WELCOME FROM THE MATURE STUDENT OFFICER

This is an exciting time as you consider your options and research and identify the many opportunities that Trinity has to offer you.

The University places great value in having a diverse student population. The Mature Student Office is part of the Trinity Access Programmes (TAP). TAP was established in 1993 and its mission is to work in partnership across the education sector and with students, teachers, families, communities and businesses to widen access and participation at third level of under-represented groups.

As the Mature Student Officer, my role is to offer advice and guidance to prospective mature applicants while supporting the integration and success of mature students in Trinity. The University has a great history and tradition of encouraging and welcoming mature students to become part of our community and mature students represent an important and valued cohort in the University.

I invite you to attend our College Awareness Week activities running 17th-23rd November 2019; our annual Open Day on Saturday 23rd November 2019; and our Information Evening for Mature Students on 9th January 2020 to learn more about our courses and to meet our staff and students as you make the important decision about taking up full-time study in the future. Please consult our website for up to date information on all events.

I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events.

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WHO QUALIFIES AS A MATURE STUDENT?

In order to qualify for consideration as a mature student applicant you must:

- be 23 years of age or over by the 1st January of the year in which you wish to begin study
  and
- qualify as an EU applicant

An EU applicant is a person:

1. who is ordinarily resident in the EU* (see note 1 below)

   AND
   - who will have received full-time post primary education

   AND/OR
   - who has worked fulltime in the EU (see note 2 below) for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity

OR

2. who has official refugee status (see note 3 below)

OR

been granted humanitarian leave to remain in the State

AND

who has been ordinarily resident in the EU for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity

Notes:

1. EU or EEA countries (Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) or Switzerland.

2. Where an applicant can show that they have been in receipt of social welfare payments this may be taken in lieu of fulltime employment.

3. Applicants who have written confirmation that they have been allowed to come to Ireland as part of the family reunification scheme may also be eligible.

Children of emigrants may be assessed as EU applicants if they can provide documentary evidence of having completed 5+ years of primary and/or secondary education in the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation and have no previous third-level attendance.

The Admissions Office may contact some applicants in order to seek supporting documentation regarding their status.

All other applications are considered to be non-EU Applications.

* Residency: If an applicant is over 23 years of age on the start date of the course then the principal residence for the purpose of taxation of the applicant will be examined. A P21 form will be required.
Mature student applicants are not required to meet the University’s matriculation requirements or the competitive entry requirements (i.e. points) for undergraduate degree courses. Some programmes do have specific requirements, details of which may be found on page 6.

COLLEGE FEES

Students who accept an offer of a place will be contacted via the web portal my.tcd.ie with regard to the payment of fees due.

Full information on fees can be found at http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-payments/course-fees/.

RESEARCHING COURSE OPTIONS

It is essential that you devote considerable time and thought to investigating and researching the course(s) you wish to pursue. One of the reasons most frequently cited by students who withdraw from college is that they chose the wrong course. It may be that the course did not live up to expectations, that the student was inadequately prepared or that the time and/or financial demands were too great. It is, therefore, important that your decision is made based on facts rather than on impressions.

INFORMATION SOURCES

General information on all undergraduate courses is available in the current undergraduate Prospectus and on the Trinity website: www.tcd.ie/study. When you have identified your choices you will be able to get more detailed information from the following:

- The College Open Day will take place on Saturday 23rd November 2019 – activities include mini lectures, demonstrations, tours of laboratories, information stands for all courses as well as informal discussions with students and staff. The full programme will be available on www.tcd.ie/study in early November. The Mature Student Officer will also give presentations on the application process.

- Mature Student Information Evening – A seminar providing advice and information on making an application to Trinity for prospective mature students will take place on 9th January 2020 from 5 pm to 6 pm. This seminar will be repeated from 6 pm to 7 pm. Please visit our website for more information: www.tcd.ie/maturestudents.

- Course Handbooks – you will find departmental guidelines, assignments, timetables, reading lists, etc. in the handbook. Please contact the relevant department directly for more information.

- Mature Student Website – For up-to-date information on the Mature Student Office and events please visit: www.tcd.ie/maturestudents.
Visit Trinity on our **BIGGEST** and **BEST** day of the year!

**Open Day 2019**

**Saturday, 23rd November | 09.00-15.30**

- Course presentations
- Stands for each course: Meet our professors and lecturers, chat with current students
- Demonstrations and laboratory tours
- Presentations about accommodation, student sports, societies and the Students’ Union
- Specific sessions for mature students, access students and parents
- Campus tours including the Trinity Sports Centre

We look forward to welcoming you to Trinity!

