



Alternative Entry Routes to Trinity College Dublin

Information on Mature Entry, FET Routes
and TAP Foundation Courses



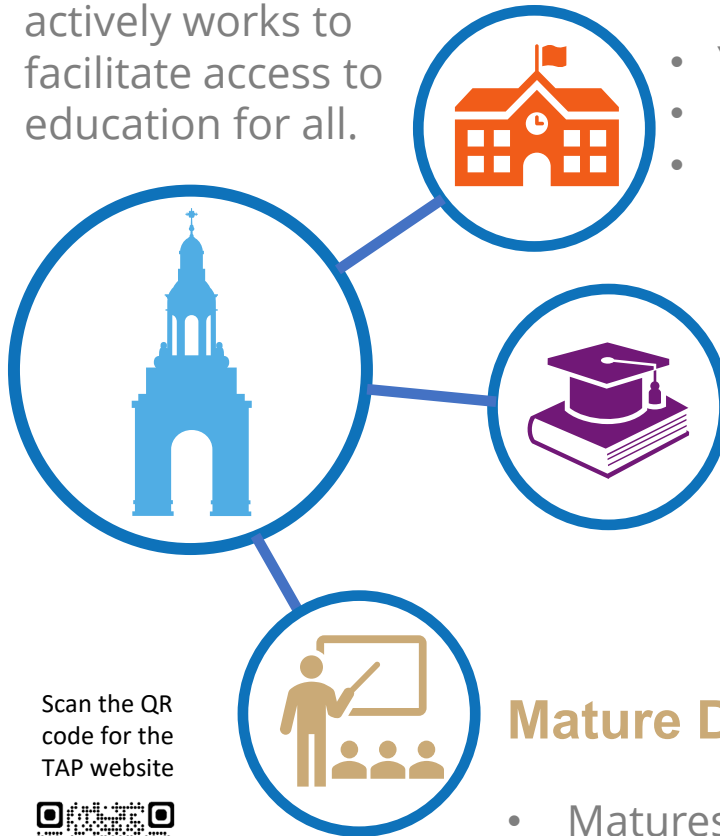
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Alternative Entry Routes

Trinity encourages applications from students from all walks of life and actively works to facilitate access to education for all.



FET Level 5/6 Awards

- Young Adults
- Matures (23+)
- Places on many degrees

TAP Foundation Course

- Young Adults
- Matures (23+)
- Facilitated entry into degree courses

Mature Direct Entry

- Matures (23+)
- No formal points requirements
- Places available on all degrees

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TAP Foundation Course



Trinity Access Programmes (TAP) offers a Foundation Course for Higher Education. The course is designed for young adults and mature students whose social, economic and cultural experiences have prevented them from going to college.

This access course prepares students, personally and academically, to go on and study at degree level. It is full-time for one academic year.

Foundation Course students progress into degrees in Arts, Humanities, Science, Medicine, Engineering and Technology.

Students receive careers guidance, study skills and mentoring. There is no cost to attend, but students must meet the socio-economic criteria for admission.



FET Level 5/6 Awards



Further Education and Training (FET) Level 5/6 Major Awards (PLCs) are accepted for entry into many popular degrees in Trinity.

Students with a FET Level 5/6 Major Award can apply to 1st year in Arts & Humanities, Nursing, Engineering, Science and Technology.

Applications are made through the CAO, using a PPS Number. The deadline is 1st February.

Trinity accepts a broad range of Level 5/6 awards and actively encourages progression into Level 8 degrees.

A full list of courses and the Level 5/6 awards accepted for entry is available on the TAP website under **FET Progression Pathways**.



Mature Student Entry



Mature Student Entry applicants are not required to meet competitive academic entry levels (Leaving Cert points, etc).

Applicants are considered primarily based on how relevant their life, work, and educational experiences are to the course(s) that they wish to pursue.

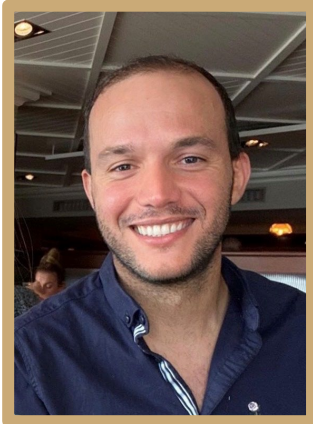
Applications are made through the CAO by 1 February. A supplementary application form is not required. Students must be over 23 on 1 Jan, and qualify for EU Fees.

Applicants may be short-listed for an interview. The interviews take place each year between mid-March and late May.

Trinity welcomes mature students and encourages their pursuit of study in the University. Learning never gets old!



Our students say...



Thiago Silva
General Nursing

“ I received an offer to pursue my General Nursing degree. I was quite apprehensive as a mature student, who hadn't attended College in years and because English is not my first language.

There are many supports and resources available to students, which helped me throughout my first year.

The lectures are informative, and the lecturers are deeply interested in students and have valuable experiences to share.



I would highly recommend any prospective applicant to pursue their dreams, no matter how challenging it may seem.”

Foundation Course for Higher Education

Young Adults and Mature Students



Students can choose from two broad areas of study: Arts and Social Sciences, or Science.

There are modules in English, History, Philosophy, Law, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Business, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science.

Foundation Course students have full access to all Trinity libraries and services, plus financial support. Students who successfully complete the course earn a FET Level 6 Major Award.



Successful students can apply for a place in any Trinity degree course.*

*Students must meet the course pre-requisites

TAP Foundation Course – who can apply?

