

TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY TAUGHT MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS 2023-24

Section 1 - Eligibility

Applicants must intend to pursue a full-time taught master's degree at the university commencing in the academic year 2023-24 and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Satisfy the entry requirements of the Maynooth University taught master's programme they intend to undertake in 2023-24 and have applied on <https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2> before 30 June 2023
- All applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.1 honours undergraduate degree (NFQ Level 8) in order to be considered for a Taught Master's Scholarship. Results from Level 8 Higher Diplomas are not eligible.
- Applicants who are not graduates/alumni of Maynooth University will be required to upload their final undergraduate degree transcripts for their Level 8 degree to PAC.ie as part of the standard PAC.ie application process for a Taught Master's programme at Maynooth University by the 1 July 2023.
- Only students who have applied for a full-time taught master's programme at Maynooth University by the scholarship closing date are considered eligible for the scholarship.
- 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.

Applicants who have been in receipt of a student grant for the final year of their undergraduate studies will be asked to submit evidence outlining their undergraduate grant award as this will be taken into consideration where two applicants are equally ranked on final year undergraduate grades.

The Maynooth University Access Office funds a €2,000 scholarship opportunity for current undergraduate final year students. Please indicate in the relevant section of the online application form if you wish to be considered for this scholarship opportunity. 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. Repeat students are not eligible. Students who are in receipt of other MU scholarships are not eligible to receive a Taught Masters Scholarship?

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, with a specific number of Taught Masters Scholarships available in each Department. Where there are insufficient eligible applicants within a Department, the Graduate Studies Office will reallocate the scholarships among remaining applicants within that Faculty, assessed by highest undergraduate final grades.

Section 4 - Assessment

The Taught Master's Scholarships will be awarded to the most highly qualified applicants, separately ranked in each department or institute, based upon the highest overall results in final year examinations.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have achieved an overall minimum 2.1 (or higher) final result in their undergraduate honours degree. The results of examinations taken after 1st July 2023 will not be considered.

The Graduate Studies Office will check the eligibility of the applicants and rank them for each department or institute according to the academic achievement of the applicant.

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. If you wish to be considered for the Taught Masters Scholarship, you must tick the scholarship box on your online application.

You may be asked to provide supplementary information or documentation with respect to SUSI grants or other financial supports received during undergraduate study, where this is relevant to your scholarship application. Any supplementary documentation must be submitted by 10 July 2023. Failure to submit any documentation requested will result in the application being excluded from assessment.

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

Section 6 - Submitting an application

All applications must be submitted prior to the closing date (30 June 2023). All required fields must be completed. Non-MU applicants must upload their final degree transcript via the online application system. To access transcripts, applicants must contact the student records office of their university or awarding body to request a copy of their transcripts.

After the closing date of the 30 June 2023, all applicants will be considered for a scholarship based on the academic transcripts provided. The highest ranked applicants in the scholarship application process will be contacted in early August 2023 with an offer of a €2,000 scholarship.

Section 7 - 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 8 - Miscellaneous

Where an applicant does not achieve the results required for admission to the programme, the applicant will not be eligible to receive a scholarship. If a recipient does not take up a place or accept the scholarship, the award may be made to the next ranked applicant in that Department or Institute.

- 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 9 - Closing Date

Completed applications should be submitted via the online application system no later than **5pm on the 30th June 2023.**

Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Section 10 - Enquiries

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

