



## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY TAUGHT MASTERS SCHOLARSHIPS 2017-18**

#### **Section 1 - Eligibility**

Applicants must intend to pursue a full-time taught master's degree at the university commencing in the academic year 2017-18 and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Satisfy the entry requirements of the Maynooth University taught masters programme they intend to undertake in 2017-18 and have applied on [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie).
2. All applicants must have achieved a minimum 2.1 honours undergraduate degree in order to be considered for a Taught Master's Scholarship.
3. Applicants will be required to upload their undergraduate degree transcripts for their level 8 undergraduate honours degree or equivalent to the online application system before the closing date. Applicants graduating in 2017 who have not yet received their final degree transcripts must upload their penultimate degree results into the online application system. Once final degree results are available in June 2017, these must be uploaded by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to the [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie) course application system to receive final confirmation of the scholarship award.
4. Applicants who have been in receipt of a student grant for the final year of their undergraduate studies should submit evidence outlining their grant award as this will be taken into consideration where two candidates are equally ranked on final year undergraduate grades.

#### **Ineligibility**

The competition is not open to those who have already commenced a taught 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. Graduates of Maynooth University are allowed to apply for both the Maynooth University Alumni Scholarship and the Taught Master's Scholarship but if successful in both, the candidate will only be allowed to accept one of these scholarships.

## **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 taught master's study in any of the Maynooth University academic departments or research institutes, and a specific number of awards are available in each of these. Where there are insufficient eligible applicants within a particular department, the Graduate Studies Office will reallocate the scholarships among remaining applicants within the Faculty. These remaining applicants will be ranked 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, on the basis of the highest overall results in final year examinations. Students must demonstrate that they have achieved an overall minimum 2.1 result in their undergraduate honours degree. The results of examinations taken after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 will not be considered.

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

## **Section 5 - Application Process**

Apply online via: [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/postgradscholarships](http://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: [postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie](mailto:postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie) or tel. 01-7086018.

## **Section 6 - Submitting an application**

All applications must be submitted prior to the 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 of your university or awarding body to request a copy of your results.

After the closing date of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017, all applicants will be considered for a scholarship based on the academic transcripts provided. Applicants that have already completed their undergraduate level 8 honours degree will be ranked based on their final overall undergraduate degree grades. Applicants that are in their final year of undergraduate studies 2017 will be ranked based on their penultimate degree results from summer 2016.

The highest ranked candidates in the scholarship application process will be contacted in May 2017 with an offer of a €2,000 scholarship. For those applicants with a final undergraduate degree result, this will be a firm scholarship offer. For those applicants awaiting their final results in June 2017, this will be a conditional offer subject to confirmation of their final degree results in June 2017. For graduates 2017, it will be necessary to upload final degree results to the [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie) application system by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to confirm their scholarship offer.

## **Section 7 - Payment of Scholarships**

Offers of scholarships will be announced in June and July 2017. In the academic year 2017-18 the scholarships will be paid to registered awardees in two payments of €1,000. Failure to cover payment of course fees by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 will result in suspension of the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment until full fees 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 an awardee does not take up a place or accept the scholarship, the award may be made to the next ranked candidate in that department or institute, at the discretion of the Head of Department and Dean of Graduate Studies.

If a student 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.

Taught Master's Scholarship awardees for 2017-18 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 1st of May 2017**.

Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

## **Section 10- Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding the application process may be sent by email to: [postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie](mailto:postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie) or by post to:

**Graduate Studies Office**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor John Hume Building**  
**Maynooth University**  
**Co. Kildare**  
Email: [postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie](mailto:postgraduatescholarships@nuim.ie)