

More information on HEAR is available from your school Guidance Counsellor or Trinity Access Programmes. Information can also be found on: [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie), [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie);

Students who accept places in TCD through HEAR are offered a variety of academic, personal and social supports while studying at third level. Details of post-admission supports for HEAR entrants can also be found on p. 11, and at [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) and [www.tcd.ie/trinity\\_access](http://www.tcd.ie/trinity_access).

### TAP foundation course for young adults

This one-year course aims to equip students with the skills they will need to benefit from and participate in a third-level education course. It is open to Leaving Certificate pupils from schools in the Greater Dublin area which are affiliated to third-level access programmes. Applicants should have taken the Leaving Certificate in the year of application or not more than two years prior to that. Minimum entry requirements are grade OD3 or above in five subjects and grade HC3 or above in one subject. FETAC and Leaving Certificate Applied qualifications are also considered.

Application forms are available from TAP Liaison Officers and/or Guidance Counsellors in schools or online at [www.tcd.ie/Trinity\\_Access/prospective/access/young.php](http://www.tcd.ie/Trinity_Access/prospective/access/young.php). Applications are normally submitted in February of the year in which you are applying. Students are not required to apply to the Central Applications Office.

Find out more at [www.tcd.ie/Trinity\\_Access](http://www.tcd.ie/Trinity_Access) or phone +353 1 896 2751.

### TAP foundation course for mature students

This one-year course prepares mature students (EU students who are over twenty three years of age on 1 January of the proposed year of entry) for entry to undergraduate studies at Trinity College and other third-level institutions. There are no standard educational requirements but evidence of a particular interest in studying at university and strong personal motivation is essential. In addition, if English is not your first language you will be required to provide evidence of English language proficiency, see page 26.

Application forms are available from [www.tcd.ie/Trinity\\_Access/prospective/access/mature.php](http://www.tcd.ie/Trinity_Access/prospective/access/mature.php) or from the TAP office. Students are not required to apply to the Central Applications Office.

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### Receiving an offer

Offers to all successful EU applicants (school leavers) are made through the CAO in August following the publication of Leaving Certificate and GCE A-Level results. The University does not make conditional offers prior to the publication of examination results; however, the level at which entry was granted in 2011 may give an indication of the level of achievement required for 2012. Applicants are advised that the competitive entry level may fluctuate (see the 2011 entry levels at [www.tcd.ie/Admissions/undergraduate](http://www.tcd.ie/Admissions/undergraduate)).

Offers to successful mature student applicants and to candidates who have deferred entry from the previous year will be issued by CAO in early July.

### Accepting an offer

Applicants who wish to accept an offer of a place must return a formal acceptance notice to CAO, either online or in hard copy, within the specified time period. If an acceptance is not returned in time the offer will lapse.

Please note that if an applicant does not follow the instructions in full, the right is reserved to cancel the offer.



### Deferred entry

Students who have received an offer notice may apply to defer their entry to Trinity College for one year. On receipt of a CAO Offer Notice:

- 1 Do NOT accept the offer.
- 2 Write IMMEDIATELY to the Admissions Officer, Regent House, Trinity College, Dublin 2 setting out the reason(s) for the request.
- 3 The part of the Offer Notice relating to the relevant Trinity College course must be attached to the letter.
- 4 The letter must arrive in the Admissions Office at least two days before the 'Reply Date' shown on the Offer Notice. Trinity College will notify the applicant of the decision in writing.
- 5 In order to take up the deferred place, the applicant must re-apply through the CAO by 1 February 2013 and the deferred course must appear as the first and only choice on this application.
- 6 After re-applying, the applicant must send their new CAO application number to The Admissions Office  
E-mail: [admissions@tcd.ie](mailto:admissions@tcd.ie).

Students who were permitted to defer their place will receive an offer of a place on the course in July of the following year.

A place may be deferred for one academic year only.