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Foundation Scholarship 2025-26

Trinity Joint Honours

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General Information

Foundation Scholarship 2025-2026 – Trinity Joint Honours Programmes

Foundation scholarship is a College institution with a long history and considerable prestige. It is a distinctive feature of student life at Trinity. It involves a searching examination, set and assessed so as to select students of outstanding ability. The objective of the foundation scholarship examination is to identify students who, at a level of evaluation appropriate to the Senior Freshman year, can consistently demonstrate exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects.

- Open to SF Students only unless granted a formal deferral.
- TJH Candidates sit 4 papers of 8-9 hours total duration
- The structure of your 4 papers will depend on your current pathway - you will take examination(s) in both subjects
- Languages – examinations consist of oral and written examination – if you are unable to attend after the official confirmation window, please notify your department.
- Past Papers: <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/past-papers/annual/>

Applying for Foundation Scholarship

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- Applications will open next week on the Academic Registry website
- You need to ensure you select the correct papers for your pathway
- Please consult the relevant document on Foundation Scholarship - Trinity Joint Honours - Trinity College Dublin (tcd.ie) for the exam codes for your pathway selection. It is very important to consult this before submitting your application as not all papers for your subject may be available to your pathway.
- You should also attend your subject (s) information sessions on Foundation Scholarship
- It is the student's responsibility to select the correct papers for their pathway.
- Confirmation of attendance 10 November– 17 November 2025. If you do not confirm, you will not be scheduled for examination

Structures for Joint Honours Pathway

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You should be taking 20 credits in one of your subjects and 20 credits in your second subject, as well as 20 credits in Open Modules and Trinity Electives.

- Students on this pathway will complete 2 examinations in each of their TJH subject.
- Students **do not take** examinations in their open modules/trinity electives
- You should consult the list on the TJH Foundation Scholarship document for the correct exam codes for each subject

Structures for Single Honours Pathway

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You are taking 40 credits in your Single Honours subject and 20 credits in Open Modules and Trinity Electives. You are no longer taking your second subject as of the start of 2025-26.

- 3 examinations in your 'Single Honours' TJH subject
- 1 examination in your dropped TJH subject
- Students **do not take** examinations in their open modules/trinity electives
- You should consult the list on the TJH Foundation Scholarship document for the correct exam codes for each subject

Structures for Major with Minor Pathway

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You are taking 40 credits in one subject (the Major subject) and 20 credits in the other subject (the Minor subject).

Structure 1	Structure 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 examinations in your 'Major' subject• 1 examination in your 'Minor' subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 examinations in your 'Major' subject• 2 examinations in your 'Minor' subject

You should consult the list on the TJH Foundation Scholarship document for the correct exam codes for each subject

Timelines

Dates	Activity
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 forms
5 January 2026 – 9 January 2026	Foundation Scholarship Examinations
20 April 2026, Trinity Monday, 10.00 am	Announcement of Election to Scholarship 2026

Please note it may be necessary to schedule some examinations in the preceding week.



Who should I contact?

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General Queries

Paper codes/Structure

- Joint.honours@tcd.ie

Content of exams or discipline-specific queries

- Contact(s) within your department(s)



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Thank You