

A&L Goodbody Student Awards in Law

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Application Information

1. Scholarship Overview

The **A&L Goodbody Student Awards in Law** at Maynooth University were established in 2025/26 through the commitment of A&L Goodbody, one of Ireland's leading corporate law firms with offices in Dublin and Belfast.

The award aims to support undergraduate students within the School of Law and Criminology who have demonstrated high academic achievement, motivation and interest in law and who are registered to the Maynooth Access Programme. Graduate employment (traineeship) and work experience (internship) opportunities may arise through this scholarship. The A&L Goodbody Student Award comprises the following opportunities for Year 2 School of Law and Criminology students:

1. The A&L Goodbody Scholarship in Law at Maynooth University

- One** scholarship available in 2025/26 at **€3,000 per student**
- Secured place on the A&L Goodbody Law Start Programme
- Secured place on the A&L Goodbody paid Summer Internship (Summer 2026) or A&L Goodbody Accredited Placement (Year 3)

2. The A&L Goodbody Bursary in Law at Maynooth University

- Two** bursaries available in 2025/26 at **€1,000 per student**
- Secured place on the A&L Goodbody Law Start Programme
- Mentorship for applications to our Summer Internship and/or Accredited Placement (Year 3)

3. **Mentorship support** will also be available from Maynooth University and A&L Goodbody.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Through this programme, A&L Goodbody are committed to providing opportunities to support students' progress in their studies in law and access professional development opportunities within the legal profession.

The awards are intended to help meet the costs of attending university, including accommodation and food; travel; study equipment; books and materials; and health, wellbeing and leisure activities.

All applicants must:

- School of Law and Criminology:** Be a registered Year 2 student¹ for academic year 2025/26 on a full-time Level 8 qualification within the School of Law and Criminology.
- Academic Achievement:** Have successfully completed Year 1 of their course so far and demonstrated both subject learning and transferrable/transversal skills development. A minimum academic achievement of a 2.1 at the degree level during year 1.

¹ Course codes: **Bachelor of Laws** (LLB, MH501); **Bachelor of Civil Law** (BCL Law and Criminology, LWC, MH502); (BCL Law and Business, LWB, MH502); (BCL Law and Arts, LWD, MH502); (BCL Law and Accounting, LWA, MH502); (BCL Law and Languages, MH503).

3. **University Participation:** Have maintained satisfactory attendance for their course, including attending lectures, tutorials and any other subject related activities or opportunities. Any participation or attendance in additional or extracurricular activities will be beneficial.
4. **MAP Registered Student:** Be registered with the [Maynooth Access Programme](#) (or be eligible under the criteria listed on the application form below).
5. **Motivation and Commitment:** Provide a personal statement as part of your application, including your motivation and commitment to study law and criminology at Maynooth University and how you plan to use your studies knowledge, skills to build a better world.
6. **Law Internship:** Agree to participate in the A&L Goodbody Summer Internship and LawStart Programmes in 2026 if selected. Details outlined below.
7. **Application:** Complete the application form before the closing date, and if required, attend an interview with Maynooth University representatives.
8. **Award:** Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, excluding any supports such as SUSI grants or Maynooth Access Programme.

3. Scholarship Award & Supports

The awards seek to provide the following supports:

1. **Financial support:** These awards will provide financial support to three Year 2 undergraduate students within the School of Law and Criminology who have demonstrated high academic achievement, motivation and interest in law and criminology and who have experienced/are experiencing socio-economic challenges, including being registered with Maynooth Access Programme.
2. **Professional development support:** These awards will offer potential opportunities to the students to participate in a Summer Internship and the Law Start programmes at A&L Goodbody. Further opportunities will include a potential Accredited Placement and/or Graduate Traineeship.
3. **Mentorship:** Students will also be provided with two dedicated mentors, one from the School of Law and Criminology and one from A&L Goodbody.

A&L Goodbody LawStart Programme

The A&L Goodbody LawStart Programme is designed to give you an insight into ALG and help you decide if a career in corporate law is right for you. The programme is designed for first- and second-year undergraduate students. A LawStart day will help you gain a better understanding of our work, our practice and our culture – insights that will help you with your application for our Summer Internship, Student Placement or Trainee Solicitor Programme in the future. Not only that, but you will also have the opportunity to a personal experience, alongside trainee solicitors and associates.

A&L Goodbody Summer Internship Programme

The A&L Goodbody Summer Internship Programme gives you the opportunity to learn from our legal professionals and it gives us the opportunity to identify candidates for our Trainee Solicitor Programme. It is a four-week paid internship that takes place over the summer months in June and July. All of our summer interns work within one of our main departments: Commercial Property,

Corporate and M&A, Corporate Taxation, Disputes & Investigations, ESG, Finance, Pensions, and Pro Bono.

4. Important Information

Successful applicants will be notified in writing and required to agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship. Funds will be transferred directly into the student's bank account by Maynooth University.

Maynooth University will collaborate with A&L Goodbody in reviewing and assessing applications. This may involve representatives from both organizations participating in a panel review. This panel will confirm the selection for the Awards. Interviews may be held to aid this selection process.

Maynooth University will administer the promotion, application and award process with representatives from the School of Law and Criminology, Maynooth Access Programme, Admissions and Development Office. A&L Goodbody will have the opportunity to meet with prospective scholarship and bursary students before any award is finalized and issued to students. A&L Goodbody will administer the Summer Internship Programme.

Applications must be submitted via MS Form (<https://forms.office.com/e/Y42iE1m8Wr>) by 12 noon Irish standard time, 8 October 2025. We anticipate receiving a large number of applications, so unfortunately, we won't be able to provide individual feedback on submissions.

Students withdrawing from the course or not engaging fully with the course may be required to return the funds and any work experience offers withdrawn.

Full details of the scholarships are available here:
<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law/scholarships>

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5. About A&L Goodbody

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We also have an international outlook, with offices in Dublin, Belfast, London, New York, San Francisco and Palo Alto. Our firm boasts a superb working environment, which reflects an atmosphere of achievement and excellence. First class information technology, knowledge systems, a knowledge center and the ALG School of Business & Law allow you to thrive within our firm.