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**The Third Level Bursary Scheme 2019**  
**(for students from DEIS schools)**

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## **1. Introduction**

The Third Level Bursary Scheme has been established for the top-performing Leaving Certificate students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The bursaries are awarded on a regional basis. A minimum of 10 bursaries will be offered in each of the following four regions: (1) Dublin City and County, (2) rest of Leinster, (3) Munster, and (4) Connacht/Ulster, with additional awards to be provided on a pro-rata basis in the regions with greater numbers of eligible students.

The third level courses approved for the purposes of this bursary scheme are set out in Appendix I

As part of the Third Level Bursary Scheme 2019 eight bursaries, two in each of the regions mentioned above, to be known as the Ernest Walton STEM Bursaries, will be awarded to eligible students who pursue an approved course at third level in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).

## **2. Eligibility Requirements**

### **Third Level Bursary Scheme**

Applications for inclusion in the Third Level Bursary Scheme are unnecessary. In order to be eligible a candidate must have attended a DEIS school and participated in a 2019 Leaving Certificate programme at that school and must be recognised to be from a socio-economically disadvantaged background. As evidence of such, s/he must have been exempted from the payment of the Leaving Certificate examination fee. An eligible candidate who meets the following criteria will be considered eligible for this Bursary scheme. All first time candidates at the Leaving Certificate Examination 2019, who obtain at least Grade O6 or a higher grade in at least five subjects from the approved list of subjects, (as set out in the Rules and Programme for Post Primary Schools) will automatically be included as candidates for the award of a bursary.

### **Ernest Walton STEM Bursary**

The Ernest Walton STEM bursaries will be based on both results and on the students' course choice for third level. **It is necessary to apply for an Ernest Walton STEM bursary.**

In addition to the eligibility requirements for the main Third Level Bursary Scheme outlined above a student must be accepted onto an approved course in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**Each candidate must submit a completed application form and provide evidence from the CAO that he/she has applied for a STEM course as their first choice.**

Third level courses of two or more year's duration, listed as STEM courses on the link below and pursued at a publicly funded institution will be considered.

[http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao\\_stem\\_wizard.php](http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao_stem_wizard.php)

To be awarded a bursary a student must be accepted on to and be attending a course that meets these criteria.

### **3. The Order of Merit**

Each Third Level Bursary shall be awarded to the eligible candidate who performs best in five subjects at the Leaving Certificate Examination 2019. The Ernest Walton STEM bursaries, shall be awarded to the eligible candidate who has made an application which meets the approved course criteria outlined above, and who performs best in five subjects at the Leaving Certificate Examination 2019. In the event of two or more candidates in any region being considered of equal standard, the order of merit shall be determined by reference to the performance of the candidate in his/her three best subjects. If the total marks achieved by two or more candidates in any region are also the same, the order of merit shall be determined by reference to the candidates' achievement in his/her best subject.

### **4. Bursary Offers**

Bursary winners will be notified as soon as possible after the issue of the Leaving Certificate results 2019.

The successful candidate must accept the bursary offer in respect of an approved course for the 2019/2020 academic year or the offer will lapse. The bursary may be deferred for one academic year and for that period only with the prior written permission of the Minister for Education and Skills. Application for deferral of a bursary must be made when accepting the bursary offer.

Any offer of a bursary is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the candidate fulfilling the conditions of the scheme. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained, resulting from any error whatever in the information given by the candidate.

### **5. Conditions attached to Bursary Offers**

The bursary shall be awarded only in respect of attendance at an approved course in an approved institution, and for the normal duration of one approved undergraduate course and up to a maximum of 4 year's postgraduate study subject to progression.

Bursary holders will be expected to fulfill the regulations of their college/institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of their college/institution for their course.

Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for student grants towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution or fees.

It will not be permissible for a bursary holder to hold

- (i) a grant/scholarship awarded by the Department of Education and Skills;
- (ii) any other award payable by a public body; or
- (iii) the equivalent in another EU Member State.
- (iv) All Ireland Scholarship award

The instruction above does not include awards such as scholarships, prizes or bursaries made by the institution being attended or awards under the Government of Ireland Scholarships in the Humanities and Social Sciences or postgraduate research grants, where the grant received does not exceed a specified amount, which for the 2019/2020 year is specified to be €16,000.

The instruction above does not include awards to candidates under the Student Assistance Fund or the Fund for Students with Disabilities.

It shall be a condition for the award of a bursary under this scheme that the candidate herself/himself authorises the Department of Education and Skills to transfer information regarding the bursary award to a central database of grant holders which may be accessed by the following - Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI), the dedicated payment unit within City of Dublin ETB, the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social Protection.

## **6. Value of Bursaries**

The annual value of the bursary is in accordance with the rates specified by the Minister for Education and Skills. The amount of the bursary for the 2019/2020 academic year will be €2,000.

## **7. Payment of bursaries**

The bursary will be paid as a single payment at the beginning of the academic year. Payment will be made into the student's Irish bank account.

Payment will not be made until confirmation from the college/institution has been received that students have been registered and are attending an approved course.

