

# 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 who are in need by three main forms of financial assistance (benefactions, Student Hardship Fund and ESF Student Assistance Fund). Financial need is determined by reference to parental income and family circumstances (see §4 — mature students).

Financial assistance is not normally given to students who are not in good academic standing. The Board has agreed that financial assistance can be given in the form of a maintenance award 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 benefactions. Students who have been classified as international students for purposes of admission are not normally eligible for financial assistance 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 on-line which is available on the Tutorial Service webpage: [www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor). The Financial Assistance Committee, on the advice of the Student Support Officer, will determine from which fund each maintenance award is made. Students who find themselves in financial hardship should contact their tutor or the Student Support Officer in the [Senior Tutor's Office](#).

3 Applications for all forms of financial assistance should be submitted to the Student Support Officer as early as possible in the academic year. Awards are normally paid in two instalments. Students who apply after the beginning of Hilary term will normally qualify for only one instalment.

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 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 must be registered before any award shall be made.

## II FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS

The Financial Assistance Committee can give:

- (a) maintenance awards on the basis of limited family income and circumstances;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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.

## III

Benefactions and other funds from which the committee makes awards are as follows:

(a) *The committee makes awards from the following funds: no other application than the standard financial assistance application form is required and the committee will determine from which fund individual awards are made.*

## STUDENT HARDSHIP FUND

A fund supported by College from which the Financial Assistance Committee can assist any student having a financial crisis. Applications are on-line and available on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). All applications are means-tested, and must be accompanied by supporting income-related documentation.

## ESF STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Student Assistance Fund is co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Social Fund. It is available to students experiencing particular or unexpected hardship during their course of study and is allocated on a per capita basis to each higher education institution. Funding amounts available to each higher education institution have varied each year and are dependent on the level of demand for student support through the 'top up' grant. All students in financial difficulty are entitled to apply. Applications are on-line and available on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). All applications are means-tested, and must be accompanied by supporting income-related documentation.

## 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.

## 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

*(b) Students who wish to apply to the following funds need to make a specific application. Unless otherwise specified, the standard financial assistance application form should be used and students should indicate to which fund they are applying.*

#### BRADSHAW EXHIBITION

This exhibition was founded in 1849 by a bequest from Mrs G.W. Bradshaw. It is awarded by the School of Religion, in consultation with the Financial Assistance Committee, to one or more students of narrow means pursuing the course in world religions and theology. Application should be made in writing to the [Senior Tutor](#) using the financial assistance application form no later than 31 January. Value, €1,100.

#### 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 one or more needy students studying science.

A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer not later than 31 October. Value, €1,904.60.

#### 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 School of Computer Science and

Statistics and the School of Engineering, who may be in need of financial assistance. Applications, with full particulars, should be made to the [Senior Tutor](#).

#### DOWNES EXHIBITION

This exhibition is awarded by the School of Religion, in consultation with the Financial Assistance Committee, to a student of narrow means pursuing the course in religion. Application should be made in writing to the [Senior Tutor](#) using the financial assistance application form no later than 31 January. Value, €2,000.

#### 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.

A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer in the Senior Tutor's Office no later than 31 January. The award will be made by the Law School in consultation with the Senior Tutor's Office.

#### 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](#) not later than 31 May.

#### MINCHIN BURSARY

This bursary was established in 1982 from a bequest received under the will of G. R. N. Minchin (see also Minchin prize). Undergraduate students of the College (except those reading mathematics and/or physics) are eligible to apply for the bursary, which is awarded annually in three parts in Hilary term. A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer in the Senior Tutor's Office not later than 31 January. The awards will be made by a committee consisting of the Senior Dean, the Senior Tutor, the Junior Dean, and the Head of Sport and Recreation. In making the awards, the committee will have regard to the criteria of academic merit, athletic prowess, and financial need. If no applications are received, the committee will consult with the Financial Assistance Committee with a view to finding suitable candidates. No student may hold the award more than once. Value of each part €2,000.

#### 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 two undergraduate students of narrow means is provided.

A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer not later than the last working day of May.

#### 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.

#### 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.

A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer no later than 31 January.

#### 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 (2021) and a travelling scholarship (2022) of approximately €2,000. 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](#).

#### STUDENT PARENT GROUP – JACKIE AKERELE FUND

This fund was established in 2006 from monies contributed by her family, colleagues and friends in memory of Jackie Akerele with the object of helping student parents with childcare expenses or facing unforeseen difficulties.

A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer no later than 31 January. The awards will be made by the Senior Tutor and the Student Support Officer in the Senior Tutor's Office, on recommendation from the student's tutor. The main criteria will be the student's financial situation and childcare needs. If no applications are received, the Financial Assistance Committee will be consulted with a view to finding a suitable candidate. Value, one or more awards with a total value of €700.

#### TAVERNERS' CRICKET SPORTS BURSARY

This bursary was established in 1993 by the Museum Players and other Taverners' cricketers on the basis of funds raised during the quatercentenary year. One bursary of €356 will be awarded each year to a needy student, preferably one who has demonstrated sporting prowess within the University. A bursary application form is available on-line on the Senior Tutor's Office website ([www.tcd.ie/seniortutor](http://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor)). Application forms should be submitted to the Student Support Officer, not later than 31 January. The award will be made after consultation with a representative of the Museum Players, the Senior Tutor and the Head of Sport and Recreation.

