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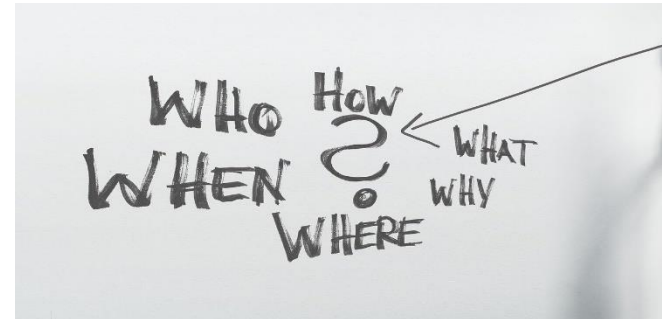
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Postgraduate Students Financial Assistance

Information Session

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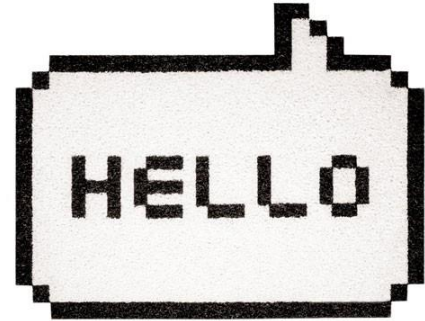


Postgraduate Advisory Service

The Postgraduate Advisory Service is a free and confidential frontline service available to all registered postgraduate students at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin.

What we are:

- Independent
- Non-judgmental
- Confidential
- Dedicated to enhancing your student experience



Who we are: Martin McAndrew (research students) and Nonie Gaynor (taught postgraduates)

- Contact: postgrad.support@tcd.ie

Student Financial Assistance

What is it?

- **It is a once-off payment available to PG Students to help manage current living expenses**
- **PG Students can apply once per academic year**
- **Timeframe for applications:**
 - Open: 24 October, 10am
 - Closed: 25 November, 1pm

What it is/isn't for:

The fund may be allocated towards:

- **Rent** (accommodation will only be considered where students rent away from home)
- **Utilities** (light, heating, internet)
- **Essential travel costs** associated with travel to College
- **Doctor/ dentist** appointment costs
- **Childcare**
- **Essential professional membership** for placement

The fund may NOT be used for:

- **Tuition** or **registration** fees
- **Loan** repayments

SAF guidelines

“In general, the dual focus of the Student Assistance Fund is to support students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds AND to provide emergency financial assistance for other students.

Funding is **not** available to students to assist with the costs of tuition fees, registration fees, student loans or any costs that are borne by the institution.

HEIs should implement standard award amounts under each category of expenditure listed above to reflect the nature of the student’s circumstances and thereby ensure equity in awards.”

Am I eligible?

Yes if:

- You are registered for a postgrad degree/ course for 2022-23 at the time of application, and
- You meet the 2021 income requirements:
 - Your personal income in 2021 was €24,500 or less (independent students)
 - Or, your family income was €54,240 or less (dependent & married students), and
- Your stipend is no greater than €13,000

Am I independent or dependent?

- **Dependents: aged 22 or younger on the 1st January the year you started your course:** must provide **P21** (or equivalent) and **bank statement *for parents***
- **Married/ Civil partners:** must provide P21 (or equivalent) and bank statement ***for spouse*** (co-habiting but non-married/ civil partners are considered “single”)

How do I apply?

1. Online form— Be sure to put in correct student number

2.a Personal statement— 1 page only, brief summary of financial situation, income and monthly expenses

2.b Supporting documents— 1 page only, brief summary of financial situation, income and monthly expenses

Available on PAS website **24th October**

One file
Email to
postgrad.support@tcd.ie
by 1pm **25 November**

Category of Support	Documents required
Course Materials	Bank statement for 3 months, Summary of 2021 income; Tax /social welfare statement, Recent payslips x3, SUSI/ scholarship letter
Childcare	Evidence of children in registered childcare/ after school programme/ school
Lone-parent childcare	Evidence of maintenance agreement/ single parent family payment
Rent	Lease, rental agreement, licence or rent book
Utilities	Bill from the address above
Travel	Leapcard transaction, tickets, Dublin bike transactions, car
Placement/Clinical costs	Proof this is essential to go on placement (course letter)
Doctor/ dentist visit costs	Invoice, bill

How much is awarded?

Category of Support	Amount
Course Materials	€300
Childcare	€140 per child
Lone-parent childcare	€600 flat rate
Rent	€1,000
Utilities	€100
Travel	€100 or €500 if living in family home, 30km from College
Placement/Clinical costs	€100
Doctor/ dentist visit costs	€65

Important Confidentiality & Data Protection

- Information **held securely** and reviewed by Student Support Officers
- **Can redact** PPS number/ bank account number/ housemates' names on bills and leases (the addresses need to match)



FAQs

- Must be in **English** or accompanied by a translation which we reserve the right to verify
- **Missed deadline:** may be a second chance to apply in 2nd term, if funds are available
- **Allocations** will be made before the Christmas holidays wherever possible
- Usually awards of more than €1,100 are paid in 2 instalments: December AND February
- Made to your bank account via the my.tcd portal



Lastly...

- Send everything in **ONE FILE IN ONE EMAIL** to save documents getting lost to postgrad.support@tcd.ie
- **Subject line: surname_firstname_student number_docs_SAF**
- **Incomplete/ late applications** can't be considered
- **Triple-check the right student number** and email address when completing the online form
- Make sure **your bank account details are up-to-date on my.tcd.ie** as if they are not, your payment will take much longer to process (this is the main cause of delays getting the money transferred)



How to get in touch:

Postgraduate Advisory Service, House 27

Postgrad.support@tcd.ie

<https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor/students/postgraduate/>

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