

# *Financial Assistance*

## *I GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS*

1 In addition to awards made from funds tied to schools or departments, the College assists undergraduate students studying for their first degree who are in need by two main forms of financial assistance, fee concessions and benefactions. Financial need is determined by reference to gross parental income and family circumstances (see §4 — mature students).

Financial assistance is not normally given to students in the Junior Freshman year (see §3 below) nor to students who are not in good academic standing. Irish students may be granted fee concessions and/or benefactions. Students who have their fees paid by the State cannot benefit from fee concessions. The Board, however, has agreed that financial assistance can be given in the form of a maintenance award to students who would ordinarily have qualified for fee concessions on the basis of limited family income and family circumstances. Other undergraduate students who have been classified as E.U. students for purposes of admission (see ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS, section I, §1), may be eligible for fee concessions but not for benefactions. Students from outside the European Union are not normally eligible for financial assistance (see §5 below) but such students with one parent who is a graduate of the University of Dublin may be granted a partial remission of fees in cases of financial hardship. This remission may not exceed the standard E.U. fee for the course.

2 Applications for financial assistance are made to the Financial Assistance Committee. All decisions of the committee are submitted to the Board for approval. All applicants must complete an application form which is obtainable from their tutor or from the Tutorial Service webpage: [http://www.tcd.ie/Senior\\_Tutor](http://www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor).

3 Applications for all forms of financial assistance should be submitted to the Senior Tutor before the end of May preceding the academic year for which assistance is sought. However, the committee recognises that financial hardship can occur unexpectedly and is prepared to deal with applications arising from such changes in circumstances if they are exceptionally urgent. Junior Freshmen are eligible to apply in this way when such circumstances arise after their admission to College.

4 Mature undergraduate students (those who have reached the age of twenty-three years before entry to College) are eligible for financial assistance as outlined in §1 above. Financial need is determined by reference to the student's income and family circumstances.

5 In exceptional circumstances the Financial Assistance Committee will consider applications from non-E.U. students whose financial situation has seriously and unexpectedly deteriorated owing to national emergencies arising in their country of origin.

6 Financial assistance is not renewed automatically on an annual basis, and a fresh application must be made for each year for which assistance is sought. Students who, having been granted an award for the ensuing year, fail to pay the balance of the fees due by the prescribed date forfeit their right to the award.

## *II FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS AND FEE CONCESSIONS*

The Financial Assistance Committee can give:

- (a) maintenance awards on the basis of limited family income and circumstances;
- (b) in exceptional circumstances, fee concessions to undergraduate degree students of limited means, in respect of the annual fee, according to academic progress. These concessions would normally represent a portion of the annual fee payable, the balance being the responsibility of the individual student, and be awarded to final year students;

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- (c) assistance to needy students to meet expenses for compulsory field courses or for periods spent abroad which are required or deemed highly desirable by the head of school or department concerned;
- (d) in the case of non-E.U. students of limited means, one of whose parents is a graduate of the University of Dublin, partial remission of fees.

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Other funds from which the committee makes awards are as follows:

**BOSTON FUND**

This fund was established in 1926 by a gift from Miss Annie Elizabeth Boston for the benefit of women undergraduates of narrow means.

**1963 BURSARY FUND**

This fund was founded in 1963 by a gift of £12,000 from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. Bursaries up to a maximum of €400 each are awarded each year to deserving students of limited means, preference being given to sons and daughters of clergymen and to divinity students.

**ELLEN COTTER FUND**

This fund was established in 1952 by a bequest from W. E. P. Cotter, in memory of his mother for the benefit of women students of limited means.

**CROWE EXHIBITIONS**

These exhibitions were founded in 1627 by a gift from William Crowe. Exhibitions are awarded annually to students of Irish birth. Preference is given to sons of clergy, especially those in the west of Ireland.

**CULVERWELL FUND**

This fund was established in 1929 by a gift from Edward Parnall Culverwell, Fellow 1883-1931. The income is used to make grants to students of limited means to assist them to pay their College fees.

**FIELD EXHIBITION**

One exhibition was founded in 1945 by a bequest from Charles Dickenson Field and is awarded annually to a deserving student of narrow means.

**LUCY GWYNN FUND**

This fund was established in 1948 by a subscription in memory of the first Lady Registrar, for the benefit of Senior Freshman women students in need of financial help.

