The Iveagh Fellowship Programme

The Iveagh Fellowship Programme, a joint initiative of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Saothar, aims to assist Irish students to identify and participate in high-quality internships in international policy organisations. Five Fellowships will be available nationally in 2021.

What is included in the Fellowship?

- Mentorship support to help the Fellow secure an internship at an internationally-recognised organisation during 2021 (internship must be 8 weeks minimum and can be remote in nature).
- Once an appropriate internship is successfully secured, an award of €5000. Fellowships funds cannot be used to support internships in profit-making institutions except in exceptional circumstances and only where a clear public good can be demonstrated.

Who is eligible to apply?

Those applying must be all of the following at the time of application:

- Irish citizens
- Enrolled on a full-time undergraduate or master’s degree programme in an Irish university in the area of arts, humanities or social sciences
- Interested in careers in international policy, including work in international development, human rights and humanitarian work

How will Fellows be selected by the DFA?

1. Each participating third level institution in Ireland has been asked to nominate two students to the DFA to be considered for the Fellowship.
2. From these nominees, five Fellows will be selected by an Expert Panel.
3. Once selected, each Fellow will be assigned a mentor to advise them on their internship search strategy.
4. The Fellow will be responsible for identifying and securing their own internship.
5. Once an internship is successfully secured and approved by the DFA, the Fellow is awarded €5000 towards costs

What are the DFA Fellowship Assessment Criteria:

In awarding Fellowships, the Expert Panel will take into consideration a broad set of candidates’ qualities. These include:

- Genuine interest in pursuing a career in policy and/or policy research, as demonstrated by previous work experience, extra-curricular activities or other experiences.
- Evidence of taking initiative in professional, academic, or extracurricular work, detailed in the candidate’s CV or statement of purpose.
• Demonstrated teamwork skills and ability to work collaboratively, as indicated by past academic, professional or voluntary experiences.
• Ability to communicate complex ideas effectively.
• Comprehensive writing and editing skills.
• Track record of academic excellence, supported by a reference letter from an academic faculty member.
• Candidates might wish to include any experience with statistical software.

What is the Trinity application and selection process?
1. Applications are now open and will close at 12 noon, Friday 26th March, 2021.
2. You must meet the eligibility criteria outlined above.
3. You must submit (in pdf format and using the naming convention “candidatename_university_cv” and “candidatename_university_SOP”):
   • A one page CV highlighting your academic achievements and any relevant extra-curricular or professional experience
   • A statement of purpose describing your reasons for applying for the Fellowship as well as your suitability (max 500 words). This should include your internship goals and how they connect to your career aspirations. You should also provide evidence of your capacity to work well in a competitive environment

   Apply via MyCareer by 12 noon, Friday 26th March, 2021.

4. Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of their application submission, and those shortlisted will be invited for a short remote interview, which will take place during the week commencing 19th April 2021.
5. Two students will then be selected and nominated by Trinity to the DFA by 23rd April 2021, for consideration for the Fellowship. A reference letter from a Faculty member will be sought at this time.
6. The DFA will announce the Fellows selected during May 2021.

COVID-19 Restrictions
Public health measures and travel restrictions are currently in place both in Ireland and globally. Saothar and the Department of Foreign Affairs understand that these restrictions may have an impact on Fellows’ ability to secure an internship in a timely manner. Flexibility and support will therefore be given to Fellows at all stages of the process.

Questions? To find out more about the Iveagh Fellowship Programme contact us at careers@tcd.ie or visit us at www.tcd.ie/careers.