

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TAUGHT MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RPL APPLICANTS 2023-24

The following terms and conditions relate only to those applicants who are applying to a taught postgraduate via the **Recognition of Learning (RPL)** pathway. All other applicants should refer to the Terms and Conditions for Taught Masters Scholarships 2023-24.

Section 1 - Eligibility

All applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Only students who have applied for a full-time taught master's programme at Maynooth University for the academic year 2023-2024 will be considered.
- Applicants must have applied via PAC to their chosen programme by the 30 June 2023.
- Applicants must have received a firm or conditional offer of a place on their chosen programme by 26 July 2023 in order for their scholarship application to be assessed.
- The Maynooth University Access Office funds a €2,000 scholarship opportunity for current undergraduate final year students. The top ranked eligible applicant will receive the Maynooth University Access Office scholarship and all remaining eligible applicants will be considered automatically for the Maynooth University Taught Masters Scholarships.

Ineligibility

Graduates or current students of PhD or Master's programmes are not eligible to apply. Prospective students interested in research programmes should apply instead for the Maynooth University John and Pat Hume Doctoral Research Awards.

Applicants in receipt of a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, International Education Scholarship or other Maynooth University Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

Section 2 - Value of the Scholarship

The total value of the scholarship for each student is €2,000.

Section 3 - Allocation of Scholarship

The scholarship may be awarded for study on a full-time Taught Master's programme at any of the Maynooth University academic departments or research institutes. Where there are insufficient eligible RPL applicants, the Graduate Studies Office reserve the right to reallocate the scholarship funds.

Section 4 – Assessment

The Taught Master's Scholarships for RPL applicants will be assessed based on the applicants personal statement and a current professional CV. Applicants should outline in their personal statement how their chosen programme will advance their professional development. The CV should clearly outline prior formal education, work experience and any personal/professional achievements.

Applications will be assessed and ranked using the following marking scheme:

Personal Statement - 60%

CV - 40%

Section 5 - Application Process

Apply online in conjunction with your application for your chosen postgraduate programme:
<https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2>

All applicants to full-time taught master's programmes through Maynooth University's PAC platform will automatically be offered the opportunity to apply for a taught master's scholarship during the application process. Applicants to Maynooth University via the RPL pathway will be contacted by email after the closing date of the 30th June 2023.

For further information or assistance, please contact the Graduate Studies Office at RPL@mu.ie

Section 6 - Payment of Scholarships

Offers of scholarships will be made in August 2023. In the academic year 2023-24, the scholarships will be paid to registered recipients in two payments of €1,000. The recipient must be a registered student on a full-time taught master's programme at the time of payment of both installments. Failure to cover payment of course fees by the 31 January 2024 will result in suspension of the 2nd payment until full fees (or balance of) have been paid.

Section 7 - Miscellaneous

- If a recipient does not take up a place or accept the scholarship, the award may be made to the next ranked applicant.
- If an applicant is applying for a two-year Master's programme, the €2,000 scholarship is only available in the first year of the programme.
- Awardees that subsequently cease study will be ineligible to apply again.
- The Taught Master's Scholarship may not be deferred.
- Awardees can only hold one scholarship from Maynooth University per academic year, but we encourage applicants to apply for all scholarship awards.
- Taught Master's Scholarship awardees for 2023-24 who subsequently continue into PhD or other research programmes at Maynooth University will not be excluded from applying for the John and Pat Hume Doctoral Research Awards.

Section 8 - Closing Date

As noted under Eligibility clauses, the applicant must have applied via the PAC online application system by **5pm on the 30th June 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Section 9 - Enquiries

Enquiries regarding the application process may be sent by email to rpl@mu.ie