

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 aimed at supporting young people 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.

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 2026-27 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 (in Ireland, 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 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 Ireland. 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.

Trinity Business School and the *Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation* are pleased to reserve a select number of scholarships of similar value specifically for outstanding candidates from **non-EU emerging economies**. Applicants from these regions who meet the criteria of

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admission will be automatically considered for these highly competitive awards based on the strength of their course application.

Scholarship Value:

The scholarship covers full EU/Non-EU fees (€16,575/24.000) for the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability programme, full student levies and charges (~€311), as well as a monthly stipend of €2000 covering Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity term of the academic year (i.e. 11 months in total, Sept 2026- July 2027).

Application Process

1. Students wishing to be considered for this scholarship should hold an offer for the MSc Responsible Business & Sustainability for AY 2026/27 (please note that you must submit your course application by **11th March 2026** to meet the scholarship application deadline).
2. Offer-holders, should submit their **CV, supporting documentation for eligibility**, plus **1 video** addressing the following **2 questions** in max. **3 minutes**:

a) Personal Journey and Experience

Describe your personal background and academic journey, including any specific challenges, circumstances, or obstacles you have faced. **In what ways does your experience define you as a student from an underrepresented socio-economic (or your specific lived experience) background** within the context of postgraduate education?

b) Impact and Future opportunities

Think about the next five years after completing your MSc degree. How do you intend to use the skills and specialisation you gain in Responsible Business and Sustainability to **drive significant, positive change**? In your answer, focus on the **type of impact** you hope to make, whether that is within a specific sector, a community initiative, or through a new policy or model.

Don't be afraid to be creative with your videos! Please send your application to business.masters@tcd.ie before **5pm on Wednesday 1st April 2026** with **HGWF Scholarship Application 2026** 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 **1st April 2026**.

It is also important to 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:

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Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Applications meeting the eligibility criteria will be assessed based on challenges overcome, and the expected sustainability impact of a student within 5 years after graduation. If a number of candidates are in close contention for the scholarship, interviews may be held in the week of April 13th 2026. Applicants will be provisionally informed whether or not they have been successful by 1st May 2026. 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/non-EU) and monthly stipend. The programme fees will be processed and paid internally within Trinity College Dublin. The monthly stipend will be paid to recipients of the scholarship via bank transfer on a monthly basis from Oct 2026 until July 2026.
- Your decision to accept a Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation Scholarship is required by within 5 days from receiving the offer 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.

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- 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 2027 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 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.

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- 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.