



## **FURTHER EDUCATION**

**SCHOLARSHIPS – GRANT – FREE ONLINE COURSES**

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# UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

## NUIG (National University of Ireland, Galway)

- 4 scholarships including fees and living allowance – deadline for applications in 2017 was 14 July
- People in the asylum process who have just completed their Leaving Certificate having spent at least 3 years in secondary school – achieving over 450 points in 6 subjects
- Must also apply for a college place via the Central Applications Office (CAO) before 1<sup>st</sup> February in the year you wish to start
- Awards will be announced in August
- For detailed information please refer to their [website](#)

## DCU (Dublin City University)

- 15 scholarships (including 10 online), undergraduate and postgraduate
- Must be under age 23
- Must have Leaving Cert OR Fetac/QQI Level 5
- Must reside in one of 11 DP centres listed in Dublin area
- For detailed information please refer to their [website](#)

## UL (University of Limerick)

- 17 scholarships
- Must be over 22 years old and living in DP
- Mature Student Access Programme
- From 2018 they plan to include Leaving Cert applicants
- For detailed information please refer to their [website](#)

# STUDENT GRANTS

## SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland)

- Must have stamp 4
- Must reside in Ireland 3 of the last 5 years
- Must apply to an approved course at an approved college (list for each county available on their website)
- Must be progressing in your education
- Income level thresholds
- Please refer to their [website](#) for detailed information

## Pilot Student Support Scheme

- Must have spent at least 5 years in secondary school in Ireland
- Must have spent at least 5 years in the asylum process
- Cannot be on a deportation order
- Must apply for a college place via the Central Applications Office (CAO) before 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Must be progressing in your education
- This scheme ran in 2015 and 2016 and has just been announced that it will run again for 2017
- Please refer to their [website](#) for detailed information

## Irish Refugee Council

- The IRC are constantly fund raising to support education
- If we are successful we send out application forms in late June
- Forms must be returned by late July
- We aim to inform you if you are successful by late August
- Unfortunately we cannot fund QQI/Fetac Level 8 or above
- Level 5 or 6 is more within our budget
- We do not fund private courses/colleges
- Contact [Charlotte](#) for more information

\* All information above is for guidance only, it is not complete and any errors are unintentional. Please consult the relevant websites for accurate information.

# Please consult the SUSI website for details of precisely which stamp 4 is acceptable

# ACCESS COURSES

## (DIT) Dublin Institute of Technology

- A free one year course – preparation for a degree
- Under 23 – apply before early May
- Over 23 – apply before early August
- Check the [website](#)

## UCD (University College Dublin)

- Usually €850 but can offer reductions for people in the asylum process
- One year course – preparation for a degree
- Check the [website](#)
- UCD Access and Lifelong Learning host [Taster Weeks](#) which are open to all and free of charge. They include tours and introductory lectures across a range of subjects

# USEFUL WEBSITES

## [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

- Click on ‘search all courses’ and you can enter the type of course and the county you live in to get a list of relevant courses

## [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie)

- Similar to Qualifax

## [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offer education grants. Click on ‘what we do’ and then click on ‘education grants’ for further information.

# FREE ONLINE COURSES

## [www.NALA.ie](http://www.NALA.ie)

- Improve your literacy free at National Adult Literacy Agency

## [www.WriteOn.ie](http://www.WriteOn.ie)

- The Irish National Adult Literacy Agency
- Level 1 – 4 courses

## [EQI Academy](#)

- EQI offers free certified courses
- You can email [larssmith@eqischools.org](mailto:larssmith@eqischools.org) for further information

## [Open University](#)

- The Open University is incorporated by Royal Charter (RC 000391), an exempt charity in England & Wales and a charity registered in Scotland (SC 038302).

## [Coursera](#)

- Coursera provides universal access to the world's best education, partnering with top universities and organizations to offer courses online.

## [www.Alison.com](http://www.Alison.com)

## [www.Open2Study.com](http://www.Open2Study.com)

- Backed by [Open Universities Australia \(OUA\)](#), an Australian leader in accredited online education.

## [Stanford University](#)

## [Trinity College](#)

## [www.OpenCulture.com](http://www.OpenCulture.com)

## [www.edX.org](http://www.edX.org)

- Founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012, edX is an online learning destination and MOOC provider.

The Irish Refugee Council has no connection with any of these organisations and is not specifically recommending any. If you search for free online courses there are many more websites available. Please check very carefully the credentials and terms and conditions before you sign up to any online course.

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