Further details and schedule will be available in November at:  
[www.tcd.ie/study](http://www.tcd.ie/study)
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION FORMS
In order to apply to Trinity as a mature student you must submit TWO online application forms:

1. to the Central Applications Office (CAO)\(^1\) by 1st February

   AND

2. The Trinity Mature Student Supplementary Online Application Form\(^2\) by the 1st of February

The Mature Student Supplementary Application Form for Trinity must be completed for entry to all full-time undergraduate degree and diploma courses with the following exceptions:

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<th>APPLICATION DEADLINE</th>
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<td>B.Sc. in Nursing (General, Psychiatric, Intellectual Disability, Integrated Children’s &amp; General Nursing, Midwifery) TR091, TR093, TR095, TR097, TR911, TR913</td>
<td>CAO only. You will be invited to attend a written assessment by the Nursing Careers Centre</td>
<td>1st February</td>
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<tr>
<td>B.Sc. Human Nutrition and Dietetics DT223</td>
<td>CAO only. This course is taught jointly by Trinity and D.I.T. Application is to D.I.T.</td>
<td>1st February</td>
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It is important to note the following when completing the two application forms:

- The Trinity Mature Student Supplementary Online Application Form and the CAO Application Form must state the same Trinity course choices.
- Additional or different Trinity course choices stated on the CAO application but not included on the Trinity application will not be considered.
- Mature students applying to Trinity cannot use the CAO ‘Change of Mind’ facility to introduce a new course or subject.
- Late applications will not be accepted.

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\(^1\) CAO application forms should be completed online at [http://www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

\(^2\) The Trinity Mature Student Supplementary Online Application Form should be submitted by selecting the appropriate course choice from the full list of courses available at [www.tcd.ie/courses](http://www.tcd.ie/courses). When you have identified your course please select the “Mature Student – Supplementary Application Form” option to make your application.
### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Computer Science, Engineering and MSISS</td>
<td>To be eligible for consideration for entry to Engineering (TR032), Computer Science (TR033), MSISS (TR034), Computer science and language (TR039), Computer Science and Business (TR082) or Engineering with Management (TR038), mature student applicants are required to have grade H4 or better in mathematics in the Leaving Certificate or the required grade in Maths for STEM (5S2246/5N0556).</td>
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<td>Medicine</td>
<td>Medicine Applicants must present a H3 or better in Biology AND a H4 or better in either Chemistry or Physics (Grade B and Grade C in higher level Leaving Certificate 1992-2016), or equivalent exams. All applicants must sit the HPAT-Ireland admissions test. Applicants to Medicine are required to upload a current CV.</td>
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### SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT

Applicants for the courses/subjects below will be required to undergo assessment after submission of the application forms. In some cases all applicants will be called to the assessment and in others only those applicants shortlisted for interview will be subject to the assessment.

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<td>Music and Music Education</td>
<td>All applicants must sit a Music Entrance Examination administered by the University.</td>
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<td>Drama Studies</td>
<td>Applicants will be required to complete a questionnaire and then may be called to attend a workshop/interview.</td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
<td>Applicants will be required to sit one or more aptitude tests in March/April 2019. The test is not a test of general knowledge and most questions are multiple choice. Selection for interview will depend upon performance on the aptitude test(s).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medicine</td>
<td>All applicants must sit the HPAT-Ireland admissions test which will take place on 22nd February 2020. Applicants must register for the HPAT-Ireland admission test by 20th January 2020 (via: <a href="http://www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au">www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au</a>).</td>
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Applicants shortlisted for interview

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<td>English</td>
<td>Essay (title given at interview) to be returned within approximately five days.</td>
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| European Studies     | (i) 1500 word essay to be submitted prior to the interview on EITHER a contemporary (social or political) issue OR a historical question of interest.  
                        (ii) Your foreign language skills will be tested at the interview. |
| Dental Science       | Students will be short listed based on their application form. Shortlisted candidates will attend for Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) in the Dublin Dental University Hospital. Further details of the MMI process can be found online: http://www.tcd.ie/dental/undergraduate/degree/dental-science/ |
| Dental Technology    | Students will be shortlisted based on their application form. Short listed candidates will attend for interview and manual dexterity tests in the Dublin Dental University Hospital. Further details of the selection process can be found online: https://www.dentalhospital.ie/education/undergraduate-programmes/dental-technology |

**Garda Vetting**

Students on courses with clinical or other professional placements may be required to undergo Garda vetting procedures prior to commencing placements.

If, as a result of the outcome of the Garda vetting procedures, a student is deemed unsuitable to attend clinical or other professional placement, he/she may be required to withdraw from his/her course. Students who have resided outside Ireland for a consecutive period of 6 months or more will be required to provide police clearance documentation from the country (including different states) or countries in which they resided.

