

HILARY AND GALEN WESTON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
for MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability
Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin

Overview:

The *Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships* are a collaboration between the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation and Trinity Business School (TBS) aimed at supporting young people in Ireland from underrepresented socio-economic backgrounds to access postgraduate education and develop specialisms in sustainable business by studying the MSc in Responsible Business & Sustainability at Trinity Business School. This will ensure there is a legacy for the Weston family in an area which matters deeply to them, supporting young people in a country where it has such strong roots.

Eligibility:

The *Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships* are open to students from underrepresented socio-economic backgrounds, who are Irish nationals or have been resident in the Irish State for three of the last five years. Furthermore, students cannot be already qualified at masters level or higher and need to meet the criteria of admission for the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability at Trinity Business School in the 2025-26 academic year. To be awarded the scholarship, students need to accept the offer of a place in the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability at Trinity Business School.

Students from underrepresented socio-economic backgrounds face situations, such as:

- Receiving government funding for low-income households during their undergraduate studies (for example, [the HEAR access route](#), [SUSI](#), [the 1916 Bursary Fund](#)).
- Being in care as a looked-after child for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14 and being aged under 25 on the first day of the course.
- Being estranged from their parents and being aged under 25 on the first day of the course.
- Being a carer for an ill or disabled family member.
- Being from a minority group.
- Coming from a deprived area.
- Coming from an area where it is unusual for people to go to university.
- Being the first in the family to go to university.
- Having a disability in conjunction with socio-economic factors, as described above

Please note that this list is indicative but not exhaustive. It is essential that applicants back up their eligibility with relevant documentation, as part of their application. Applicants are advised to refer to official statistics and data from Irish institutions, government, local authorities or registered civil society organizations to support their application. [Pobal](#), for example, offers deprivation statistics and maps which can be used to understand how deprivation is distributed geographically across the country. In addition, we note that documentation proofing eligibility for the funding schemes described in the first point above (i.e., HEAR, SUSI, 1916 Bursary Fund) and/or proof of received funding support from these schemes are considered suitable to support the application for this scholarship.

Scholarship Value:

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The Scholarship cover full EU fees (16.250,-€) for the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability programme as well as a monthly stipend of 1515,-€ covering Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity term of the academic year (i.e., 10 months in total, Sept 2025 - June 2026). The Scholarship excludes Student Levies and Charges (SLCs), which vary year-on-year. Please check the Trinity College Dublin [website](#) for further information.

Application Process:

Students wishing to be considered for this scholarship should submit their **CV, supporting documentation for eligibility**, plus a **report** of no more than 1,000 words with details of a) how they meet the eligibility criteria for this scholarship, (b) how they have addressed challenges in their undergraduate studies (and at work, if applicable), (c) why they have chosen this particular MSc programme and (d) how it will contribute to their longer-term goals. Your application should consist of a single pdf file containing all the requested documentation. Please send your application as a single email attachment to business.masters@tcd.ie **before 5pm on Thursday, May 1st 2025**, with **HGWF Scholarship Application 2025** as the Subject line.

Please note that this deadline is also relevant for your application for the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability: you need to have submitted your application for the programme through the regular Trinity postgraduate application portal by **May 1st 2025**.

Please also note that we cannot offer any form of pre-check of the application or supporting documentation before the submission deadline. After the deadline, candidates may be contacted as part of the selection process to provide additional clarifications regarding their applications.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Applications meeting the eligibility criteria will be assessed based on challenges overcome, motivation to study responsible and sustainable business, and how successful completion of the chosen programme will advance the student's longer-term goals. If a number of candidates are in close contention for the scholarship, interviews may be held in the week of **May 5th 2025**. Applicants will be provisionally informed, whether they have been successful or not, before **May 16th 2025**. The chosen applicants will be regarded as a provisional selection until they have accepted an offer of a place in the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability at Trinity Business School.

Contact:

Any further questions relating to this process should be directed to business.masters@tcd.ie

Terms and Conditions

- Students can only be in receipt of one scholarship or bursary awarded by Trinity College Dublin. If you are awarded multiple scholarships or bursaries, you will be awarded the one with the highest value.
- This scholarship has 2 components: full programme fees (EU) and monthly stipend. The programme fees will be processed and paid internally within Trinity College Dublin. The

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monthly stipend will be paid to recipients of the scholarship via bank transfer on a monthly basis from Oct 2025 until June 2026.

- Your decision to accept a Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarship is required by **23rd May 2025** and you are required to formally accept this scholarship offer by submitting the signed letter of offer by email to business.masters@tcd.ie. A non-response by this date will be considered as declining the offer.
- A declined or lapsed offer for the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships cannot be reinstated beyond the deadline.
- There is a firm expectation that admitted scholarship students will attend a ceremony with representatives from Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation, to mark the inaugural award of the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships.
- Any student who withdraws, cancels, becomes inactive, is suspended or dismissed from the University will lose their eligibility for the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships. Students must inform the programme director, Dr. Maximilian Schormair, of any of the above by emailing maximilian.schormair@tcd.ie.
- Students awarded this scholarship will be asked to attend 1 check-in per semester with the programme director of the MSc.
- If a change in enrolment status is for approved circumstances, then request for retention of the scholarship may be done by appeal to the Trinity Business School Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarship Committee.
- Admitted Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarship students agree to assist Trinity Business School and Trinity College Dublin with occasional promotional activities. These may include:
 - social media content
 - webinars or activities
 - testimonials – video or written
- Recipients of the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships will be required to provide a written personal reflection (max. 1000 words) at the end of August 2026 which outlines their programme experience, extra-curricular activities, and the impact that the scholarship has had on their life. They may also be asked to provide photographs that will be used in Trinity Business School and Trinity College Dublin promotional materials.
- Students will be invited to volunteer to be Student Ambassadors.
- The Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships will be reviewed annually. Payment of the scholarship is contingent on the student fulfilling the above requirements and is also subject to the funding being made available from the Hilary and Galen Weston

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Foundation. The University reserves the right to withdraw, vary or amend any aspect of a scholarship if it is found that an error or mistake has been made by the University.

- A student who applies for a formal Leave of Absence and is approved by the relevant Committee may retain their scholarship upon return to the same programme at Trinity subject to the availability of funding from the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships.
- Any material misrepresentation of the facts in the candidate's application and supporting materials, whether discovered during the verification process or later, will result in immediate disqualification.
- Students who discontinue their course of study must notify the Trinity Business School Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships Committee by emailing maximilian.schormair@tcd.ie immediately.
- Applicants should note that failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the termination of the scholarship.
- Please note that you will not receive your stipend payments until the necessary documentation for processing scholarships has been completed and bank details have been uploaded to the student portal on SITS.
- There is a mandatory requirement for you to supply a Personal Public Services number (PPS). If you do not currently have a PPS number, you will need to apply for one. Please see www.mywelfare.ie for information regarding this.

Data Protection

Personal data supplied by you in relation to your application will be used by Trinity Business School, Trinity Access and Trinity staff involved in the selection process to assess your application for eligibility for the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships.

Shortlisted applications will be shared with the Scholarship Committee for the final decision on the awarding of this scholarship. Data will be retained on file for the duration of your studies plus three years, however you have the right to withdraw your application and associated personal data at any time.

Personal data relating to the Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarships will be processed for the specified purpose only, in compliance with data protection legislation and the Trinity College Data Protection Policy. Further information is available at www.tcd.ie/privacy.