



QA250 Mature Student Scholarship

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1.0 Purpose

Outline of the selection procedure and conditions for the award of Mature Student Scholarships to new entrants

2.0 Description

University of Galway has encouraged and facilitated the admission of mature students to its programmes over many years. The University has approved a Mature Student Scholarship Scheme to support the entry of mature students to its Fulltime Undergraduate Degree programmes. The University will award 30 such scholarships to mature students entering a full-time undergraduate degree programme. The Scholarships will be awarded for the first year of the degree programme.

2.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for the award of the Scholarship the student must:

- (a) Be a mature student, who is at least 23 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of entry
- (b) Have been offered a place on a fulltime undergraduate degree programme at the University and have accepted that offer in accordance with the relevant procedures of the University and the Central Applications Office

2.2 Basis of Awards

- (a) **Fifteen** scholarships will be awarded **in order of merit** and will be allocated as follows:
- 3 scholarships to College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies (CASSCS) mature students on the basis of Semester 1 results
 - 3 scholarships to students entering Nursing and Midwifery Programmes presenting a Nursing Career Centre (NCC) score
 - 3 scholarships to students entering an undergraduate degree programme on the basis of their Leaving Certificate results
 - 6 scholarships to students presenting a QQI/FETAC award
- (b) **Fifteen** scholarships will be awarded **in order of merit** to students presenting University of Galway Access or Foundation Programme results obtained in the year of entry. These will be allocated evenly across the relevant programme offerings.

2.3 Value

The value of the Scholarship is €1,500 for the first year of the degree programme. Scholarship holders coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply to the University's Financial Aid Fund for funding for subsequent years of their programme.

2.4 Tenure

The Scholarship is tenable only at University of Galway in respect of the programme for which it is offered. It may not be transferred to any other programme. The Scholarship is only available in the year in which it is offered. It may not be deferred.

2.5 Condition of Award

To register as a student of the University on the programme in respect of which the scholarship is being awarded by the due registration date. Failure to complete the registration requirement by the due date will render the student ineligible without further notice.

The scholarship may not be awarded if a student has been awarded another University of Galway scholarship or a national or donor scholarship of equal or greater value.

If the holder withdraws from the programme for which she/he has registered or fails to continue throughout the session to meet the attendance and other requirements of the programme, she/he will forfeit the scholarship and will be required to repay the whole or any part of the scholarship as may be decided.

2.6 Procedures for Selection of Scholarship Students

The Scholarship will be administered directly by the Admissions Office, University of Galway. The Admissions Office will, following availability of respective CASSCS examination results, NCC, Leaving Certificate and QQI/FETAC scores, identify from amongst eligible entrants, those who have achieved the highest scores in accordance with the number of scholarships available.

The Access and Foundation course scholarships will be awarded on a merit basis and the list of candidates will be communicated by the Access Officer to the Admissions Office.

There is no requirement for students to make an application for this scholarship. Eligible awardees will be notified by the Admissions Office in February each year.