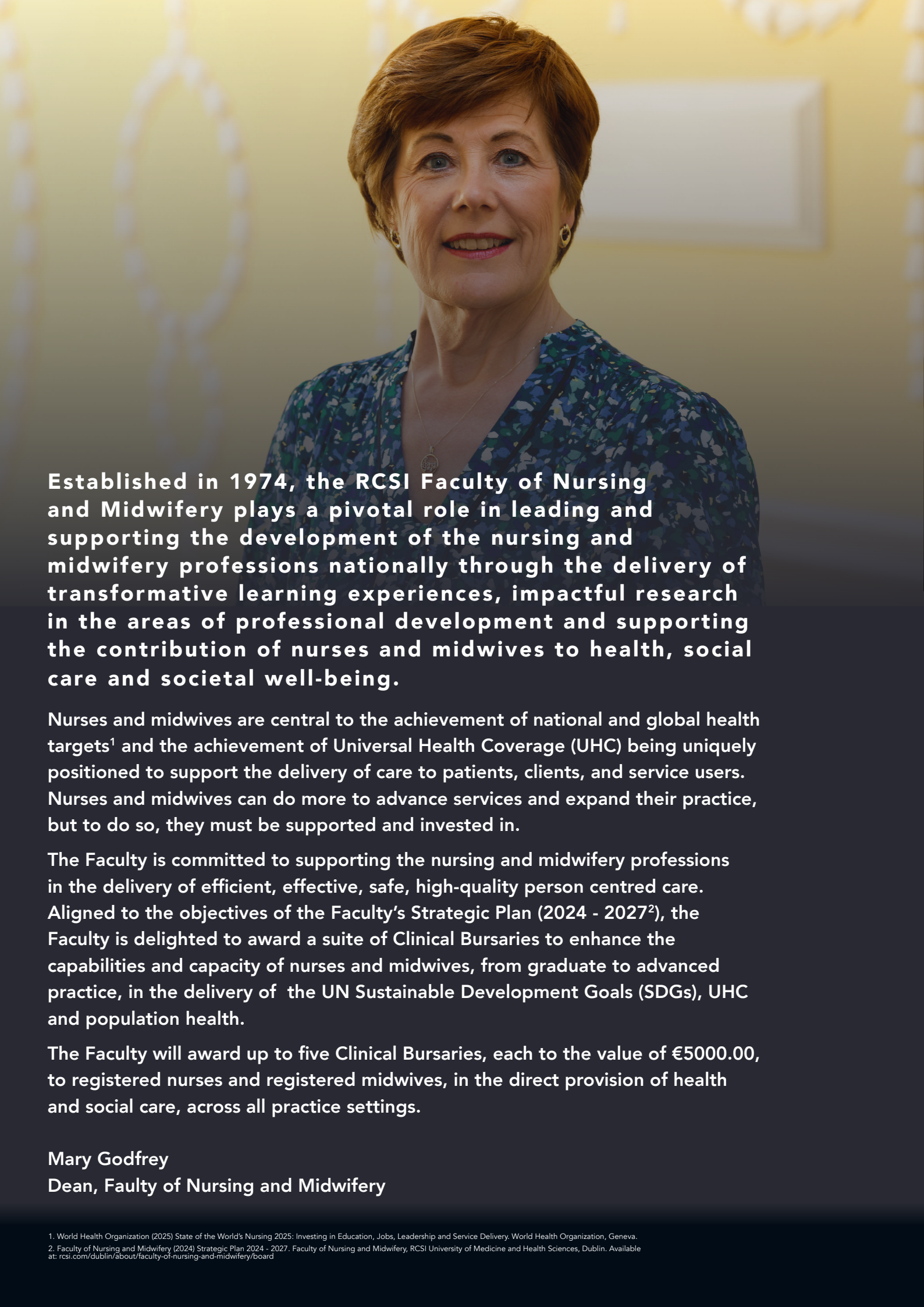
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CLINICAL BURSARY AWARDS

RCSI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES



Established in 1974, the RCSI Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery plays a pivotal role in leading and supporting the development of the nursing and midwifery professions nationally through the delivery of transformative learning experiences, impactful research in the areas of professional development and supporting the contribution of nurses and midwives to health, social care and societal well-being.

