

Leinster Pillar I Cluster 1916 Bursary Application Guide 2021



THE 1916 BURSARY FUND

Apply today

Closes on 15 October 2021, 5pm

Allocate some time to read this guide carefully and complete the application.



What is the 1916 Bursary Fund?

The 1916 Bursary Fund is funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) and aims to encourage participation and success by students who are most socio-economically disadvantaged and from groups most under-represented in higher education.

Right across Ireland, colleges have come together to award this fund in regional clusters. The Leinster Pillar I cluster is made of 6 Higher Education Institutions - IADT, NCAD, MIE, TCD, RCSI, UCD. This cluster has a limited number of bursaries: 43 (Tier 1 €5,000) 20 (Tier 2 €2,000) and a number of one-off Tier 3 (€1,500) available to students applying to these HEIs. **There is a central online application process for the Leinster Pillar I Cluster which is administered by UCD on behalf of the other five institutions.**

Should you be successful in receiving this bursary it will continue for the entire duration of your undergraduate programme of study to a maximum of four years for full-time students & six years for part-time students, once you comply each year with the bursary guidelines.

What is the Criteria?



Remember!

- Applications can only be made online.
- All applications and required supporting documentation must be submitted by **5pm Friday 15th October 2021. Additional supporting documentation WILL NOT be accepted after the closing date.**
- Take time to consider the questions and ensure that you complete the applications accurately.
- All applicants must be pursuing their studies in one of the approved institutions in the Leinster Pillar I cluster.
- Submit clear, complete and required supporting documentation 1916bursary@ucd.ie
- Ensure all documents are scanned in a PDF format.

What are the stages of the application?

There are three easy steps to apply for your bursary. Please note that you can only apply ones and that all the applications for all HEIs must be submitted to UCD.

STAGE 1

Complete the online 1916 Bursary Fund 2021/2022 Application.

Apply before 17:00 Friday 15 October 2021.

STAGE 2

If you need, email all required supporting documentation to

ucd1916bursary@ucd.ie

stating your name and PPS number on the subject line. You will receive an email confirm that we have received the

STAGE 3

UCD will communicate the outcome of your application to the HEI you applied (AIDT, NCAD, MIE, TCD, RSCSI, UCD)

If you are successful, you will need to sign Terms & Conditions to receive the bursary.

Applicants must:

- Be from a socio-economic **disadvantaged background** - You are not required to submit supporting documentation we will verify this by using your address.
- Applicants who applied for SUSI have to be on **the special Rate of SUSI grant 2021** -If this is your case you do not need to submit supporting documentation we will verify this with SUSI.

I do not have a SUSI Special Rate letter, what do I submit?

- A letter that shows that you are in receipt of a Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) means-tested social Welfare payment.

Applicants must:

Target Group

Be from a specific target groups. Please see the required supporting documentation under each target group.

Target group	Supporting documentation
Student living in a disadvantaged area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are not required to provide a supporting document, the address information you provide will be used to assess if you are in this target group.
Student with Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you were deemed eligible for the 2021 Disability Access Route To Education (DARE) your disability information will be verified directly with CAO or your institution, you are <u>not</u> required to submit supporting documentation. If you did not deemed eligible for DARE or did not enter college through DARE <u>you are required</u> to provide appropriate documentary evidence of your disability from a relevant medical professional(s).
Lone parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of being in receipt of a DEASP One-Parent Family Payment in 2020. <li style="text-align: center;">OR Evidence of being in receipt of a DEASP One-Parent Transitional Payment in 2020. <li style="text-align: center;">OR Letter from DEASP stating that you are formally on a One-Parent Family payment and met the criteria of a lone parent. <p>You can request a DSP statement on your MyWelfare account or from your local community welfare office/ Intreo office.</p>
Irish Traveller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from a Traveller advocacy organisation indicating that the applicant is a member of the Traveller community. <li style="text-align: center;">OR Letter from a school or state body indicating that you are a member of the Traveller community.

Ethnic Minority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official letter from the Department of Justice and Equality confirming the specific 'right and permission to remain' or naturalisation of the applicant <u>and/or</u> parent/dependant.• Copy of the applicant's Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that details your Visa stamp details. For more info please see: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/about-registration-system#gnib-card• Photocopy of passport(s): This is to include the applicant's passport and if necessary a copy of the applicants parents/ guardians' country of origin passport and Irish/EU/EEA or Swiss confederation passport if possible. <p>* Only documentation from official state departments i.e. Department of Justice and Equality will be accepted to prove the applicants right to remain.</p>
First-time Mature student and QQI entry applicants	You are <u>not</u> required to provide a supporting document as your entry route will be verified directly with your SUSI.

Applicants must:

- Be a **new entrant pursuing an undergraduate course** and progressing to higher education **for the first time in the 2021-2022 academic year.**
- Have been a resident in the Irish State for three of the past five years.
- Be studying an approved full-time or part-time undergraduate course - leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 6 (Higher Certificate), Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree), Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) on the national framework of qualifications or equivalent awards and must be greater than two years in duration.

Applicants must:

Applicants are strongly advised to submit a personal statement to support their application addressing the following questions:

- Why you are applying for the 1916 Bursary Fund? (Refer to your individual circumstances and your decision to pursue higher education)
- Challenges you have experienced/will experience in accessing and participating in education? (e.g personal, family, community, social, cultural, financial, disability etc.)
- Refer to the target group(s) you are applying under.
- What difference do you think the 1916 Bursary Fund would make to your higher education? Refer to your financial circumstances and overall college experience.