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The Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarships



About the Scholarships

In 2014, Eric & Barbara Kinsella established these scholarships to support talented engineering students to reach their full potential while studying at Trinity College Dublin.

Applications are now open for this year's scholarships and details on how to apply are included in this brochure.

All second year students on the Engineering (BAI/ MAI) and Engineering with Management (BSc(Ing)/ MAI) programmes who have successfully completed their first year of study and achieved a minimum of a second-class honours in their first year examinations are eligible to apply.

Successful students receive a €6,000 scholarship per annum for the remainder of their degree in the School of Engineering, for up to four years of study.

Since they were established, over 50 scholarships have been awarded, with the goal of there being a minimum of 20 scholarships at any one time in the School.



'Across University, scholarships mean so much as they offer promising young scholars the best possible start to their careers. Deserving students will be able to concentrate on their studies, without financial constraints, and to achieve the most from their time at Trinity. They will gain the confidence and self-belief to stretch their ambitions and stand out in a competitive international jobs market.'

Dr Linda Doyle, Provost



Applications for the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships are now open for **2026-27**

We warmly encourage applications from students who are in their second year of study on the Engineering (BAI/ MAI) or Engineering with Management (BSc(Ing)/MAI) programmes, having successfully completed their first year of study in Trinity College and have achieved a minimum of a second-class honours in their first year examinations.

Interested candidates must apply before **5pm on Friday, 16 October 2026** unfortunately, it will not be possible to consider late applications.

To apply candidates must submit the following:

- A personal statement (maximum 200 words. Tell us about your reasons for applying for this scholarship and what it would mean to you. We want to hear your authentic voice, so please write from your own experience and perspective.
- CV
- First year transcript from Trinity College Dublin
- Confirmation of any other scholarships or financial awards you are currently in receipt of or expect to receive. SUSI grants do not need to be declared.

Applications should be emailed to: Kinsellascholarships@espritinv.com

If you have any questions regarding the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships, please contact Professor Anil Kokaram Head of School of Engineering, E: akokaram@tcd.ie

Short-listed candidates will be invited to interview in the week of the 9-13 November 2026.

Please note, scholarships are available to second year students on the engineering and engineering with management programmes only. Each award will be worth €6,000 per annum and will be tenable from the granting of the award until the completion of the student's studies on the particular programme to a maximum of four years for any one award. Preference will be given to candidates who are not currently in receipt of other scholarships. The continuation of an award from year to year will be subject to satisfactory academic performance at the annual examinations.

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship Alumni



Kinsella Alumni have started their careers in a wide variety of roles in prestigious companies including Accenture, AECOM, Arup, Cardinal Health, Hannover Re, HubSpot, Intel, and Jones Engineering, among others.

The Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship enabled them to focus on their studies, maximise their potential and succeed in the competitive jobs market.



The Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarships are a fantastic opportunity for students in our Senior Freshman class, made possible through the continued generosity of the Kinsella family. We know this scholarship can be truly transformational, providing not only valuable financial support but also recognition of the talent, ambition, and hard work you've shown throughout your studies so far. If you're eligible, I'd strongly encourage you to apply and give yourself every opportunity to benefit from this support.

Professor Anil Kokaram
Head of School of Engineering
Trinity College Dublin

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2025

Receiving the Eric & Barbara Kinsella award has made a huge impact on my personal and academic life. The scholarship has allowed me to allocate more time to my studies and engineering interests, resulting in improved grades and a variety of new engineering skills. It has also allowed me to dedicate more time to the GAA, both in my local club and in Trinity, where we won the Trench Cup for the first time in 14 years! Receiving the scholarship was an absolute honour for me and I am extremely grateful to Eric & Barbara for their generosity.



James
McBreen



Kateryna
Romaniuk

Support from the Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has made a significant difference to both my studies and my family. Its financial support allowed me to leave the part-time deli job and instead give my full attention to my engineering degree. With the extra time and reduced financial pressure, I achieved an 80% average in my second year. The scholarship also gave me the confidence and opportunity to focus on my professional development, and this summer I secured my first engineering internship. This experience has allowed me to see how the knowledge and skills from my degree are applied in practice and has strengthened my motivation for my future career. I am extremely grateful to the Kinsella family for the support and the opportunities it has made possible for me.

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars



George
Kurian

Becoming an Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholar has given me real peace of mind around tuition and finances, while the recognition itself gave me a confidence in my potential that grades alone never quite could. Since receiving it, I have achieved my best academic results to date and thrived in a mechanical engineering internship, working with major Irish engineering firms for a trillion-dollar global technology client. I am incredibly grateful to Eric, Barbara and everyone involved for seeing that potential in me and giving me the chance to turn potential into proof.

The Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has made such a difference to my time at Trinity, giving me the space to get the most out of my college experience. Without having to worry about finances, I was able to dedicate more time to my sport and other passions alongside my academics. It also meant I could give my absolute all to my summer internship, focusing entirely on gaining practical skills and building my professional foundation. I am extremely grateful to Eric and Barbara Kinsella for their generosity, which has given me the confidence and freedom to properly balance my studies, sport, and career goals.



Hailey
Clark

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship has had a massive impact on my college life. Before, I was working over 25 hours a week alongside my studies. Now, thanks to the financial support provided, I have been able to reduce my working hours during the week, giving me more time and energy to dedicate to my studies and to become more involved in college life. This has allowed me to build stronger relationships with my classmates and embrace the social side of university, something I previously found difficult to balance alongside work. I cannot thank the Kinsella family and the team at Esprit enough for their generosity and for the profound difference their support has made to both my academic and personal experience at Trinity.