**BENJAMIN HUDSON FUND**

The fund was established in 1967 by a bequest from Miss C. V. S. Hudson. A scholarship will be awarded subject to the following conditions and provisions:

- (a) that the scholarship or scholarships should be open to both men and women;
- (b) that preference should be given to persons of limited means, or who, for unforeseen circumstances, are otherwise unable to complete their academic course.

**MINCHIN BURSARY**

For the conditions under which this bursary is administered, see MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS.

**JEAN MONTGOMERY FUND**

This fund was established in 1950 by subscription in memory of Miss Jean Montgomery, Lady Superintendent of the Kitchen 1919-48. Free commons for one undergraduate student of narrow means is provided.

Application in the first instance should be made through the Senior Tutor.

**FREDERICK PURSER UNDERGRADUATES' FUND**

This fund was established in 1911 by gifts from John Purser Griffith and Mrs Griffith in memory of Frederick Purser, Fellow 1879-1910, with the object of helping some Sophister students of limited means who have shown promise in their previous course, so as to enable them to derive the most benefit possible from the teaching of the Sophister years, whether in arts or in the professional schools, and to save them as far as may be, from being compelled to divert their energies into other activities in order to obtain the necessary means of livelihood.

Application in the first instance should be made through the Senior Tutor.

**FREDERICK PURSER GRADUATES' FUND**

This fund was established in 1910 by gifts from Mr and Mrs John Purser Griffith in memory of Frederick Purser, Fellow 1879-1910. The object of the fund is to lend at nominal interest to graduates leaving the College sums of money which may assist them to attain at the outset of their several careers more readily than otherwise to permanent positions.

The qualifications which are principally taken into consideration in granting these loans are (1) the limited means of the applicants and of their parents or guardians and (2) such general distinction and character during their College course as will serve as a guarantee that the money lent will be applied to what is likely to prove of permanent benefit to the applicants.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that any single loan exceeds €1,200. Interest is charged at one per cent per annum, payable half-yearly. Recipients enter into an undertaking to keep the trustees acquainted with their residence, to pay the interest regularly, and, when remunerative employment is obtained, to repay the principal by instalments within a reasonable time, that time to be fixed by the trustees in each case according to the nature of the employment which has been obtained. If the principal is repaid within three years from the time the loan is made, the interest paid is refunded.

Application in the first instance should be made through the Senior Tutor not later than 30 September and 31 March.

**SALMON FUND**

This fund was established in 1894 by George Salmon, Provost 1888-1904, to help poor students to pay their College fees, giving preference to sons of clergymen.

**OWEN SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON MEMORIAL AWARDS**

This fund was established in 1973 from funds contributed in memory of Dr Owen Sheehy Skeffington. The annual award takes the form in alternate years of a maintenance grant (2007) and a travelling scholarship (2008) of approximately €1,500. The maintenance grant will be awarded to a Senior Freshman or Junior Sophister student of French in Trinity College, criteria for the award being a combination of academic promise and financial need. For details of the travelling scholarship see MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS.

Application in the first instance should be made to the Head of the Department of French.

**SPAN EXHIBITIONS**

These exhibitions were founded in 1717 by a bequest from Benjamin Span. Two exhibitions are awarded annually to deserving students of narrow means. Value, €1,000 each.

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### STANLEY FUND

This fund was established in 1978 by a gift from the Stanley Foundation Ltd (Chairman, Dr C. O. Stanley) for the benefit of students (preferably Irish) from the lower income groups.

### STEARNE EXHIBITIONS

These exhibitions were founded in 1714 by a bequest from John Stearne, Vice-Chancellor 1721-43. Five exhibitions are awarded annually. In accordance with the wishes of the founder preference is given to students from the diocese of Clogher. Value, €12.70 each.

### MACKAY WILSON FUND

This fund was established in 1913 by Robert Mackay Wilson and his wife Elizabeth Jackson Wilson for the benefit of women students of limited means resident at Trinity Hall. Grants are made to one student of good character each year, and for one year only. A student may not receive a grant from this fund until she has completed the first year of her course in the University. Applications must be supported by a recommendation from the applicant's tutor.

Application in the first instance should be made through the Senior Tutor.

