



INCLUSIVE CENTENARIES SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 2017

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for an Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship you must be a school leaver who is permitted to remain in Ireland within the terms of the International Protection Act 2015 and/or Refugee Act, 1996, Immigration Act 1999, and Immigration Act 2004; and you must be:

- i. An applicant for international protection in Ireland OR if you have been refused international protection you must be an applicant for permission to remain in Ireland;
 - a. OR you must already have:
- ii. Refugee status, subsidiary protection status, or permission to remain in Ireland;
 - a. AND
- iii. Be a pupil in a secondary school in Ireland on a fulltime basis for the three years preceding the 2017 Leaving Certificate examinations
- iv. Pass a minimum of six subjects in the 2017 Leaving Certificate examinations and earn at least 450 points overall
- v. Have applied for and, by mid-August, meet all requirements to receive an offer of a place on a fulltime undergraduate Level 8 degree course in any College at NUI Galway in the current year via the Central Applications Office, including meeting all points and entry and matriculation requirements

Note: Inclusive Centenaries scholars who are eligible to do so are required to apply for a SUSI grant and, if successful, will have the amount of their Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship reduced on a *pro rata basis*.

I. The Application and Assessment Procedure

The application consists of:

1. A personal statement of 600 words (maximum) under the headings:
 - (i) My chosen course of study at NUI Galway and how it will help me to realise my goals
 - (ii) My achievements in School so far
 - (iii) My achievements outside of School (e.g., sports, hobbies, volunteering)
2. Completed application form
3. Two completed references forms from teachers or one teacher and one other adult who is qualified to comment on your suitability for university studies. (Note: referees should not be related to, or a friend of, the applicant or family member).

All applications will be assessed by a **Panel of Assessors**, consisting of three members from different backgrounds. The panel will include a number of assessors with experience of similar review processes. All applications will be reviewed under three headings reflecting the different elements of the application with marks allocated as follows:

- Personal Statement (max. 40 points)
- Academic Achievement (max. 40 points)
- References (max. 20 points)

The principle of gender balance will be applied in making awards subject to all awardees meeting all eligibility criteria and conditions.

II. Appeals Process

A separate independent **Appeals Board** will be constituted consisting of a group of at least three assessors none of whom were part of the original selection process. Appeal assessors will have prior involvement in similar assessment processes. The decision of the **Appeals Board** will be final.

III. Additional information

- Each comprehensive scholarship covers all applicable fees (the student contribution and levy and tuition) and makes provision for reasonable individual monthly living and accommodation costs. The award level will be determined by the Panel of Assessors
- Inclusive Centenaries scholars who are eligible to do so are required to apply for a SUSI grant and, if successful, will have the amount of their Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship reduced on a pro rata basis. Eligibility for receipt of the Scholarship will be reviewed annually
- Implementation of the Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship Scheme will be subject to the following national legislation: International Protection Act 2015; Refugee Act, 1996; Immigration Act 1999, and Immigration Act 2004
- Implementation of the Inclusive Centenaries Scholarship Scheme will comply with the Equal Status Act 2000. It aims to reduce barriers to initial entry to third level education for high-achieving school leavers arising from immigration status and economic need of the recipient. The Scholarship confers no benefits to the holder above what is currently available via SUSI to Irish and EU students from families with comparable household incomes who secure a place on a first degree course at NUI Galway
- Galway Inclusive Centenaries scholarship does not confer any immigration entitlement or status on the scholarship holder and neither accelerates nor defers immigration proceedings Ireland means the Republic of Ireland
- NUI Galway reserves the right to vary, alter, or amend the scheme from year to year

For further details see: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/scholarships/>

To download Application and Reference forms visit: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/arts/icscholar>

Submit all queries and completed Application and Reference forms to: icscholars@nuigalway.ie