



FURTHER EDUCATION

**SCHOLARSHIPS – GRANTS – USEFUL WEBSITES – FREE
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30 June 2018

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

DCU (Dublin City University)

Full-time Undergraduate Scholarship

- 5 undergraduate scholarships available including fees, transport and meal plan to asylum seekers & refugees
- Priority for places will be given to students under 23 and any remaining places will be allocated to mature students over 23
- If you are under 23 you must have completed the Irish Leaving Certificate or have completed a fulltime QQI/FETAC Level 5 qualification
- Applicants must live in specified Direct Provision Centres
- You must apply for the course of your choice through the CAO before May 1st 2018
- Closing date for scholarship application to DCU is 5pm, July 1st 2018
- Queries regarding these 5 scholarships to philip.mckinley@dcu.ie
- Application form and details can be found in the link below
- For detailed information please see www.dcu.ie/external-strategic-affairs/university-sanctuary.shtml

DCU (Dublin City University)

Online Undergraduate & Post-graduate Scholarship

- 10 online undergraduate & postgraduate scholarships available
- Closing Date for applications is mid-August
- Queries regarding these 10 online scholarships to colum.foley@dcu.ie
- Application form and details can be found in the link below
- For detailed information please see www.dcu.ie/external-strategic-affairs/university-sanctuary.shtml

DCU (Dublin City University)

Online FutureLearn short courses

- 30 online scholarships for short courses in partnership with FutureLearn
- For detailed information please see www.dcu.ie/connected/university-sanctuary.shtml
- More details will be available in July 2018

NUIG (National University of Ireland, Galway) Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship

- 4 scholarships on offer including fees and maintenance support
- You must be an asylum applicant OR have permission to remain OR subsidiary protection OR refugee status.
- You must have 8 Distinctions in a QQI/FETAC PLC course, OR have successfully completed the NUIG Access Course, OR achieve 400 points in 6 subjects in your Leaving Certificate 2018.
- You must be in Ireland for 3 years.
- You must have applied for your undergraduate course via the Central Applications Office (CAO) before 1st May 2018.
- You must apply for the NUIG scholarship before 13 July 2018.
- Interviews will take place in late July 2018.
- You must receive an offer of an undergraduate course via the CAO in August.
- Awards will be announced in late August 2018.
- All queries to icsscholars@nuigalway.ie
- For detailed information please refer to their website
- www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/icscholar/

NUIG (National University of Ireland, Galway) Access Programmes (age 22 and under)

- Access Programme (age 22 or under)
- The Access Course for School Leavers is a course specifically designed for students who are aged 22 or under and have a real desire to study at third level but are unable due to financial or social reasons. Students should be highly motivated and interested in studying at an undergraduate level in their chosen area. This scheme facilitates school-leavers from all schools in the BMW region and County Clare.
- For detailed information please refer to the link below
- www.nuigalway.ie/access/school-leavers/ (age 22 or under)
- Closing date was 27 April 2018 for NUIG and St. Angela's in Sligo but check their website as it will re-open in August.
- Closing date for Ballinasloe and Carraroe is 20th July 2018.
- All queries to access@nuigalway.ie

NUIG (National University of Ireland, Galway) Access Programmes (age 23 and over)

- Access Programme (age 23 or over)
- This Access Course is a 1 year full-time/part-time daytime/evening course that aims to provide mature students, aged 23 or over, with the opportunity to prepare, personally and academically, for an undergraduate course of full-time study of at least three years duration at NUI, Galway.
- For detailed information please refer to the link below
- www.nuigalway.ie/access/mature-students/ (age 23 or over)
- Closing date was 27 April 2018 for NUIG and St. Angela's in Sligo.
- Closing date for Ballinasloe and Carraroe is 20th July 2018.
- All queries to access@nuigalway.ie

UL (University of Limerick) Full-time Undergraduate Scholarship

- 15 four-year undergraduate scholarships available
- 10 available to mature applicants
- 5 available to Leaving Certificate applicants
- Open to refugees and people seeking asylum
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor in Business Studies
- Leaving Cert applicants apply for course through CAO before 01 May 2018
- Leaving Cert applicants apply for UL scholarship before 27 August 2018
- Mature applicants apply for course through CAO before 01 July 2018
- Mature applicants apply for UL scholarship before 20 July 2018
- Queries to ULSanctuary@ul.ie

UL (University of Limerick) Mature Student Access Programme (age 23 and over)

- 15 one-year scholarships available
- Must be over 22 years old and living in DP
- The Mature Student Access Certificate (MSAC) is a one year full-time pre-degree course designed for mature students who wish to develop or refresh key learning skills, and to undertake some foundation level academic studies, before applying directly for a degree programme
- Applications are currently closed
- Queries to access@ul.ie
- Full details can be found at
- <http://ulsites.ul.ie/mso/mature-student-access-certificate>