## **8. Renewal of bursaries**

Bursaries will be renewed when the college confirms that the holder has progressed to the next year of the course, subject to the normal duration of the approved course.

The Minister for Education and Skills may terminate or lower the value of a bursary, at any time without notice, where an unfavorable report on the bursary holder is received from the authorities of the relevant college/institution.

Bursaries may not be paid in respect of a second period of attendance at the same level of a course approved for the purposes of this bursary scheme. The Minister for Education and Skills may waive this rule in exceptional circumstances such as certified serious illness.

A bursary holder who, during the course of her/his studies wishes to change course or faculty or defer her/his bursary for one academic year and for that period only, must obtain the prior written approval of the Minister for Education and Skills.

## **9. Postgraduate Courses**

A bursary may be renewed immediately following graduation to enable the holder to pursue an approved course at postgraduate level.

The bursary may be deferred at this time for up to one academic year and for that period only with the prior written approval of the Minister.

A bursary shall not be renewed for a holder who already holds a postgraduate qualification and is pursuing a second postgraduate qualification, unless the course is deemed to be progression to a higher level in line with the progression provision of the Student Support Scheme of the relevant academic year.

A bursary may be held in respect of postgraduate studies for a maximum of four years.

## **10. Determination of Disputes**

Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education and Skills whose decision thereon shall be final.

## Appendix I

### Approved Courses - 2019 Bursary Scheme

#### Undergraduate

A **full-time** undergraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **two years** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the framework of qualifications, and
- (c) is provided by one of the approved institutions listed in **part A** of the Schedule to this Appendix, and

**or**

A full-time undergraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **two years** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the relevant framework of qualifications, and
- (c) either is listed in **part B** of the Schedule to this Appendix, along with the approved institution providing it, **or** is provided by an educational institution that provides higher education and training which is situated in a member state other than the State which is maintained or assisted by recurrent grants from public funds of that or any other Member State including the State

#### Postgraduate

A **full-time** postgraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **one year** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the framework of qualifications
- (c) is provided by one of the approved institutions listed in **part A** of the Schedule to this Appendix.

**or**

A full-time postgraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **one year** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the relevant framework of qualifications, and
- (c) either is listed in **part B** of the Schedule to this Appendix, along with the approved institution providing it, **or** is provided by an educational institution that provides higher education and training which is situated in a member state other than the State which is maintained or assisted by recurrent grants from public funds of that or any other Member State including the State

## Schedule

### Part A

National University of Ireland, Dublin  
National University of Ireland, Cork  
National University of Ireland, Galway  
National University of Ireland, Maynooth  
Trinity College Dublin  
Dublin City University  
University of Limerick  
Athlone Institute of Technology  
Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown  
Institute of Technology, Carlow  
Cork Institute of Technology  
Dundalk Institute of Technology  
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology  
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology  
Letterkenny Institute of Technology  
Limerick Institute of Technology  
Institute of Technology, Sligo  
Institute of Technology, Tallaght  
Institute of Technology, Tralee  
Waterford Institute of Technology  
Dublin Institute of Technology  
National College of Art & Design, Dublin  
National College of Ireland, Dublin  
Marino Institute of Education, Dublin  
Mary Immaculate College, Limerick  
St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo

### Part B

#### **Pontifical University of Maynooth**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology and Arts [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology & Arts International [4 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- MA Degree in Theology [1 years]
- MA Degree in Theology [2 years]
- Doctoral Degree of PhD in Theology [3 years]

#### **Carlow College (St. Patrick's)**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- BA (Ordinary) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care [1 year add-on]
- BA (Ordinary) in Humanities {Philosophy, Theology and Arts} [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Humanities {Philosophy, Theology and Arts} [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in Citizenship and Community Studies [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in English and History [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in Theology [3 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- MA English by Research [2 years]
- MA Philosophy by Research [2 years]
- MA History by Research [2 years]
- MA Religion/Theology by Research [2 years]

### **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- NUI Degree of MB(Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [5 years]
- NUI Degree of MB (Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [6 years]
- NUI Degree BSc (Hons) in Pharmacy [4 years]
- BSc in Physiotherapy (NUI Award) [4 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- NUI Postgraduate PhD [3 years]
- NUI Postgraduate MD [2 years]
- NUI Postgraduate MSc [1 year]

### **Kimmage Development Studies Centre**

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies [1 year]
- MA in Development Studies [1 year]

### **Montessori College, (A.M.I.) Milltown**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Montessori Teaching Diploma
- Part 1: Early Childhood (3 to 6 year olds) [Year 1 and 2]
- Part 2: Primary (6 to 12 year olds) [Year 3]

### **St. Nicholas Montessori College**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Higher Certificate in Arts in Early Years Montessori Education [2 years]
- BA in Montessori Education [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Montessori Education [1 year]

In respect of the following postgraduate course:

- Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Years Montessori Education [2 years]

### **The Honorable Society of Kings Inns**

In respect of the following postgraduate course:

- Barrister-at-Law Degree [1 year]

### **The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place**

In respect of the following postgraduate course:

- Professional Practice Course (PPC)
- Part I
- Part II