Students who accept an offer will be informed of the procedures to be followed to complete the vetting process (as part of the student orientation information).

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4 Details of the essay will be forwarded to applicants before being called for interview.
**Health Screening**

Offers of admission to the following courses are made subject to certain vaccination requirements and/or certain negative test results.

- Clinical Speech and Language Studies
- Orthodontic Therapy, Dental Science, Dental Hygiene, Dental Nursing, and Dental Technology
- Medicine
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Radiation Therapy
- Social Studies (Social work)

Full details are available at: [www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admissionrequirements/undergraduate/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admissionrequirements/undergraduate/index.php)

**PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

*If English is not your first language or you have not been educated through English, you are required to submit one of the following qualifications or notice of your test date with your application before you can be considered for interview. If offered a place, relevant documents must be submitted before 30th June.*

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<th>EXAMINATION</th>
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<td>1. Irish Leaving Certificate</td>
<td>Grade 6 or better in Ordinary level English.</td>
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<td>2. GCSE</td>
<td>Grade C or better in English Language.</td>
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<td>3. US High School</td>
<td>Grade C or better in English taken in final year.</td>
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<td>5. University of Cambridge</td>
<td>Cambridge Proficiency: Grade C Cambridg Advanced: Grade A</td>
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<td>6. IELTS (Academic version)</td>
<td>6.5 (no individual band below 6). For Dental courses and Clinical Speech and Language Studies: IELTS (academic version) 7 (no individual band below 7).</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Pearson Test of English</td>
<td>A minimum score of 63 (with no Communication Skills section score below 59).</td>
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<td>(Academic) – PTE Academic</td>
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<td>8. International Baccalaureate</td>
<td>English A1, A2 or B: 5 at Higher Level (4 at Standard Level if presenting IB through English).</td>
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<td>9. QQI/FETAC</td>
<td>A pass in Communications module (5N0690)</td>
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*Please note: Examination results are only valid for two years*
SHORTLISTING FOR INTERVIEW
Applicants are assessed in the first instance on the information provided on the Trinity Mature Student Supplementary Online Application Form only – no additional documentation will be passed to departments for consideration*. Following consideration of all applications a department will make one of the following recommendations:

- That you are to be called for interview.
- That you are to be offered a place.
- That your name is to be put on a waiting list.
- That your application has been unsuccessful.

Due to the time required to assess each application it may be several weeks from the time of application before you are notified of a decision.

INTERVIEW
It is important that you are available throughout the interview period.

Interviews normally take place between mid-March and the end of May. A very high number of applicants are interviewed each year and, because of this, alternative interview dates cannot be arranged.

NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME OF APPLICATION
All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the end of May. Applicants who are being offered a place will be requested to confirm their acceptance and to provide documentation, e.g. copies of educational qualifications, documentation in support of EU status, etc. as appropriate.

A formal offer notice will be issued through the CAO in early July. This offer must be accepted in line with the CAO regulations to secure your place.

Please be aware that the mature student application process is a competitive one and that interviews and/or offers are not guaranteed.

* With the exception on Medicine. Applicants to Medicine are asked to attach a current CV.
COMPLETING THE TRINITY MATURE STUDENT SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION
As a mature applicant you can apply for up to three courses in Trinity. A full list of available undergraduate courses can be accessed at [www.tcd.ie/courses](http://www.tcd.ie/courses). Mature student applications to Trinity may only be made online.

**Important note:**
Mature applicants to Nursing and Midwifery courses are not required to complete the Trinity Mature Student Supplementary Online Application Form.

In order to apply to Trinity online you will be required to:
- Make an application to the CAO
- Hold a valid CAO number
- Create a Trinity applicant account

As this is a highly competitive process, please ensure that you devote the time necessary to completing your application form to the highest standard possible.

Once you have submitted your Trinity online application you will be able to log into your account at [my.tcd.ie](http://my.tcd.ie) to view the progress of your application.

All updates on the progress of your application will be via email. Therefore it is important to check your email account regularly.

The following is an outline of the key information you will be required to enter as part of your application. Please take a few minutes to read through the details below, which will assist you in preparing to complete your application.

Please note that the following application form is for guidance purposes only and may be subject to change.

It is recommended that you save your application regularly to avoid timing out issues and potential loss of content.
PERSONAL DETAILS
Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and must be completed in order to submit your application.

Enter your full name as it appears on your passport/drivers licence.
Enter your full address.
Enter a home and mobile telephone number.
Enter your email address.

EU Status
Please select the statement that relates to your current status (see page 2 for more information). Please note that you may be required to provide additional supporting documentation (P60, P45, P21 etc.) to confirm your status.

