



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS 2019-20

The Development and Alumni Relations Office and Graduate Studies Office are pleased to announce Alumni Scholarships for Postgraduate study at Maynooth University in 2019-20. The scholarship provides a contribution of €5,000 towards fees for a Taught Master's programme at Maynooth University in 2019-20. Funded by revenues earned from the Maynooth University Alumni Affinity Card, this award scheme supports alumni to return to the University for Master's study, while benefiting from the support and goodwill of our Maynooth Alumni community.

Section 1 - Eligibility

The Awards are open to all students who are alumni of Maynooth University or who will become alumni when they graduate in 2019. Applicants must intend to pursue a full-time Taught Master's degree at the University commencing in the academic year 2019-20 and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Achieve a minimum overall result of 65% in an Honours Bachelor's degree from Maynooth University. Applicants graduating in 2019 should apply before they receive their exam results. Alumni of the university who are unaware of their degree result should contact Maynooth University Student Records office: records.office@mu.ie to request transcript information.
2. Satisfy the entry requirements of the Maynooth University Taught Master's Programme they intend to undertake in 2019-20.
3. The candidate must have applied on PAC by the 30th June 2019.

Ineligibility

The scholarship is not open to those who have already commenced or have previously undertaken a Master's programme.

Research Master's Programmes are not eligible for support under the scheme and students interested in research programmes should apply instead for the Maynooth University John and Pat Hume Doctoral Research Awards.

Section 2 - Value of the Scholarship

The total value of the Alumni Scholarship is a €5,000 maximum contribution towards fees for the Master's programme that the candidate has applied and been accepted for. Any balance of fees over €5,000 (if applicable) must be paid by the candidate.

Section 3 – Assessment

The Alumni Scholarship applications will be initially ranked based on overall degree result by the Graduate Studies Office. Results of examinations taken after 1st July 2019 will not be considered.

The Graduate Studies Office will check the eligibility of candidates and provide a shortlist of the **top 10** candidates per Faculty according to the academic achievement of the student. The shortlist will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the Dean of Faculty, Dean of Graduate Studies and the Head of the Development and Alumni Relations Office (or their nominees) and ranked according to the following criteria:

- 1.1 Primary degree in relevant discipline. (20 marks)
- 1.2 600-word personal statement outlining why you have chosen this Master's programme at Maynooth University. (Please include in your answer how you anticipate this qualification will benefit you personally and academically). (10 marks)

Section 4 - Application Process

Apply online via www.maynoothuniversity.ie/postgradscholarships

An application guide is available on the online application system to guide you step by step through the application process.

For further information, please email: masters.scholarships@mu.ie or tel. 01-7087715.

Section 5 - Submitting an application

All applications must be submitted prior to the relevant closing date. All required fields must be completed. Please ensure that you have uploaded your final degree transcript (or penultimate year transcript/results if final not yet available) via the online application system. To access transcripts please contact the student records office to request an official copy. You will also be required to upload a completed personal statement form, which is available to download via the online application system.

Section 6 – Payment of Scholarships

The awards will be announced in July 2019 and posted on the Graduate Studies and Alumni Office websites.

Section 7 – Miscellaneous

- If an awardee does not take up a place or accept the scholarship, the award may be made to the next ranked candidate in that Faculty. Awardees who receive an award and subsequently cease study will be ineligible to apply again. The Alumni Scholarship award may not be deferred.
- Awardees will be expected to be available to the Alumni Office to assist with promoting these Taught Masters Scholarships at Graduate Studies Open Days and to assist the Alumni Office (20 hours' assistance is expected) when required

Section 8 - Closing Date

Closing date for receipt of applications is **5pm on the 30th June 2019**. Applications can be submitted any time before the closing date.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Section 9 – Enquiries:

Please contact:

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