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Tangent FAQs for Application to Springboard+ funded Postgraduate courses

1. What courses are currently open for application?

Upcoming courses
[Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare Innovation](#) commencing 29th January 2024
[Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation & Enterprise Development](#) commencing 25th January 2024

Before applying for a course, you must first register on the Springboard website, log in and complete the self-declaration form. Please be advised that places are limited on these courses and early application is strongly advised.

2. What are the closing dates for application?

[Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare Innovation](#)
Application Closing date: 22/11/2023 @ 5 pm

[Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation & Enterprise Development](#)
Application Closing date: 22/11/2023 @ 5 pm

3. Am I eligible for Springboard funding?

It is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible for funding and not the responsibility of the admissions team at Tangent. Please visit https://springboardcourses.ie/eligibility to review all criteria relating to whether you are eligible to do a Springboard funded course.
On a high level you are eligible:
- If you are unemployed - not currently working, receiving a qualifying welfare payment from the Department of Social Protection (unless you are formerly self-employed) and actively seeking employment (100% funded).
- A Returner - a Homemaker, on other caring duties, or economically dependent on a partner/spouse for at least nine of the last 12 months. You must submit the HEA Returners Declaration dated no more than six weeks from course commencement (100% funded).
- If you are in employment or self-employment and provide evidence of ongoing employment (90% funded).
- be living fulltime in the Republic of Ireland
- have your own, valid PPS Number

Recent Graduates are not eligible for places on the courses offered by Tangent, to apply you must fit into one of the categories above.

Meet the nationality/visa requirements:
- You are an EU/EEA/UK/Swiss national or:
- You have Stamp 4/Stamp 4 EU FAM, Stamp 5, or Stamp 6 on your Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card. This includes those residents here on Stamp 4 based on:

1. having permission to remain in Ireland as a family member of an EU citizen or
2. having official Refugee/Subsidiary Protection status in Ireland /being here based on refugee family reunification or
3. having been granted Humanitarian Leave to Remain in the State (prior to the Immigration Act 1999) or
4. having permission to remain following the Minister's decision not to make a deportation order.

IMPORTANT: in addition to 1.2.3 above you must:

- have lived in either the EU, the EEA, the UK, Switzerland for at least three out of the last 5 years.
- Any period the Department of Justice can count towards Citizenship can count towards residency (except stamp 2 & 2 a).
- If you have Refugee/Subsidiary Protection status in Ireland, residency is counted from the date you applied for International Protection.

Note 1: Applicants who are in receipt of an eligible DSP payment are not expected to demonstrate that they meet the Nationality/Visa requirement or three of the previous 5 years EU/EEA/UK/Swiss residency requirement.

Please click HERE for list of supporting documentation.

Ukrainian Applications:

As per existing guidance under Note 1 of existing and current eligibility criteria:

Note 1: Applicants who are in receipt of an eligible DSP payment are not expected to demonstrate that they meet the Nationality/Visa requirement or three of the previous 5 years EU/EEA/UK/Swiss residency requirement.

Applicants who are in employment or returning to the workforce, would need to demonstrate their eligibility in line with existing guidance i.e., on the same basis as an Irish citizen, including the residency requirements for three out of the last 5 years in the EU, the EEA, the UK, Switzerland.

Employed Ukrainians under Temporary Protection and in receipt of a Temporary Protection Letter, are still required to meet the residency requirement i.e., a student must have been ordinarily resident in an EU/EEA/Swiss state for at least three of the 5 years prior to entry to their third level course of study to qualify to participate in the programme.

Preference will be given to unemployed persons who have not completed a Springboard programme previously. Eligibility documentation will only be requested upon a provisional place being offered to an applicant.

4. What documents do I need to upload to the Springboard website to apply?

For your application to be considered all the following documents (or suitable equivalent) must be uploaded to the Springboard website:
•   Transcript / Award of QQI Level 8 Honours Degree or equivalent
•   Applicant CV
•   Statement of Interest
•   Reference 1 (Academic, on letterhead)
•   Reference 2 (Professional, on letterhead)

Only completed applications will be reviewed. Places are limited on all courses so early application is advised. Once provisional offers are made to applicants, they must then produce documentation supporting their eligibility for Springboard funding. If this cannot be produced on time the provisional offer will be withdrawn.

5. I am interested in applying for a Springboard course. Where do I find more information?

Please visit the FAQ section of the Springboard website https://springboardcourses.ie/faq

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6. I am having difficulty applying to this course on the Springboard website, can you tell me why?

If you are experiencing technical difficulties on the Springboard website, please contact Springboard technical support on support@vidatum.com

7. What can I do if I am finding it difficult or not possible to provide an academic reference?

If it is not possible to attain an academic reference, then a second Professional Reference can be submitted. The reference should speak to your suitability for this programme under the following headings:
1. What capacity do you know the individual
2. Can you recommend their suitability for the course.

References should be on headed paper, be dated within three months, and include relevant contact details.