#### IV

Assistance from other sources is available as follows:

##### ALBERT E. BEATON, III SCHOLARSHIP

This gift will establish a permanent scholarship endowment with an annual scholarship of approximately €2,000 to support a deserving student who has demonstrated financial need, or whose circumstances might otherwise serve as an obstacle to obtaining an education. Psychology students will receive preference to this scholarship and would be selected through an application process administered by the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP).

##### 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. Interested students should contact the High School directly. Value, €750 a year.

##### NÓIRÍN PLUNKETT SCHOLARSHIP

The Nóirín Plunkett Scholarship is to be awarded to female students from the Republic of Ireland, applying to Trinity through the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP), who face particular difficulties funding their undergraduate studies. Candidates will demonstrate their commitment to computer science and contribution (or aspiration to contribute) to the life and development of Trinity College. Value, up to €1,500 annually.

##### STUDENTS' UNION PLACEMENT BURSARY

This placement bursary was established in 2017 by the TCD Students' Union and will assist students with costs associated with attending compulsory placement. Application should be made in writing to the Senior Tutor using the TCD Students' Union placement bursary application form no later than 31 January. The awards will be made by the Senior Tutor in consultation with the TCD Students' Union representatives.

#### V

The following awards are attached to the subjects specified and, where applicable, students should apply directly to the relevant school or department.

### **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.

### **Classics**

##### GERALDINE MCGUCKIAN AWARD FOR MATURE STUDENTS

This award is in memory of Geraldine McGuckian, student of this university who studied classical civilisation and biblical studies, graduating in 1996.

The purpose of this award is to assist one or more deserving and merited mature student(s) at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. Value, €700 annually.

## **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 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.

## **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.

## **Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies**

### **ANN BOLAND AND ANN BUDD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ann Boland and Ann Budd Scholarship will assist an outstanding female Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) student, by providing her with the financial support to go on and study for a degree in Trinity College Dublin, to pursue a four year course in the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, with preference given where the major language component is French. The scholarship has been established in memory of Trinity alumnae Ann Budd and her friend Ann Boland, the wife of esteemed Trinity alumnus John Boland. Value, €1,000 per annum.

## **Medicine**

### **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT AND TRINITY FOUNDATION ACADEMIC ENDOWMENT FUND**

Dr Ghassan Abou-Alfa and Dr Eileen O'Reilly Abou-Alfa set up this fund in 2015 to support collaboration between TCD and AUB related to the academic and clinical exchange of medical students through the mutual exchange of one or more medical students, between TCD and AUB for the purposes of study, learning, student clinical electives, teaching and/or research. The fund will provide an award in the region of €2,000 to be made bi-annually alternatively by TCD and AUB which will contribute to travel, lodging or subsistence expenses for the student to study abroad at the other institution. Applications will be invited from students during Hilary Term and the award will be made on the recommendation of a school committee.

### **HENRY H. BALCH FUND**

This fund was established by a bequest from Henry H. Balch to provide a grant to a student in the clinical years to participate in a surgical elective. Students may use these grants for travel, lodging, and incidental expenses associated with participating in an elective. The award will be

made on the recommendation of the School of Medicine committee, and the student is required to provide a written report on completion of the elective. Value, €450.

#### BEGLEY STUDENTSHIPS

These studentships were founded in 1905 by bequests from William Chapman Begley and his wife, Jane. Two or more studentships, tenable for three years, are awarded annually by the Board on the recommendation of the School of Medicine committee. They are open to all applicants who have completed their second medical year. Applications must be sent to the [School Office](#) before 23 October.

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 three 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 three years. The award may not be held concurrently with a foundation scholarship. Once-off payments may be approved for eligible students in year 5.

#### 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 by the Board, on the nomination of the School of Medicine committee, to a medical student of not more than two years' standing who has passed the second 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 [School Office](#) before 23 October. 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 23 October each year. Value, €147.

#### P.J. DOWLING FUND

This fund was established by a bequest from Patrick J. Dowling to provide a grant for a student in the clinical years to participate in an elective on the study of tropical diseases. Students may use these grants for travel, lodging, and incidental expenses associated with participating in an elective. The award will be made on the recommendation of the School of Medicine committee. Value, €1,500.

#### 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 ERASMUS 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. Value, approximately €34.87.

## 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 School of Medicine committee, to a medical student of not more than two years' standing who has passed the second 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 [School Office](#) before 23 October. Value, €412.66.

## DRS MARGARET AND WILBUR TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in 2016 by a bequest from Drs Margaret and Wilbur Temple, in recognition of their close association with Trinity as graduates of the School of Medicine. The scholarship is to financially support a female medical student(s) from Ireland or the UK who is in difficult financial circumstances to take up or continue their studies.

Financial assistance in the region of €2,000 approx will be awarded annually. The award will be made on the recommendation of the School of Medicine committee and will be based on students' academic merit, their commitment to clinical medicine and their contribution to the academic and social development of the School of Medicine. Applications should reach the [School Office](#) by 23 October each year.

## Religion

### GERALDINE MCGUCKIAN AWARD FOR MATURE STUDENTS

This award is in memory of Geraldine McGuckian, student of this university who studied classical civilisation and biblical studies, graduating in 1996.

The purpose of this award is to assist one or more deserving and merited mature student(s) at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. Value, €600 annually.

## 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](#).

## VI

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.

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.