



RCSI 1916 'Leaders and Learners' Bursary 2021 – 2022

Funded by the Department of Education and Skills for eligible students in the following Higher Education Institutions – Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire (IADT); National College of Art and Design (NCAD); Marino Institute of Education (MIE); Trinity College Dublin (TCD); University College Dublin (UCD) and RCSI University of Medicine & Health Sciences (RCSI). The bursary aims to provide support for economically disadvantaged students from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education, including:

- Socio-economic groups that have low participation in higher education (i.e. either eligible for the highest level of SUSI or be in receipt of a Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) means-tested social welfare payment)
- First time mature students
- Students with a disability, particularly students with a physical/mobility impairment or students with a sensory disability, students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, students who are blind or visually impaired
- Irish Travellers
- Entering on the basis of a further education award
- Lone parents with a DEASP means-tested Social Welfare payment
- Ethnic Minorities
- Refugees

In 2020–2021, RCSI received three bursaries to award to first time undergraduate students, each to the value of €20,000. Funds are distributed to students over four years of the undergraduate programmes in Medicine, Pharmacy or Physiotherapy.

Applications are invited from students who will enter RCSI via CAO in September 2021.

Please note 1916 Bursary applications for 2021 will go live in late spring / early summer.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be:

- First-time new entrants to higher education
- Eligible for the Special Rate of [SUSI grant](#) (Family income of €24,500)
- And/or in receipt of a Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection means-tested payment

And be from one of the under-represented groups at higher education, including:

- Socio-economic groups that have low participation in higher education (i.e. either eligible for the highest level of SUSI or be in receipt of a Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) means-tested social welfare payment)
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Income Declaration Form

In order to verify financial need, applicants will be asked to submit an Income Declaration Form, as well as supplementary documentation (see below for further details). Incomplete or late documentation will not be accepted and will render applications ineligible.

Socio-Economic Disadvantage

2021 applications will assessed on 2020 Revenue documentation:

Indicator of Financial Need	Documentation Required
Receipt of highest rate of SUSI grant	Letter from SUSI confirming eligibility for current academic year. https://susi.ie/quick-links/special-rate-awards/
Students who entered via the HEAR pathway	Please upload your letter confirming HEAR eligibility. You do not need to upload any other supporting documentation.
Other students	If you do not have a letter from SUSI or HEAR confirming eligibility please submit financial documentation for 2020 (full year). Appropriate documents are a P21/Statement of Liability from Revenue for 2020 or a Chapter 4 Notice of Assessment for 2020 and/or a statement from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection noting payments for 2020.

FAQs

Q. Where do I send my supporting documentation?

All supporting documentation must be emailed to RCSI1916bursary@rcsi.ie. Incomplete or late documentation will not be accepted and will render applications ineligible.

Your signed community reference from a school, voluntary, sports or community organisation which outlines your contribution to that organisation should also be emailed to RCSI1916bursary@rcsi.ie.

The closing date to email all documentation will be confirmed in due course.

Q. What is this bursary?

This Bursary, the '1916 Leaders and Learners' Bursary, is funded by the Department of Education and Skills through the Leinster Pillar 1 Cluster of Higher Education Institutions – Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire (IADT); National College of Art and Design (NCAD); Marino Institute of Education (MIE); Trinity College Dublin (TCD); University College Dublin (UCD) and RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences (RCSI).

Q. How much is this bursary for?

The bursary award is €5,000 per annum for four years duration of the awardee's undergraduate programme, subject to satisfactory progression (see terms and conditions)

Q. Who can apply for this bursary?

This bursary is for students who can demonstrate socio-economic disadvantage and are from at least one of the following equity groups:

- Socio-Economic groups that have low participation in higher education. (i.e. either eligible for the highest level of SUSI or be in receipt of DSP means-tested Social Welfare payment)
- First time mature students
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- Irish Travellers
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Students need to meet the residency and current immigration status or have leave to remain. Students must enter RCSI via CAO in 2021.

Q. How do I apply?

To apply for this scholarship you need to submit an online application form [here](#) and emailing your supporting documents to RCSI1916bursary@rcsi.ie by (to be confirmed late spring / early summer 2021).

Q. What information will I need to apply?

All applicants will be asked to provide personal details, asked to answer questions based on the following:

- Candidate Statement
- Achievements and Responsibilities
- Barriers to Education
- Future Plans
- Leadership
- Participation in Outreach Activities
- Reference from a Community Organisation

Please email your Income Declaration Form and a signed Community Reference from a school, voluntary, sports or community organisation, which outlines your contribution to that organisation to RCSI1916bursary@rcsi.ie

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Q. Who should my Community Reference be written by?

Your Community Reference can be from a school, voluntary, sport or community organisation and should outline your contribution to that organisation.

Q. How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be assessed based on their application form by the RCSI Scholarship Committee, which is made up of nominees from RCSI REACH, Faculty and Professional Services.

Q. When will the bursary be awarded?

The 1916 bursaries for all the above institutions will be awarded at a ceremony later this year (date tbc).

Q. Who can I contact with any queries?

Please contact us by email: Céleste Golden, RCSI Admissions Officer at RCSI1916bursary@rcsi.ie.

Terms and Conditions

- 1916 Bursary offers are subject to the successful applicant receiving a CAO offer in 2021.
- A 1916 Bursary is conditional and subject to the successful student registering in RCSI and confirming they are in receipt of the Special Rate of SUSI or a DEASP means-tested social welfare payment.
- All applicants must be first-time new entrants to higher education.
- All applicants must have been resident in the State (Republic of Ireland) for at least three of the past five years on the date on which their first year of study commences.
- These bursaries are tenable for the normal duration of the primary degree programme undertaken, subject to funding being available and to a maximum of four years in respect of a full-time undergraduate provision.
- A student can only hold one significant Scholarship/Bursary. In the event of a student qualifying for more than one bursary, the bursary of the greatest value will be awarded.
- **Awarding of this bursary will not affect entitlement to the Student Grant (SUSI) administered or the Back to Education BTEA.**
- Bursary holders may apply to the Student Assistance Fund and/or be covered by supports under the Fund for Students with Disabilities.
- If a student has to repeat a stage the bursary will be suspended for that year and will resume once the student progresses. Academic performance will be monitored and relevant support provided if necessary.
- Students will be expected to fulfil the regulations of RCSI and to undergo any examinations/ assessment as determined by the RCSI authorities for their course.
- The University reserves the right to withdraw the bursary should a student continually fail to complete the academic standards of their programme, or if they face disciplinary proceedings.
- The students who are awarded the 1916 bursary are required to pay any fees due to the University. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of the scholarship.
- Successful candidates will be required to provide a short annual report extracts of which will be used in publicity materials and reports to both the HEI and HEA.
- Successful students will be invited to a 1916 Bursaries awards celebration, group photos will be taken at this event and may be used for publicity materials and reports to the HEA.
- The 1916 Scholars will be encouraged to act as community mentors within their HEI and their local community.
- 1916 scholar's progression and results will be tracked by the HEI for HEA reporting requirements.