Nurses and midwives are central to the achievement of national and global health targets¹ and the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) being uniquely positioned to support the delivery of care to patients, clients, and service users. Nurses and midwives can do more to advance services and expand their practice, but to do so, they must be supported and invested in.

The Faculty is committed to supporting the nursing and midwifery professions in the delivery of efficient, effective, safe, high-quality person centred care. Aligned to the objectives of the Faculty's Strategic Plan (2024 - 2027²), the Faculty is delighted to award a suite of Clinical Bursaries to enhance the capabilities and capacity of nurses and midwives, from graduate to advanced practice, in the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UHC and population health.

The Faculty will award up to five Clinical Bursaries, each to the value of €5000.00, to registered nurses and registered midwives, in the direct provision of health and social care, across all practice settings.

Mary Godfrey
Dean, Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery

1. World Health Organization (2025) State of the World's Nursing 2025: Investing in Education, Jobs, Leadership and Service Delivery. World Health Organization, Geneva.
2. Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (2024) Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027. Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dublin. Available at: rcsi.com/dublin/about/faculty-of-nursing-and-midwifery/board



PURPOSE OF THE CLINICAL BURSARY AWARDS

The purpose of the Clinical Bursary Awards are to:

1. Showcase nursing and midwifery led innovations, from graduate to advanced practice, in the direct provision of health and social care, across all practice settings.
2. Enhance the capabilities and capacity of nurses and midwives through seed funding to help launch, further develop, drive and/or sustain nursing/midwifery led initiatives aligned to current national health strategy towards the delivery of SDGs, UHC and population health.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CLINICAL BURSARY AWARDS

The objectives of the Clinical Bursary Awards are to:

1. Invest in and support nurse and midwife led initiatives in healthcare delivery.
2. Strengthen and optimise the contribution of nurses and midwives to the delivery of SDGs, UHC and population health.
3. Support and enable nurses and midwives to maximise the full potential of their education, training and licence.

TYPES OF CLINICAL BURSARIES

Clinical Bursary will be awarded in three distinct categories:

1. Individual.
2. Team/ward/unit/department/organisation.
3. Specialist and advanced practice.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Clinical Bursary Award is open to all registered nurses and registered midwives in Ireland.

BURSARY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each application must provide evidence of an actual or potential initiative that meets the following requirements:

- a. An evidence informed and a needs-based rationale for the initiative.
- b. Relevance and alignment of the initiative with Ireland's current health policy and policies for nursing/midwifery.
- c. Relevance and alignment with the Faculty's Strategic pillars.
- d. Information on how the initiative is being/will be developed and is being/will be implemented.
- e. Impact of the initiative on patient safety and/or quality of care and/or service delivery.
- f. Impact of the initiative on the experience of patients/clients/service users in the healthcare system.
- g. Impact of the initiative on service delivery and patient/client/service user outcome.
- h. Information and preliminary costings on how the bursary will be spent in the development/implementation of the clinical practice initiative.



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CLINICAL BURSARY AWARDEE(S) WILL BE REQUIRED TO

- > Furnish the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery with an annual progress report until project completion for Faculty oversight.
- > Showcase their initiative(s) with the Faculty, particularly at the Faculty's Annual International Conference, Annual Report, Fellows, Members and Friends' Events and at other relevant fora.
- > Acknowledge Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery Clinical Bursary Award in all outputs (presentations, publications) relating to the award.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Further details on the application process are available at www.rcsi.com/dublin/about/faculty-of-nursing-and-midwifery/clinical-bursary-awards

KEY DATES

- > Live online information webinars throughout August, September and October 2025
- > Closing dates for applications: 12 midday, 5 November 2025
- > Announcement and Award presentation at the Faculty's Annual International Conference in February 2026

For further information and to download application form please visit
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