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QA255 Excellence Scholarships

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Approval: Academic Council, on recommendation of its Standing Committee

1. Purpose

Outline of the selection procedure and conditions for the award of Excellence Scholarships to new entrants.

2. Description

As part of University of Galway's commitment to rewarding achievement and supporting ambition, a new scholarship programme, University of Galway Excellence Scholarship, will be offered to new entrants. The new scholarship scheme has been developed to support high achievers in growing their critical thinking, leadership, employability and professional skills.

The University of Galway Excellence Scholarships, in total 40, will be awarded per college to the top achieving entrants as follows:

10 x College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies
10 x College of Science and Engineering
10 x College of Business, Public Policy and Law
10 x College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

The value of each Scholarship will be €1,500 and it may be awarded to a student once only.

Conditions

- It is not necessary to apply for this Scholarship. Eligible new entrants will be identified and contacted by the Admissions Office.

- The Scholarship will be tenable only at National University of Ireland, Galway for the First Year of any full-time primary degree course offered by the University, and only in the session for which it is offered.
- A student must be registered student of the University in the College for which the Scholarship is being awarded by the due registration date. Failure to complete the registration requirement and remain registered until at least 1st March of the academic year in which the Scholarship is awarded will render the student ineligible for the award of the Scholarship without further notice.
- If the holder withdraws from the course for which he/she has registered before 1st March or fails to continue through the session to meet the attendance and other requirements of the course, he/she will be required to repay to the University the whole or any part of the Scholarship as the Finance/Resource Committee of Údarás na hOllscoile may decide.
- The Scholarships will be awarded on the results of the Leaving Certificate or A Level examinations taken in any one year and in the case of new entrants to the Medicine programme on the combined results of HPAT and Leaving Certificate or A Levels.
- The Excellence Scholarship may not be awarded if a student has been awarded another University of Galway or donor Scholarship of equal or greater value.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 565 Leaving Cert points excluding bonus points.
- In the event of a tie across all categories, the total amount of the award scheme will be divided equally between all eligible students.
- In the case of the Leaving Certificate Examination the Scholarship will be awarded in accordance with the following Scheme:
 - I Not more and not less than six of those subjects accepted by the National University of Ireland for Matriculation will be taken into account:
 - II Scores will be determined by applying values as follows: H1 = 100, H2 = 88, H3 = 77, H4 = 66, H5 = 56, H6 = 46, H7 = 37, H8 = 0 to results obtained on higher level papers respectively; and scores of O1 = 56, O2 = 46, O3 = 37, O4 = 28, O5 = 20, O6 = 12, O7 = 0, O8 = 0 to results obtained on ordinary level papers.

No bonus points will be added for any subjects.

<p>College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies</p>	<p>Ten scholarship places will be awarded to the students with the highest CAO points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x places for students enrolling in GY101 BA (Joint Honours) • 6 x places for students enrolling in all other courses in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies with one place reserved for the top performing student enrolling in either GY122 BA (Gaeilge agus Cumarsáid) or through GY136 BA (Léann Teanga), in recognition of the University's commitment to the Irish language. 	<p>In the event of a tie for places, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Leaving Cert subject English, with the exception of the place reserved for GY122 and GY136 which will be on the basis of performance in the Leaving Cert subject Irish.</p>
<p>College of Business, Public Policy and Law</p>	<p>Ten scholarship places will be awarded to the students with the highest CAO points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 x places for students enrolling in courses in the School of Business and Economics • 3 x places for students enrolling in courses in the School of Law • 2 x places for students enrolling in courses in Shannon College of Hotel Management 	<p>In the event of a tie for places, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the dual pairing of Leaving Cert subjects English and Maths.</p>

<p>College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences</p>	<p>Ten scholarship places will be awarded to the students with the highest CAO points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x places for students enrolling in courses in the School of Medicine • 4 x places for students enrolling in courses in the School of Nursing and Midwifery • 2 x places for students enrolling in courses in the School of Health Sciences 	<p>In the event of a tie for School of Medicine places, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the dual pairing of two Leaving Cert two lab science subjects.</p> <p>In the event of a tie for places in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Leaving Cert lab science subject.</p> <p>In the event of a tie for places in the School of Health Sciences, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the Leaving Cert lab science subject.</p>
<p>College of Science and Engineering</p>	<p>Ten scholarship places will be awarded to the students with the highest CAO points enrolling in courses in the College of Science and Engineering.</p>	<p>In the event of a tie for places, scholarships will be awarded on the basis of performance in the dual pairing of Leaving Cert subjects Maths and a lab science subject. For GY309, GY319 and GY350 (where students may not present a lab science subject), calculation will be on the basis of performance in the single subject of Leaving Cert Maths.</p>

3. Responsibilities

Name	Responsibility
University Management Team	Policy Owner and Approval
Admissions Office	Policy Maintenance and Repository