

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Application Information

Scholarship Overview

The **Flynn O'Driscoll LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology** at Maynooth University was established in 2025 through the commitment of Flynn O'Driscoll, one of Ireland's leading corporate law firms with offices in Dublin, Galway and Shannon.

The Flynn O'Driscoll LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology aims to provide financial support and professional development opportunities to a **Year 3 / Year 4 student (LLB or BCL)** within the School of Law and Criminology who has demonstrated high academic achievement, motivation and interest in law.

The Flynn O'Driscoll LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology comprises the following opportunities:

1. **The Flynn O'Driscoll LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology at Maynooth University:**
 - a. **Financial Support:** A scholarship award of **€2,000 total**, paid in two instalments of €1,000, to one third year undergraduate School of Law and Criminology student at Maynooth University.
 - b. **Summer Internship:** A paid summer internship with Flynn O'Driscoll LLP starting in June/July 2026 for 1 month. The student will be paid a pro-rated amount of approx. **€2,200** (based on an annual salary of €26,500) by Flynn O'Driscoll LLP for this internship. Following completion of the Summer Internship, the student will have the opportunity to apply for Flynn O'Driscoll LLP Graduate Trainee Programme.
 - c. **Mentorship:** Student mentorship from both Flynn O'Driscoll LLP and Maynooth University to the student throughout 2025/26.

Eligibility Criteria

Through this scholarship, Flynn O'Driscoll LLP are committed to providing opportunities to support the student's progress in their studies in law and access professional development opportunities within the legal profession.

The award is intended to help meet the costs of attending university, including but not limited to expenses such as accommodation and food; travel; study equipment, books and materials; and health, wellbeing and leisure activities.

Applications to be submitted using the School of Law and Criminology online application form. Applications must be submitted by 12 noon (Irish Standard Time) **29 August 2025**.

Interviews will be held in-person in September 2025 for students shortlisted following the application review.

All applicants must:

1. **School of Law and Criminology:** Be a registered Year 3 / Year 4 student for academic year 2025/26 on a full-time Level 8 qualification within the School of Law and Criminology¹.
2. **Academic Achievement:** Have successfully completed their most recent academic year of their course and demonstrated both subject learning and transferrable/transversal skills development. A minimum academic achievement of a 2.1 overall for programme results is expected.

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)

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. **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.
5. **Internship:** Agree to submit your CV to Flynn O'Driscoll LLP for a potential legal intern role as part of their internship programme, if dates/duration are agreeable.
6. **Application:** Complete the online application form by 29 August 2025, and if required, attend an interview with Maynooth University and Flynn O'Driscoll LLP representatives in September.
7. **Award:** Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, excluding any supports such as SUSI grants or Maynooth Access Programme.

About Flynn O'Driscoll LLP

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Important Information

The 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 (via the Maynooth University Foundation) in two instalments of €1,000 at the beginning of semester 1 and 2.

Maynooth University will collaborate with Flynn O'Driscoll LLP in reviewing and assessing applications. This will involve representatives from both organisations 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, Admissions and Development Office. Flynn O'Driscoll LLP will have the opportunity to meet with prospective scholarship students before any award is finalised and issued to students. Flynn O'Driscoll LLP will administer the work experience opportunity.

Applications will be made online with a set closing date.

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

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