Further Details
Please enter the following: country of birth; country of residence; nationality; PPS number.
Please indicate that you are a current CAO applicant and enter your CAO number.
Please indicate if you have a disability/specific learning difficulty.

When complete select [Save and Close] or [Save and Proceed].

You will not be permitted to proceed if you have left a mandatory field incomplete.
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*Mobile Number: 123456

*Email Address: victorhugo@nomail.com

Please click here if your Correspondence Address is the same as your Home Address

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## Applicant Status

* EU Status: Please select ONE of the following categories

Please be advised that you may be required to provide additional supporting documentation (P60, P45, P21 etc) to confirm your status. For further information please click here

1. Are you ordinarily resident in the EU and have received full-time primary education in the EU for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity College Dublin?

2. Are you ordinarily resident in the EU and have worked full-time in the EU for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity College?

3. Do you hold a passport from an EU State and have received all full-time post primary education in the EU?

4. Do you have official refugee status or have you been granted humanitarian leave to remain in the state and have you been ordinarily resident in the EU for three of the five years immediately preceding admission to Trinity College Dublin?

5. I do not fall under any of the categories outlined above.
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Second Level Education
Provide the details of the schools you have attended. If you have not attended any second level school you may choose the N/A options from the drop down menus in order to proceed.

Please insert dates you attended school. If you do not know the day then select the 1st of the month.

Second Level Examinations
Please enter the results for your final year subjects.
Select qualifications.
Select subject.
Select level.
Select grade.
Select date of exam.

You can enter more than one type of qualification by clicking on the [+ ] sign on the bottom right corner of the table. If you have not completed any second level examinations please choose the option of N/A from the drop down menus in order to proceed.
**Highest 3rd Level Qualification or Equivalent**
Insert the period you attended 3rd level from and to.
Select the name of the institution.
Select course title.
Select results/level/class of award.
Select main subject studied.

**Additional Relevant Qualifications**
Enter information on the certified courses you have completed. These courses may range from FETAC/QQI/Access course to NCVA, City & Guilds, etc. You may also include your current studies here. You can enter more than one type of qualification by clicking on the [+] sign on the bottom right corner of the table. It is important that you list all certified courses that are relevant to your application.

**Any other relevant Education**
In this section please include information on non-certified courses particularly if they are relevant to your application.

**English Language Proficiency**
Please indicate whether or not English is your first language.

For more information please see page 8.

When complete select [Save and Close] or [Save and Proceed].
EXPERIENCE

Employment History/Work Experience
Enter, in chronological order, the most recent and relevant posts you have held to date. Ensure that you enter the full title of the position along with the full name of the company/organisation. For example, under Position held, write Support Worker for Victims of Drug Abuse rather than simply Support Worker. You are invited to outline your responsibilities, the skills and knowledge you gained while in each position. You should draw particular attention to anything you feel may be relevant to the subjects/course(s) for which you are applying.

Voluntary Work
Enter, in chronological order, any voluntary work you have engaged in outside the formal sectors of work and education. Applicants who are considering a professional degree course, for example, Social Studies or Occupational Therapy, should note that it is particularly important to mention activities and experiences that are relevant to these degree programmes.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please indicate where you first heard about this course/programme.

When complete select [Save and Close] or [Save and Proceed].
PERSONAL STATEMENT
It is recommended that you prepare your personal statement outside the application form in a plain text editor such as Notepad. You can then cut and paste your statement into the application form once it is complete.

Additional information (maximum 500 words)
Use this section to include any additional information that you wish the assessment committee to consider.

Personal Statement: Which aspects of the course interest you the most? (maximum 700 words)
In this section you are asked to state what specifically interests you about the subject/course that you are applying for. This should be unique to each course application. Before completing this section it is important that you have undertaken significant research into the course. For suggestions on how best to research your options see page 3.

Explain the relevance of your life and/or educational experience to this subject/course (maximum 700 words)
You are also invited to highlight the relevance of your educational, work and life experience, as outlined in previous sections of the application, to the subject/course you are applying for. For example, your interest in a course could have arisen as a result of your having just completed a related QQI course or Leaving Certificate subject; family circumstances such as fostering; or your experience of working in another country.

When complete select [Save and Close] or [Save and Proceed].

Important note:
Mature applicants are not required to submit any references or supporting documentation. Applicants to Medicine are asked to attach a current CV.
DECLARATION
When your application is complete please complete the declaration and submit.

CONFIRMATION
Once your application is submitted you will receive confirmation by email.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES
If you experience technical difficulties while completing the application form please contact asksusu@tcd.ie for assistance.