

The Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Application Information

1. Scholarship Overview

The **Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law at Maynooth University** was established in 2024/25 through the commitment of Matheson LLP, a leading law firm working with international companies and financial institutions doing business in and from Ireland, to provide Year 1 undergraduate students within the School of Law and Criminology with financial and professional development supports.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Through this scholarship, Matheson LLP are committed to providing opportunities to access the legal profession through the company for students at Maynooth University School of Law and Criminology. The scholarship has two connected components:

1. **Financial support:** This scholarship will provide financial support to one Year 2 undergraduate student per annum studying the BCL or LLB within the School of Law and Criminology who have demonstrated high academic achievement, motivation to study law, career aspirations within the legal profession, and interest in Matheson LLP.
2. **Professional development:** The scholarship will also offer the student a year-long paid placement with Matheson LLP.
3. **Mentorship supports** are to be also available from Maynooth University and Matheson LLP.

The financial support through this scholarship 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.

All applicants must:

1. **School of Law and Criminology:** Be a registered Year 2 student for the academic year 2025-26 on a full-time Level 8 qualification with the School of Law and Criminology¹.
2. **Academic Achievement:** Have successfully completed Year 1 of their course, are registered to study Year 2 School of Law and have demonstrated both subject learning and transferrable/transversal skills development. Successful completion of the mandatory Common Law Modules within Year 1 is a prerequisite for this scholarship (i.e. LW151; LW155; LW156; LW157). A minimum academic achievement of a 2.1 overall for year 1 programme results.
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, and skills to build a better world.

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).

5. **Law Internship:** Agree to participate in either the Matheson LLP Summer Internship Programme in June 2026 or the year-long placement.
6. **Application:** Complete the application form before the closing date, and if required, attend an interview with Maynooth University representatives.
7. **Award:** Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, excluding any supports such as SUSI grants or Maynooth Access Programme.

3. Scholarship Award

There are three components making up the Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology. These are:

1. **Scholarship Award:** The scholarship award is **€2,000 in total**. This will be paid by Maynooth University Foundation over two instalments in Semester 1 and 2 2025-2026.
2. **Matheson LLP Year Long Paid Placement:** An opportunity to work with Matheson LLP, gaining vital experience of the firm and legal profession.
3. **Mentorship:** Students will also be provided with two dedicated mentors, one from the School of Law and Criminology and one from Matheson LLP.

Matheson LLP Student Placement

The purpose of Matheson's Student Placement Programmes is to give you a real insight into our work, people and culture, so that you can decide if Matheson is right for you. You will experience what life in a law firm is really like, working alongside our talented legal and tax professionals and trainees on transactions for international companies and financial institutions.

You will spend time working as part of the team in one of our main departments: Corporate, Finance and Capital Markets, Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Commercial Real Estate, Asset Management and Tax. The work will be challenging and interesting and you will also get to enjoy an active social life.

4. Important Information

The successful applicant 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 Foundation.

Maynooth University will collaborate with Matheson LLP in reviewing and assessing applications. This may involve representatives from both organisations participating in a panel review. This panel will confirm the selection for the Scholarship Award. 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 and Matheson LLP. Matheson LLP will have the opportunity to meet with prospective scholarship students before any award is finalised and issued to students. Matheson LLP will administer the Summer Internship Programme and future Placement Programme and Traineeship Programme opportunities.

Applications must be submitted via MS Form (<https://forms.office.com/e/BGqmYBWKXy>) 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 will see the Scholarship award withdrawn and/or required to return the funds.

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

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5. About Matheson LLP

At Matheson, we pride ourselves on being Ireland's oldest law firm and a founding pillar of the Irish legal landscape. Our strong past means that we are built to endure – backed by a solid commitment to never stand still. We are always looking ahead, and always looking to find the next generation of top student and graduate minds.

We recognise the importance of choosing the right law firm for you and getting your career off to the best possible start. We know that you want the opportunity to work with the world's most recognisable brands and play your part in the most innovative and significant transactions in modern history.

It is through this true understanding that we have carefully created so many ways for you to take the first steps towards your future career.

We are committed to empowering you, developing your true potential and giving you opportunity paired with responsibility to soar to new heights.

We call this, The Matheson Way and we invite you to explore our many Programmes and experience The Matheson Way for yourself.