8. Do I need to get my degree and references translated?

Applicants with degrees from foreign institutions must provide both their transcripts and a Level 8 comparability statement from NARIC. You can find more information on qualifications recognition at this link: https://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Qualifications-Recognition.aspx. Additionally, if your references are in a language other than English, please ensure they are translated into English.

9. I do not have any recent academic/professional references. What should I do?

Your application requires two references, academic or professional. These references should be recent, within the past three months, and should highlight how suitable you are for the course. It is best to

approach individuals with whom you currently have interactions, like your supervisor from any voluntary work you've been involved in or a member of a committee/association you've been a part of, to request a character reference. Additionally, you can seek an academic reference from someone you were previously associated with in an educational programme. If you have been a recent student, it is advisable to have at least one academic reference. However, if it has been a while since you were last in an academic setting, having two professional references is acceptable.

10. Can you tell me if my application is complete yet?

Once all required documents are uploaded, and you click submit your application is complete.

11. How can I confirm that my documents were successfully uploaded?

Once you upload a document, you will see the name of the document appearing in red text. That is how you know it has successfully uploaded. You must also submit your application for us to be able to check your documents.

12. I do not have a copy of my college degree, or my degree parchment does not state it is a Level 8 (Honours Degree) award, what will I do?

You will need to submit evidence of your Level 8 (Honours) degree or its equivalent. The awarding institution will supply either a transcript or a document verifying your qualification. It is important to request this document well ahead of time from the institution to ensure you receive it before the application deadline.

13. If I have a Level 7 or Level 8 degree, but not a 2.1 can I still apply?

To enrol in the Climate Entrepreneurship, Healthcare Innovation course, you must have a Level 8 qualification (or equivalent) of 2.1 or higher. However, if you do not meet this qualification requirement or lack formal qualifications, there is still a chance to be considered. You can demonstrate your suitability for the course through the recognition of prior learning (RPL) process following Trinity's RPL policy and procedures. Keep in mind that all RPL applicants will need to complete an interview.

14. If I am applying as an RPL candidate (Recognition of Prior Learning) what documents do I need?

To ensure a smooth application process for Springboard, please ensure you upload all the required documents listed on the Springboard website. Clearly state your highest qualification, such as Level 6, Level 7, or Leaving Certificate. Also, include any additional professional development you have completed, providing evidence of this highest qualification, such as a parchment or transcripts from the awarding body.
Furthermore, make sure to detail your previous work experience comprehensively in your CV.
Clearly state your Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) status in your Statement of Interest.
The content of your Statement of Interest contributes to the score you receive in the RPL process. Candidates should include the following elements: Explain what aspects of the programme interest you most, explain how your life/work experience and qualifications are relevant to the programme. Outline any future application of learning you might have or any other motivation for doing the course (300 words maximum).

15. Can I send my documents to you by email?

Before we can review your application, it is essential you upload all required documents to the Springboard website. Please make sure to upload your documents in PDF format. Unfortunately, Tangent cannot upload supporting documentation on your behalf.

16. How much does this course cost if you are in employment?

For those in employment the course fee is 10%:
• €286 for Workplace Wellness
• €375 for Climate Entrepreneurship
• €312.50 for Creative & Cultural Entrepreneurship
• €300 for Innovation and Enterprise Development
• €380 for Healthcare Innovation

Springboard will fund the remaining 90% if you meet the eligibility criteria for funding.

17. Are these courses similar to a Masters? / Will this course lead onto a Masters?

The courses are stand-alone special purpose award at Level 9 NFQ, worth 30 ECTS. It does not lead to a Masters.

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18. Can you confirm you received my application?

After uploading a document, you will notice its name displayed in red text, indicating a successful upload. When all documents are uploaded and you submit your application, it becomes complete.

19. When will I be notified if I have been awarded a place or not?

Applicants can expect to receive provisional offers about 4-6 weeks before the course begins. These offers are contingent on applicants submitting the necessary funding eligibility documents to Springboard.

Applicants may experience a longer waiting period for certain courses due to extended application timelines. Although we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, we strongly encourage all applicants to apply early for any course of interest.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at springboard@tcd.ie.

20. Is there flexibility on the deadline as I will not have my References/ Eligibility document/ Transcript in time?

To be considered for a place, please ensure that all necessary documents are included with your application before the deadline.

21. Can you tell me why I was not successful /provide additional feedback and what I need to do if I apply again.

Due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to provide individual feedback.

22. Do you have a waiting list?

Eligible applicants who are not offered a place will go on a waiting list. This only applies for a given academic year. Tangent will contact you directly if a place becomes available.

23. What is the time commitment for this course outside of class times?

This is a Postgraduate (level 9) course at Trinity College Dublin. It demands a substantial amount of out-of-class effort. The workload may differ from one week to another and can become more intense during weeks with specific assignments or projects nearing their deadlines.

24. Is it possible to access the lectures at a different time?

You must attend both in-person and online classes as they happen. Attendance at least 80% of the live lectures and workshops is required. It is important to be present for all classes, as active participation is essential for experiential learning, a significant component of the course. Instead of exams, your progress will be continuously evaluated through group work, individual assignments, and presentations. To advance in the course, you must maintain a minimum attendance rate of 80%.