UCC (University College Cork) Full-time Undergraduate Scholarship

- 7 scholarships on offer including fees and maintenance support
- Open to asylum seeker or programme refugee
- Must be aged under 23 on 01 January 2018 for September 2018 entry
- Must apply via the CAO before 01 May 2018
- Must apply to UCC for scholarship before 29 June 2018
- Recipients will be assigned an academic mentor
- All enquiries to sanctuaryscholarship@ucc.ie
- For detailed information please see www.ucc.ie/en/edi/universityofsanctuary/

UCD (University College Dublin) Full-time Undergraduate & Postgraduate Scholarship

- Available to people with refugee status and asylum applicants
- You need to apply for your course via the CAO before 01 May 2018
- You need to apply to UCD for the scholarship before 01 May 2018
- Full details available at www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/RAS.html
- Mature students can contact mature.student@ucd.ie
- Application for financial support for fees available at www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/RAS_support.html
- UCD Access and Lifelong Learning host Taster Weeks (20-24 Aug 2018) which are open to all and free of charge. They include tours and introductory lectures across a range of subjects. Further details available here www.ucd.ie/all/study/alltastersheritageweek/

UCD (University College Dublin) University Access Programme (age 22 and over)

- Access courses are designed to prepare adults, who may not have formal qualifications, for successful study at university. These are Special Purpose Awards (Level 6) which equip mature students with the skills and confidence required to take the next step to selected degree courses in UCD.
- This is a one-year part-time course
- Now open for applications
- Applicants must be age 22 on January 1st in the year of entry
- Application for entry to the course is made directly to UCD www.ucd.ie/all/study/accesscourses/
- Application for financial support for fees available at www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/RAS_support.html

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AIT (Athlone Institute of Technology) Access and Undergraduate Scholarship

- 6 scholarships available on the AIT Access Programme (separate page for Access?)
- 3 scholarships available for undergraduate programmes
- Both includes fee and maintenance support
- Open to all current and former residents of Lissywollen Direct Provision Centre
- Open to people who are or were unaccompanied minors in the care of Tusla
- Apply directly to AIT for the Access Programme
- Apply via the CAO before 01 May for undergraduate programmes
- Queries to tryan@ait.ie

DIT (Dublin Institute of Technology) Access Programme

- The Access Foundation Programme is a one year full-time preparation for higher education programme at DIT. The programme prepares students personally and academically to pursue undergraduate programmes at DIT.
- The programme forms part of DIT's commitment to extending access to education to people and groups from areas and communities where there has not been a strong tradition of participation in third level education.
- Application deadline 27 July 2018
- Interviews will be held in August 2018
- Queries to accessadmissions2018@dit.ie
- For detailed information and application form please see www.dit.ie/ace/access/accessfoundationprogramme/

STUDENT GRANTS

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland)

- Must have stamp 4 (please consult the SUSI website for details of precisely which stamp 4 is acceptable)
- Must reside in Ireland 3 of the last 5 years
- Must apply to an approved course at an approved college
<https://susi.ie/eligibility/undergraduate-student/approved-institutionscourses-for-undergraduate-students/>
- Must be progressing in your education
<https://susi.ie/previous-education-and-progression-undergraduate/>
- Your Income must fall below specified thresholds
- Full details available here <https://susi.ie>

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 1st February
- Must be progressing in your education
- This scheme has been in place since 2015, the Department of Education usually announce its continuation in August each year
- See here for full details from 2017 www.education.ie/en/Learners/Services/Pilot-Support-Scheme/

