



The 1916 Bursary Fund 2021/2022

The closing date for applications for the 2021/22 1916 Bursary Fund is 5.00pm Friday 15th October 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

Applicant Information

The application form and FAQs are available for downloading on the MIC webpage. Please read through the information below to determine your eligibility to apply.

The 1916 Bursary Fund, funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) under strand 2 of PATH (Programme for Access to Higher Education), commemorates the centenary of 1916 as part of an overall series of measures to encourage participation and success by students from sections of society that are significantly under-represented in higher education. The 1916 Bursary Fund provides financial support to students identified by higher education institutions as being the most socio-economically disadvantaged from specified target groups, and it complements existing student supports and access initiatives.

The 1916 Bursary Fund is open to all applicants who aim to pursue undergraduate (see eligibility conditions below) in higher education in 2021/22 and to postgraduate applicants who were recipients of a 1916 Bursary in the previous year.

Applicants for an undergraduate 1916 Bursary should have made an application for 2021/22 through the CAO to Mary Immaculate College, via one of the admissions pathways below, in order to be considered for the bursary.

Awardees must have been resident in the Irish State for three of the past five years on the date on which the year of study commences.

1. Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)
2. Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) - priority will go to:
 - students with a physical disability
 - students who are deaf/hard of hearing
 - students who are blind/ visual impaired
3. Mature Student entry (first-time entrants only)
4. QQI award entry
5. Part-time Programme entry

Applicants who have made an application may also be from one of the following target sub-groups:

- Lone parents
- Member of the Irish Traveller community
- Ethnic minorities (including Programme Refugee and Family Reunification)



If you were awarded a 1916 Bursary Fund for your undergraduate studies, you are eligible to receive a Postgraduate 1916 Bursary for the 2021-22 Academic Year, for either full-time or part-time postgraduate study, if:

- You have successfully completed and graduated from your undergraduate course.
- Your postgraduate course is not less than a year.
- Your chosen course is provided by an approved higher education institution.
- You do not hold any other bursary, scholarship or award, irrespective of value.

All recipients of the 1916 Bursary must be socio-economically disadvantaged regardless of the target group. Please see eligibility criteria section on application form.

The following are the proposed allocation and conditions of the 1916 Bursary Awards for Academic Year 2021/22 in Mary Immaculate College within the target groups and entry pathways:

Three tiers of bursaries will be available:

Tier 1: 6 Bursaries of €5,000 per annum.

Tier 2: 3 Bursaries of €2,000 per annum.

Tier 3: once-off bursary of €1,500 for academic year 2021-22 only (number TBC)

This applies to both full and part-time students.

Awardees must have been resident in the Irish State for **three of the past five years** on the date on which the year of study commences.

Bursaries may be approved for study in any discipline offered by the College.

Awardees are not entitled to receive the 1916 Bursary Fund in conjunction with any other bursary or scholarship, regardless of the value of such bursary or scholarship.

Awardees will be entitled to hold the 1916 Bursary and the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) simultaneously, where they meet the eligibility conditions.

The 1916 Bursary will not be included for the purposes of 'reckonable income' in Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI).

A bursary will be awarded for the duration of an undergraduate programme, normally four years, or a postgraduate programme, normally one to two years, subject to continued compliance with the bursary guidelines. **(Please note that this condition does not apply for students who receive the once-off Tier 3 bursary of €1,500).**

Conditional awards of bursaries may be made prior to the awardee's enrolment in MIC. However, a bursary cannot be conditionally awarded to applicants until they have been formally offered a place at MIC and also until confirmation has been received that they are in receipt of the special rate of SUSI maintenance grant and/or a long term means-tested DEASP payment and also meet other



eligibility criteria under this scheme. Payments of bursaries to successful awardees will not be made until the awardee has formally registered on their course of study in MIC.

Personal data that you submit with the application form in connection with the 1916 Bursary Fund will be used to process your application and will be treated in accordance with MIC's Data protection policy. For full detail please see:

<http://www.mic.ul.ie/adminservices/icrm/Pages/dataprotection.aspx>

Mary Immaculate College will review all applications.

Please download the application form and FAQs. Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted by email only to 1916BursaryFund@mic.ul.ie by 5.00pm on Friday 15th October 2021.

Supporting documentation submitted after the closing date will not be accepted.

Enquiries can be directed to 1916BursaryFund@mic.ul.ie