



TR062: Geography and Geoscience Foundation Scholarship Examination 2025-26 Information for Scholarship Candidates

Foundation Scholarship as described in the College Calendar:

“The objective of the foundation scholarship examination is to identify students who, at a level of evaluation appropriate to the Senior Fresh year, can consistently demonstrate exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects. The examination requires candidates to demonstrate: skill in synthesising and integrating knowledge across the full range of the set examination materials; rigorous and informed critical thought; and, in appropriate disciplines, a highly developed ability to solve problems and apply knowledge”

The objective of the Scholarship examination in Science is to identify and reward undergraduate students with outstanding knowledge and ability in each of the four Science degree programmes (TR060, Biological and Biomedical Sciences; TR061, Chemical Sciences; TR062, Geography and Geoscience; TR063, Physical Sciences). Such students should demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of their chosen field with some degree of originality and flair, and not simply a high level of performance in basic coursework.

The Scholarship examination is taken by Senior Fresh students in each degree and is based on the designated course work presented in the Junior Fresh and the first semester of the Senior Fresh years. In addition, students might also be examined on designated non-coursework material, which is specific for each degree.

An application form and Foundation Scholarship regulations can be accessed on the Examinations and Timetables Office webpage:

<https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/scholarship/>

Recommendations for Scholarship will be based on the achievement of an overall first-class result with first class marks in at least two of the three papers examined and a mark of 65% or over in each paper.



Important Scholarship Dates:

Candidates intending to present for these examinations must complete an online application form. This form should be submitted by the applicant and not by another party. A confirmation email will be sent via an intray message on their my.tcd.ie portal which may take up to 24 hours.

- **29 September 2025** at 9.00 am - **15 October 2025** at 5.00 pm - submission of online applications
- **10 November 2025** at 9.00 am - **17 November 2025** at 5.00 pm - submission of online [confirmation of attendance form](#)
- **5 January 2026 - 9 January 2026** - Foundation Scholarship examinations (Please note it may be necessary to schedule some examinations in the preceding week.)
- **20 April 2026** (Trinity Monday) at 10.00 am - announcement of Election to Scholarship 2026

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The Foundation Scholarship examination in Geography and Geoscience seeks to identify exceptional students who:

- Show a comprehensive understanding of the foundational material covered in modules up until the end of Michaelmas Term in the Senior Fresh year;
- Demonstrate an ability to critically engage with selected topics drawn from the broader fields of Geography and Geoscience.

Candidates will sit three papers, each of 3 hours duration:

- Paper 1 (30%): Answer 3 questions from 6 based on material covered in GSU11001: Spaceship Earth and GSU11003: The Anthropocene.
- Paper 2 (30%): Answer 3 questions from 6 based on material covered in GSU11002: Planet Earth; GSU22201: From Atoms to Rocks – Introduction to Geochemistry; and GSU22202 Sedimentary Processes and Environments.
- Paper 3 (40%): Answer 3 questions from 6 based on a selected theme, for which special reading will be set as an introduction

Note: The information provided in this leaflet is accurate at time of preparation. Any revisions will be notified to students via e-mail and at the Science Course Office Website: <https://www.tcd.ie/Science/>