### WORRALL EXHIBITIONS

These exhibitions were founded in 1753 by a bequest from John Worrall. The exhibitioners are chosen from scholars who have entered as sizars, the sons of clergymen in the diocese of Dublin, or, in default of these, the sons of citizens of the city of Dublin. An exhibition is awarded for one year only, but may be renewed on application. Value, €200 each.

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Assistance from other sources is available as follows:

### JOHN BENNETT FUND

This fund was established in 1957 by a bequest from Mrs C. P. Bennett in memory of her husband, formerly headmaster of the High School, Dublin. The accruing interest is paid annually to a deserving student, nominated by the Governors of the Erasmus Smith Schools, who must have been a pupil of the High School continuously for three years prior to entering the College. Value, €507.90 a year.

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The following awards are attached to the subjects specified:

## **Chemistry**

### MERLE HANNA AWARD IN CHEMISTRY

This award was founded by a bequest from Miss Merle O. Hanna to provide an award for the benefit of a student or students, either postgraduate or undergraduate, in the School of Chemistry who may have a special need, which need shall not be based on academic ability. The award is made on the nomination of the Head of the School of Chemistry.

## **Education**

### HEFFERNAN BURSARY

The Heffernan bursary fund was established in 2003 in memory of Lola Margaret Heffernan through a bequest from her brother, the late Reverend Brendan Heffernan P.P. who was the first Catholic Chaplain to Trinity College Dublin. The income of the fund, to be allocated by the trustees of the fund, is to support such person or persons being in need of financial assistance to enable them

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to undertake a course of study which would lead to an enhancement of their skills as teachers or principals within the secondary school system. The trustees of the fund are Mr David K. Anderson and Mr John Heffernan. Annual value, €4,000.

### **Engineering**

#### EVERARD WILLIAM DIGBY MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established in 1939 by a gift from Miss Alice Digby in memory of her brother. The income is available to assist deserving students in the Faculty of Engineering and Systems Sciences, who may be in need of financial assistance. Applications, with full particulars, should be made to the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Systems Sciences.

### **Genetics**

#### ROSE DEEGAN FUND

This fund was established in 1994 to mark the retirement of Rose Deegan, Secretary of the Department of Genetics 1963-93. Proceeds from the fund may be used at the discretion of the Head of the Genetics Department, in consultation with tutors as appropriate, for the benefit of Sophister students of genetics facing financial difficulties.

### **Geology**

#### DAVE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL FUND

Established in 1998 in memory of Dave Johnston by his family and friends to support field-based studies by undergraduate and postgraduate students in geology. The annual income of the fund may be awarded to one or more projects in any year. The fund will be administered by the Professor of Geology, another member of the Department of Geology and a representative of the *alumni* of the Department of Geology. Applications should reach the Professor of Geology by the last day of Hilary term in the year in which the grant is to be held.

### **Law**

#### LAW STUDENTS' QUATERCENTENARY FUND

This fund was established in 1992 by a gift from solicitor graduates of the College, through Mr Adrian P. Bourke, then President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. The income is available to assist students studying law who may be in need of financial assistance.

### **Medicine**

#### BEGLEY STUDENTSHIPS

These studentships were founded in 1905 by bequests from William Chapman Begley and his wife, Jane. One studentship, tenable for four years, is awarded annually by the Board on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Medicine, the Professor of Anatomy and the Professor of Physiology. It is open to all applicants who have completed their Senior Freshman year. Applications must be sent to the School of Medicine before 1 November.

The studentships are paid half-yearly on 21 June and 23 December. If a holder obtains his/her medical qualification in Hilary or Trinity term of any year before the expiration of the four years' tenure, the studentship must be vacated after the June payment, and similarly after the December payment, if he/she qualifies in Michaelmas term. Another student may be elected for the unexpired portion of the studentship. Every student during his/her tenure must pursue studies in the school to the satisfaction of the Board; failure to do so, or being guilty of any serious misconduct or breach of College discipline, will result in forfeiture of the studentship, unless for special reasons the Board determines otherwise. Value, €3,809.21 a year for four years. The award may not be held concurrently with a foundation scholarship.

**Financial assistance****J. W. BIGGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was founded in 1953 by a gift from Miss Florence Bigger in memory of her brother, Joseph Warwick Bigger, Professor of Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine 1924-51. It is awarded annually in November by the Board, on the nomination of the Committee of the School of Medicine, to a medical student of not more than two years' standing who has passed the second medical year (old third medical year) examination. In nominating a candidate, the committee takes account of the student's (1) record in the School of Medicine, (2) general university record and (3) financial circumstances. Preference is given to a candidate of Irish birth or parentage, whose financial means are limited.

