



The 1916 Bursary Fund will award a €5,000 bursary per year of study to 12 first year students from DIT, 7 from IT Tallaght, and 6 from ITB. The programme is open for applications from all first year students who meet the following criteria:

All recipients will have to be from under-represented socio-economic groups and must fall in to one or more of the following categories:

- First time, mature student entrants
- Students with a disability
- Irish Travellers
- Further education award holders
- Lone parents
- Ethnic minorities (including programme refugees)

## How to Apply

1. Read this full Frequently Asked Questions document to ensure you are eligible to apply
2. Fill out the application form and email your completed form to your Institution (contact details at end of the application form) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018, together with any required supporting documentation.

If you have any questions please email the contact person for your Institution, listed at the end of the application form.

**To download an application form click here:**  
<http://www.itb.ie/studyatitb/accessoffice.html#bursary>

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1916 BURSARIES – DIT/ITT/ITB

### Who are the 1916 Bursaries targeted at?

The Bursaries are targeted at students who are from socio economically disadvantaged backgrounds (this is compulsory). However, the fund will be prioritised for those who are from both a socio economically disadvantaged background **and** from one or more of the following:

- First time, mature student entrants;
- Students with a disability - particularly students with a physical/mobility impairment, students who are deaf/hard of hearing and students who are blind or have a visual impairment;
- Irish Travellers;
- Further education award holders;
- Lone parents in receipt of a means tested social welfare payment (at least 20% of the bursaries will be targeted at lone parents);
- Ethnic minorities (including programme refugees);
- Students who are or were in the Care of the State.

## What is the value of a 1916 Bursary?

Each student who is awarded the 1916 Bursary will receive a bursary in the amount of €5,000 for each year of their undergraduate programme of study.

The bursary will be paid each year of the programme up to a maximum of four years for full time students and six years for part time students as long as the recipient complies with the bursary guidelines and progresses annually to the next academic year of their course.

For example: Mary is a mature student from an area of socio-economic disadvantage and a lone parent. She is in first year engineering and receiving the Back to education allowance and other state support. Mary is eligible to apply for the 1916 Bursary Fund and if she is successful she will receive €5,000 each year of her 4 year programme (total of €20,000)

## Who can apply for a 1916 Bursary?

- Students who are socio-economically disadvantaged **and** who are from one of the socio economic groups that have low participation in higher education listed above;
- Student's household / family income must be less than **€23,500**. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of socio-economic disadvantage (i.e. membership of one or more of the categories listed below is not enough in itself).
- Students must be in year 1 of their (undergraduate) programme.
- Students must be attending a full-time or part-time undergraduate course that:
  - takes not less than two years to complete;
  - on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award at level 6 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications.
  - Part-time students must be undertaking not less than 30 credits for the 18/19 academic year.

## Who cannot apply for a 1916 Bursary?

- Students who meet the criteria but are in receipt of any other bursary, scholarship or award of similar description. Note: students in receipt of a SUSI grant **can** apply
- Students in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year cannot apply. This bursary is for **current** First Year students only
- Postgraduate students
- Students who have already received a qualification at the same level at which they are currently studying
- Students on a full-time or part-time undergraduate course in a publicly funded institution that takes less than two years to complete or on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award at level 5 or below on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- Students whose income is assessed as over the maximum income limit, currently **€23,500** gross for the family in 2017.
- Students paying non-EU fees

## Can part-time students apply?

Part-time students may apply provided the student is registered on an undergraduate programme of not less than 2 years (undertaking not less than 30 credits for the 18/19 academic year)

## How will applications be prioritised?

As it is expected that the number of applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will exceed the number of bursaries available, priority will be given to those applicants who can provide evidence of membership of more than one of the categories listed, the significance and impact of the socio economic disadvantage and the barriers experienced.

## **How will the decision be made?**

A panel of staff members from DIT, ITT and ITB will be established to review applications.

The decision on the final recipients of the bursaries will be made by the panel and decisions will be reviewed by an external reviewer.

## **Can I appeal the decision of the panel?**

Unsuccessful applicants may appeal the decision of the panel on one or more of the following grounds:

- 1) You believe an administrative error was made in the assessment of your application – e.g. one or more documents you submitted were not taken into account during the assessment process.
- 2) You believe that there was a third party error in the content of your documentation - e.g. P21, Social Welfare Statement, etc.
- 3) You believe that the published assessment criteria and/or scoring system was not applied or terms and conditions were not adhered to.

## **If I receive the 1916 Bursary, will it affect my SUSI Grant?**

No. Students will be entitled to hold the 1916 Bursary and the student grant simultaneously, where they meet the eligibility conditions of the student grant scheme. The 1916 Bursary will not be included in the calculation of 'reckonable income' in the student grant scheme.

## **How will the data in my application, successful or otherwise be shared?**

For the purposes of processing the application and administering the bursary payments, your personal data will be available to the appropriate staff processing the payments which maybe a staff member of DIT, IT Tallaght, IT Blanchardstown, Technological University, Dublin and our appointed external reviewer. All collected data will be subject to appropriate data protection considerations, in keeping with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

## **What is the Application Deadline?**

Closing Date for Applications will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at midnight.

## **How do I make an Application?**

Applicants can collect forms from their local contact point/ websites. Completed application forms and supporting documentation should be returned to the local contact point, in hard copy or by email, by the deadline of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## **What is expected of me if I am awarded a 1916 Bursary?**

- You would be expected to keep within the rules and regulations of your institution.
- You would be expected to agree to any assessment set out by your institution for your course.
- You would be expected to provide written confirmation annually confirming that you have passed each year of your course.
- You may be asked to attend or be part of events organised by the institution to increase awareness of the 1916 Bursary.
- You will be required to provide feedback on the 1916 Bursary.
- You will be invited to take up a mentoring role in relation to the bursary, which we would encourage you to accept, but this is not a requirement.