



NUI Galway University of Sanctuary Scholarship Programme Outcome Report

Academic Year 2019-2020

Introduction

The 2019/2020 NUI Galway University of Sanctuary Scholarship programme resulted from the successful expansion of the preexisting Inclusive Centenaries & Admissions Office Scholarship Programmes.

Funded by the NUI Galway University Management Team (UMT) via the Galway University Foundation (GUF), the University of Sanctuary steering committee successfully advocated for the introduction of 6 undergraduate and 3 postgraduate scholarships for the academic year 2019/2020 (please see Table 1 below).

Academic Year	Undergraduate	Postgraduate
2018-2019 (Inclusive Centenaries & Admissions Office)	3	1
2019-2020 (University of Sanctuary)	6	3

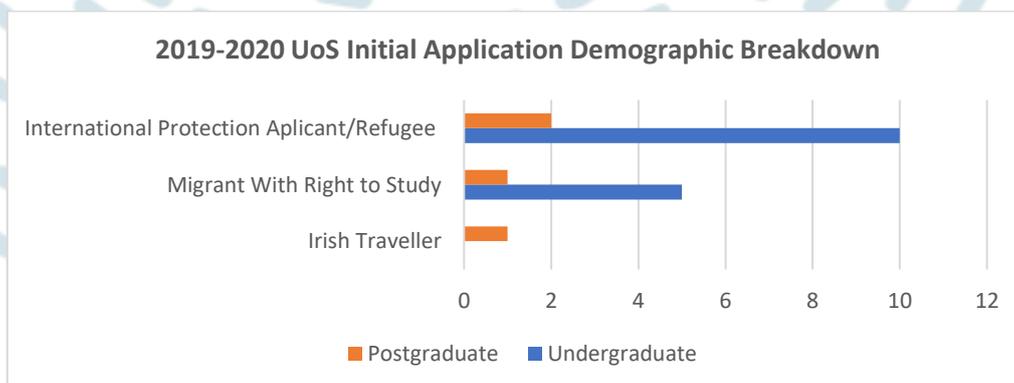
Table 1. Expansion of Preexisting Scholarship Schemes in 2019-2020 Academic Year

Scholarship Process

The scholarship application process was completed in three stages:

1. Initial Application Processing
2. Interview Process
3. Stipend Eligibility

Stage 1 – Initial Application Processing



Initial Application Processing - Key Figures

- 19 initial applicants (15 Undergraduate/4 postgraduate applications)
- 18 met basic criteria¹
- 3 were subsequently not offered places on any NUI Galway Level 8/9 courses
- 1 could not afford €500 deposit for postgraduate course at NUI Galway²

Total: 14 forwarded to interview stage.

Stage 2 – Interview Process

Interview Panel: Prof Niamh Reilly – School of Political Science & Sociology, NUI Galway; Dr Danial Savery – Access Centre, NUI Galway; Dr Ciara Smyth – Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway

14 interviewees - 12 undergraduate/2 postgraduate

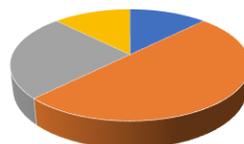
Inclusive Centenaries Bursary Rubric utilised to determine scholarship awardee outcomes

2 unsuccessful applicants referred to Dean of Students Office - Referrals to the Dean of Students Office resulted in financial assistance for the 2 unsuccessful applicants. They are currently enrolled in courses at NUI Galway for the academic year 2019/2020.

Total: 6 undergraduate/2 postgraduate scholarships awarded:

Migrants with Right to Study – 3; International Protection Applicants – 5; Irish Travellers - 0

NUI Galway UoS Scholarship Awardees by College 2019-2020



- Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies (1)
- Business, Public Policy & Law (2)
- Medicine, Nursing, & Health Sciences (0)
- Science (4)
- Engineering & Informatics (1)

Stage 3 – Stipend Threshold

Based upon SUSI Total Family income threshold. Total: 6 stipends awarded.

¹ 1 applicant did not forward an openable file of their application before deadline of August 23rd, 2019 (despite being advised to do so).

² Recommended to enable localised deposit waiver for scholarship applicants in 2020/2021 academic year.

Recommendations for 2020-2021 Scholarship Application Process

- 1) Governance of University of Sanctuary Scholarship Application Process to come under remit of Financial Assistance Fund Committee. Financial Assistance Fund committee scholarship application process approval by end August 2020.
- 2) 1916 Stipend Rubric to be utilised for 2020/2021 academic year scholarship application process.
- 3) Part-time undergraduate scholarships for academic year 2020/2021 - to facilitate part-time applicants at undergraduate level. Currently, there is no state financial support at part-time level, e.g. no SUSI, Free Fees, etc.
- 4) Undergraduate part-time/postgraduate deposit of €400/€500 respectively to be waived at university level - on a case by case basis. Localised mechanism in Admissions office.