Allison Rivera
Mc Mahon



In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2024

Being a recipient of the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has been truly transformative for me, both academically and personally. This past summer, I was delighted to complete an engineering internship; it was an invaluable experience that I might not have been considered for without the recognition and support of this scholarship. and I can't thank Eric, Barbara and the Kinsella family enough for their generosity.



Genevieve
Flynn



Eoghan
Taylor

Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship was a great honour and has been a huge help to me over the past few months. The scholarship has also allowed me to increase my participation in college life. I joined the Cumman Gaelach, and was also able to maintain my involvement with the college hurling club. The reduced financial stress and pressure to work part-time gave me an opportunity to take a step back and assess my enjoyment of different aspects of the course material as a whole and I would like to thank the Kinsella family and all at Esprit again for their generosity.

Receiving the Eric and Barbara Kinsella scholarship truly changed my whole college experience. Not only did it give me peace of mind regarding my finances with college fees and expenses it also allowed me to partake in extracurricular activities. This scholarship has allowed me to significantly reduce the hours I work during term time and to use that time to concentrate on my studies. It also gave me the opportunity to get more involved in college life. I am deeply grateful to the Kinsella family and the Esprit team for supporting me with this scholarship.



Julianne
Cronin

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2023

Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship was one of the most transformative experiences of my college years. The scholarship provided a sense of security that enabled me to reduce my work hours and dedicate more time to personal and academic growth. This opportunity profoundly impacted my college experience. Words cannot express how deeply grateful I am to Eric and Barbara Kinsella for their generosity. It has truly made a lasting difference in my life, and I will always appreciate it.



Natalia
Melnicka



Theodor
Hardwick

Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship greatly relieved the financial burden of attending college. I have been able to devote more time to my academics and extracurriculars – both of which have provided a rich environment for me to broaden my mind, meet new people from all different backgrounds and learn invaluable skills that will serve me forever. Most importantly however, it has been a major vote of confidence in my ability, both now as an undergraduate, and in the near future as an aspiring civil engineer.

Receiving the Eric & Barbara Kinsella scholarship greatly decreased the financial stress on myself and my family. This has enabled me to reduce my hours of part-time work and focus more on my studies. I have more time for interesting engineering projects such as student rocketry and race car teams. Through these projects, I have been able to put into practice skills learned in college, as well as learn new skills in engineering design and manufacturing. These projects offer extra hands-on practical experience to complement my academic learning which will help me succeed in the competitive job market. I am sincerely grateful to the Kinsella Scholarship programme for the opportunities it has afforded me.



Dale
Johnston

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2022

Receiving the Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship made an immeasurable difference to my college life. Being a recipient of the Scholarship enabled me to support myself financially in college, without having to commute home for work at the weekends. Their generous aid allowed me to focus more on my coursework, develop my technical skills and also explore more clubs and societies that interested me. I am very grateful to the Kinsellas for the opportunities that they have allowed me to pursue.



Niall
Grogan



Emily
O'Hara

The Eric & Barbara Kinsella scholarship has made a huge difference in my life, and I am truly grateful for it. In my first two years of college, I was commuting almost four hours a day, which kept me from fully enjoying the college experience. Thanks to this scholarship, I've been able to live in Dublin, focus on my studies, and spend more time with friends. It has also helped me network within the industry and secure an internship at Jones Engineering in my hometown.

2021

I'm so grateful for the amazing opportunity Eric and Barbara Kinsella have given me. Their kind support has helped relieve the financial burden of going to college, giving me the freedom to pursue my interests, explore what fascinates me and try to better the world as best I can. The future looks so exciting!



Emran
Moustafa

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2021

The Kinsella Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my education without worrying about college fees. It has taken an immense pressure off my family. It has really given me the confidence to believe that I can be a great engineer. I am very grateful and thankful to the Kinsella Scholarship programme for the opportunities I have been given.



Neha Jacob

2020

With the transition back to full in person studies, I have been able to dive in with all my effort and ability to the coursework without financial worry or having to commute back to Kerry for work. The time I once spent at my job I have now dedicated to the formula student race car society where I am developing my skills in CAD, Finite Element Analysis, and product fabrication. These skills may well have been lost to me without the scholarship.



Stephen
O'Sullivan

The Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has been hands down the absolute best opportunity I have ever been afforded. I was able to achieve a First last year, and this is solely due to the scholarship as I did not have to worry about money to pay for college. It has given me the confidence to believe that I can be a great engineer. I will be forever grateful and thankful to the Kinsellas.

2019

Michelle
Gaughan

In their words

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

2018

The scholarship has greatly impacted my life and college experience. Before receiving the scholarship, I was working 20+ hours a week while in college to support myself. The Scholarship allowed me to cut back on my part time work and really focus on college during term times. It is something I am extremely grateful for.

Karen
Morrissey

Charlie
Maguire

I am extremely grateful for having received the Kinsella Scholarship. I was able to afford accommodation in Dublin for the first time, which cut out my daily multihour commute. The extra time I gained back not only allowed me to improve upon my grades, but I also got to engage with societies and college events more. I would like to thank Mr. Kinsella again for the incredible opportunities this scholarship has enabled me to pursue.

Receiving the scholarship was a major deciding factor for me in which direction I wanted to take my engineering career in. With the scholarship I was able to work for Jones Engineering in 2019 at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dun Laoghaire as a Mechanical engineer. Together with the financial support from the scholarship I had one of the greatest years of my life as I was able to balance my study/ life. I am very grateful for the scholarship as it has immensely changed my life and it helped me become the person I am today.

Mikolaj
Piotrowski

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