

**International Professional Placement Scholarship Opportunity for
3rd Year Bachelor of Education and
3rd Year Bachelor of Education and Psychology students
In partnership with the University of Notre Dame
Application form 2019
Dates of placement: 6 – 20 April 2019**

About the Professional Placement Scholarship:

“Local Education in the Transnational Age of Irish Studies: Community, Culture and Catholic Mission”

Mary Immaculate College is pleased to offer four unique two week professional placement scholarships to MIC students to teach and participate in academic activities at the University of Notre Dame. This scholarship is in association with the University of Notre Dame and the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies in South Bend, Indiana, U.S.A.

[The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies](#), which is dedicated to the study and understanding of Irish culture, is a teaching and research institute within Notre Dame and has funded this scholarship with the University of Notre Dame. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote Ireland and Irish studies to Notre Dame university students and local area school students. Through established local links the staff at the University of Notre Dame and the Keough-Naughton Institute will organise talks for the successful MIC students with their peers at Notre Dame and teaching experience in local elementary schools.

The scholarship is a unique opportunity for MIC students to experience university and elementary education in the United States through a prestigious partner. Thanks to the generosity of The Keough-Naughton Institute, this opportunity includes free accommodation and \$1,250 for each student towards flights and living expenses for the duration of the two week scholarship. Students will need to finance their own insurance.

The placement will provide an exciting opportunity to the successful MIC students to promote Ireland and Irish studies to university peers and school age children in South Bend, Indiana. Successful MIC students should expect to discuss contemporary Irish issues and engage and converse with people about Irish culture and education.

While at South Bend, the successful candidates can be expect to;

- Teach in local elementary and high schools
- Mentor students at the Robinson Community Learning Center
- Present at a symposium on Contemporary Ireland organised by the Keough-Naughton Institute
- Interact and participate in academic events with their Notre Dame peers

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How to apply:

This professional placement scholarship is open to 3rd Year Bachelor of Education and 3rd year Bachelor of Education and Psychology students under the following criteria:

- B1 grade in School Placements to date
- Minimum QCA of 2.8
- Availability for interview on Friday March 8th
- Willingness to commit to meeting up to three times in preparation for the scholarship placement
- Availability to travel from 6-20 April 2019 (On special permission from the Dean of Education, successful students can miss Week 12 of the 2019 spring semester)

If you meet the above criteria, please email your application, with the completed questions listed on page 3 of this form, to sarah.power@mic.ul.ie **by 5.00pm on Thursday the 28th of February 2019.**

Candidates will be shortlisted for interview based on the above criteria and the written documentation submitted. Late applications cannot be accepted. Successful shortlisted applicants will be informed on Tuesday March 5th and interviewed on Friday March 8th.

The final decisions will be made by the Dean of Education, Dr Emer Ring, Anne Marie Morrin, Claire Griffin-O'Brien and Holly Cowman, Director of the International Office.

The successful candidates will be notified by Tuesday March 12th. Representatives from Notre Dame will be on campus in mid-March and it is anticipated that the successful applicants would meet the Notre Dame staff in advance of the scholarship commencement.

Successful candidates will be required to report back on their educational experience and learning accrued.

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Please answer the following questions : Assessment Criteria 50% for each question

1. What impact would this professional placement scholarship have on your future teaching career? (500 words maximum)

2. How would you be a good ambassador for Ireland and for Mary Immaculate College? (500 words maximum)

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Break down of the Schedule

Date	Activity
Saturday 6 April	Departure from Ireland and travel to South Bend, Indiana
Week 1:	Placement in South Bend, Indiana
Week 2:	Placement in South Bend, Indiana
Saturday 20 April	Departure from South Bend and travel to Ireland