A candidate must make application to the Head of the School of Medicine before 1 November. Value, €1,269.74.

**JOHN RUPERT COLLINS MEMORIAL FUND**

This fund was established in 1967 by Mrs Collins and her two daughters in memory of the late Dr John Rupert Collins. The income is used to provide money to help medical students who might otherwise have difficulty in meeting the cost of their education. Awards are made by the Board on the nomination of the School of Medicine Committee. Applications should reach the School Office by 1 May each year. Value, €147.

**GLENNY TRAVELLING STUDENTSHIP**

This fund was established in 1993 by a gift from Mrs R. Glenny to the School of Medicine in memory of her son Michael Timothy Malone-Barrett. The income from the fund is used to assist undergraduate medical students to participate in SOCRATES or similar schemes. Should no likely applicants be forthcoming, the income from the fund will be used to supplement postgraduate travelling scholarships in medicine and surgery. Awards are made on the recommendation of a committee. Applications should be received by the School of Medicine by 1 June for the following academic year. Value, approximately €634.87.

**O'SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was founded in 1924 by subscription in memory of Alexander Charles O'Sullivan, Fellow 1886-1924 and Professor of Pathology 1895-1924. It is awarded annually in November by the Board, on the nomination of the Committee of the School of Medicine, to a medical student of not more than three years' standing who has passed the second medical year (old third medical year) examination. In nominating a candidate the committee takes account of the student's (1) record in the School of Medicine, (2) university career generally and (3) financial circumstances. The scholarship is tenable for one year, but in exceptional circumstances a scholar may be re-elected for a second year.

Candidates must make application to the Head of the School of Medicine before 1 November. Value, €412.66.

**Modern languages and English****WILLIAM AND MARY ATKINS MEMORIAL FUND**

This fund was established in 1980 under the Board's trusteeship by a bequest from Iris Olive Atkins. The income is used to support two needy students, one in modern languages and one in English. Applications should be made to the Secretary of the Financial Assistance Committee.

**Religions and theology****BRADSHAW EXHIBITION**

This exhibition was founded in 1849 by a bequest from Mrs G.W. Bradshaw. It is awarded by the Chairman of the School of Religions and Theology, in consultation with the Financial Assistance

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Committee, to one or more students of narrow means pursuing the course in biblical studies. Value, €1,100.

#### **DOWNES EXHIBITION**

This exhibition is awarded by the Chairman of the School of Religions and Theology, in consultation with the Financial Assistance Committee, to a student of narrow means pursuing the course in theological studies. Value, €1,500.

### **Science**

#### **JOHN F. CHAMBERS – LENNOX BURSARY**

John F. Chambers, B.A., B.Sc. (1948) was a mature student from Sligo who worked at night to pay for his studies at Trinity College. The shareholders and staff of Lennox Laboratory Supplies, together with his family and friends, have endowed a bursary dedicated to John's memory. An annual award will be made to a needy student studying science. Applications should be made in writing to the Senior Tutor not later than 30 November. Value, €1,587.17.

### **Social studies**

#### **CAROL McILWAINE FUND**

This fund was established in 1979 in memory of Carol Elizabeth McIlwaine who studied social studies in this College from 1968-71. The income is available to assist needy students preparing for a professional qualification in social work in their Sophister years. Application should be made to the Head of the School of Social Work and Social Policy.

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The following fund is administered by the College.

#### **GRANTS TO VISIT THE GAELTACHT**

Special grants of €22.20 are available each year to enable students of Irish to spend periods of at least three weeks in Irish-speaking areas as part fulfilment of their obligation as students of a modern language (see regulations governing modern languages, page K3).

The number of grants is limited and applications must have been submitted to the Head of the Department of Irish and Celtic Languages by the prescribed closing date in Michaelmas term. In assessing the merits of each application, account is taken of general diligence and performance in course work.

Students who submit applications and are selected will become eligible for the award of the grant at any time up until the beginning of the following Michaelmas term, provided that they have spent the required three weeks in an Irish-speaking area and on their return give a satisfactory account of their experience to the Head of the Department of Irish and Celtic Languages.