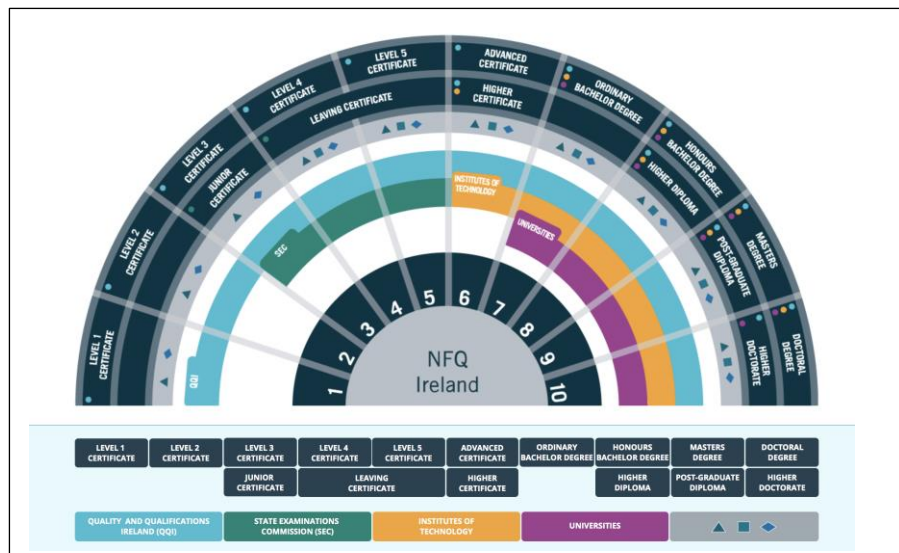
Irish Refugee Council

- The IRC are constantly fund raising to support education
- Application forms available from 28 June 2018
- Forms must be returned by 20 July 2018
- We will inform you if you are successful by 24 August 2018
- Unfortunately, we can rarely fund Level 8 or above
- We do not fund private courses/colleges
- We also recommend you attend colleges approved by SUSI because if you receive your papers mid-course SUSI/Pilot Scheme will not fund private colleges. See here for approved courses/colleges <https://susi.ie/eligibility/undergraduate-student/approved-institutionscourses-for-undergraduate-students/>
- Contact Charlotte at education@irishrefugeecouncil.ie for more information

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.qqi.ie

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland
- QQI is an independent State agency responsible for promoting quality and accountability in education and training services in Ireland
- The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a ten-level system (1–10) giving an academic or vocational value to qualifications obtained in Ireland.
- <https://qhelp.qqi.ie/learners/national-framework-of-qualifications-nfq/>
- For the purposes of any funding or scholarships it is important to continue to progress up through the levels



www.naric.ie

- NARIC Ireland provides advice on the academic recognition of a foreign qualification by comparing it, where possible, to a major award type and level on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). A comparability statement for each qualification listed is available for download.
- Generally NARIC can only provide comparability statements for wholly completed qualifications.

www.qualifax.ie

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

www.fetchcourses.ie

- Similar to Qualifax

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.

Education & Training Boards

- ETBs are statutory authorities which have responsibility for education and training, youth work and a range of other statutory functions. ETBs manage and operate second-level schools, further education colleges, multi-faith community national schools and a range of adult and further education centres delivering education and training programmes.
- If you click on this link it will help you to find the ETB in your area.
<http://www.etbi.ie/etbs/directory-of-etbs/>
- There you will find a list of schools and colleges in your area offering a range of courses with details on how to apply.

Europass

- **Europass** is an initiative which aims to help you make your skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood in Europe - whether you are enrolling in an education or training programme, looking for a job, or getting experience abroad.

FREE ONLINE COURSES

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.

www.NALA.ie

- The National Adult Literacy Agency is an independent charity committed to making sure people with literacy and numeracy difficulties can fully take part in society and have access to learning opportunities that meet their needs.

www.WriteOn.ie

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

EQI Academy

- EQI Academy provides free, certified university courses for refugees that enable them to build career skills quickly and generate income by working online.
- You can email larssmith@eqischools.org for further information

Open University

- The Open University is the leading university for flexible, innovative and world-leading research in the United Kingdom and in over 100 countries worldwide.

Coursera

- Coursera provides universal access to the world's best universities and educational institutions. Courses include recorded video lectures, auto-graded and peer-reviewed assignments, and community discussion forums.

Kiron Open Higher Education

- Kiron's mission is to enable access to higher education and successful learning for refugees through digital solutions.

www.Alison.com

- Alison is one of the world's largest free learning platforms for education and skills training. It is a for-profit social enterprise dedicated to making it possible for anyone, to study anything, anywhere, at any time, for free online, at any subject level. Through our mission we are a catalyst for positive social change, creating opportunity, prosperity, and equality for everyone.

www.Open2Study.com

- Open2Study provides free, specialised short courses, entirely online, across the world, in a range of subject areas.
- Backed by [Open Universities Australia \(OUA\)](#), an Australian leader in accredited online education.

[Stanford University](#)

- Free online courses from Stanford University by Class Central, a search engine and reviews site for free online courses popularly known as MOOCs or Massive Open Online Courses.

[Trinity College](#)

- Since 2014, Trinity College Dublin have partnered with [FutureLearn](#) to provide five Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) in Sustainable Development, Irish History, Successful Ageing, Exercise Prescription and Intellectual Disability.

www.OpenCulture.com

- Get 1,300 free online courses from the world's leading universities -- Stanford, Yale, MIT, Harvard, Berkeley, Oxford and more. You can download these audio & video courses straight to your computer or mp3 player.

www.edX.org

- Founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012, edX is an online learning destination and MOOC provider, offering high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere.

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