Young Adults must:

- Have attended a DEIS secondary school in Dublin
- Meet the same socio-economic criteria for HEAR
- Have taken the Leaving Certificate (or FET Level 5) not more than two years prior to application
- Be 21 or under on 1st January
- Be eligible for the Free Fees Scheme or EU Fees
- Achieve the required minimum academic level in the Leaving Certificate*

Mature students must:



- Demonstrate a real desire to pursue a third-level course and the ability to do so
- Be 23 or over on 1st January
- Come from under-represented background(s) in third-level education
- Be eligible for the Free Fees Scheme*

“believe in yourself...”



Chloe Fitzpatrick
PPES

“Nobody in my family went to university and so I thought that was just something people in movies did.

TAP taught me the foundations needed to succeed in college. It gave me a taste of subjects I was interested in, which then led me to apply for PPES (Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Sociology), something I hadn’t thought about.

TAP also advised me to apply for the 1916 Bursary, which I did and got awarded. That bursary has made such a difference in day-to-day college life.

I can’t stress how important it is to believe in yourself and apply for everything that can help even if you think you may not qualify.”



FET Progression Routes

What degree courses can I apply for in Trinity with my FET Level 5/6 Award?

Lots! There are approx. 110 places set aside for FET students every year in all three Faculties.

We have places in popular courses such as Business, Biomedical Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Nursing, Law, Psychology, History, Film, English and more.

Distinctions and Subject Requirements

Students must have a minimum of 5 distinctions in academic modules. Work Experience can be used for points but not to meet the minimum academic distinctions.



Some courses require specific modules (usually Maths or Languages).

Check our Progression Pathways online for a full list of Major Awards and prerequisites.

Mature Students Application Process

Trinity has a great history of encouraging and welcoming mature students to become part of our community. Mature students represent an important and valued cohort in the university.

How to Apply to Trinity as a Mature Student

- Mature students should apply through the CAO by 1st February
- All full-time undergraduate degrees are open to mature applicants
- There is no change-of-mind option for matures – Trinity course choices must be included by February deadline
- Trinity does not require students to sit a mature student admission test (MSAT)
- Students must be 23 or over on 1 January and qualify as an EU resident



Mature Student Interviews



Completing the CAO Application Form

Applicants are assessed initially on their CAO application, including additional documentation such as academic transcripts, statement of interest, CV, etc.

This is a highly competitive process, so it's important to devote enough time to completing the application form to the highest standard possible.

Please read our Mature Student Guidelines booklet for more information.

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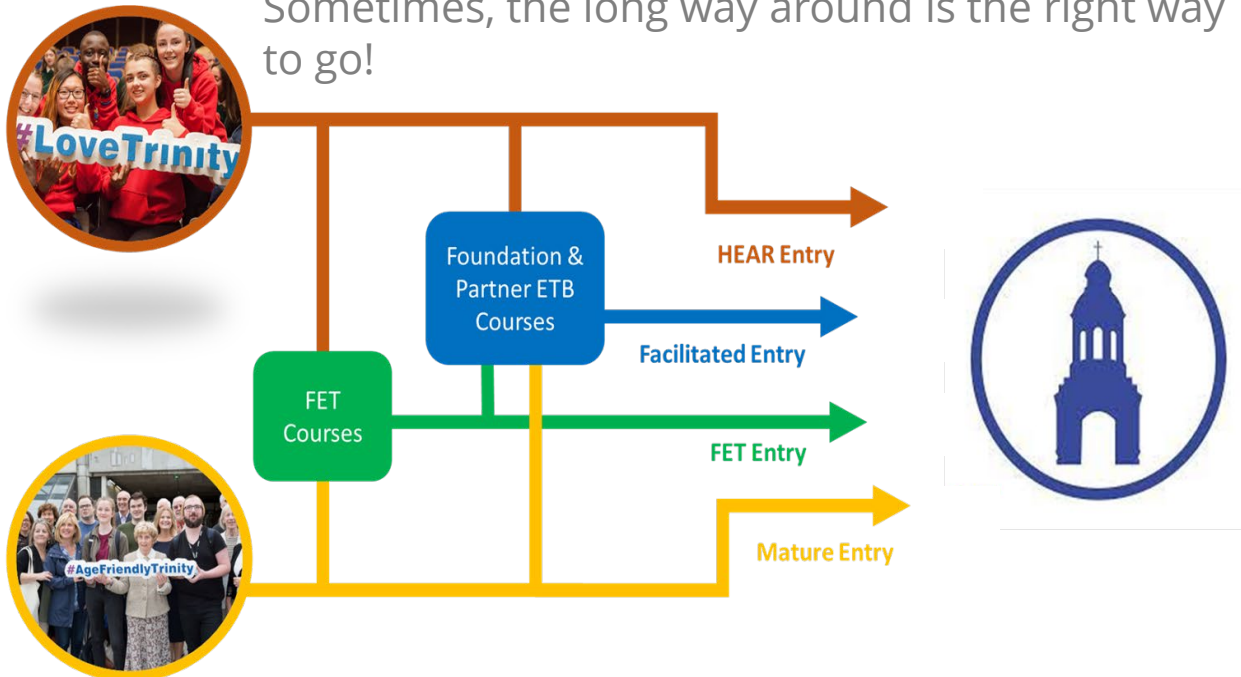
Interviews take place between mid-March and late May. A very high number of applicants are interviewed each year, so it can take a few weeks to be notified of the outcome.



Can I apply through more than one route?

Yes! We recognise the talent and experience of students who are not traditional school leavers and acknowledge the excellent foundation that FET awards provide. The unique perspective and life experience of mature students is valued too.

Sometimes, the long way around is the right way to go!



“Trinity is genuinely open to everyone, regardless of age, gender or worldview. The aura of positivity greets you as soon as you arrive through the arch.”

Anthony McGahan
Geography and Geoscience

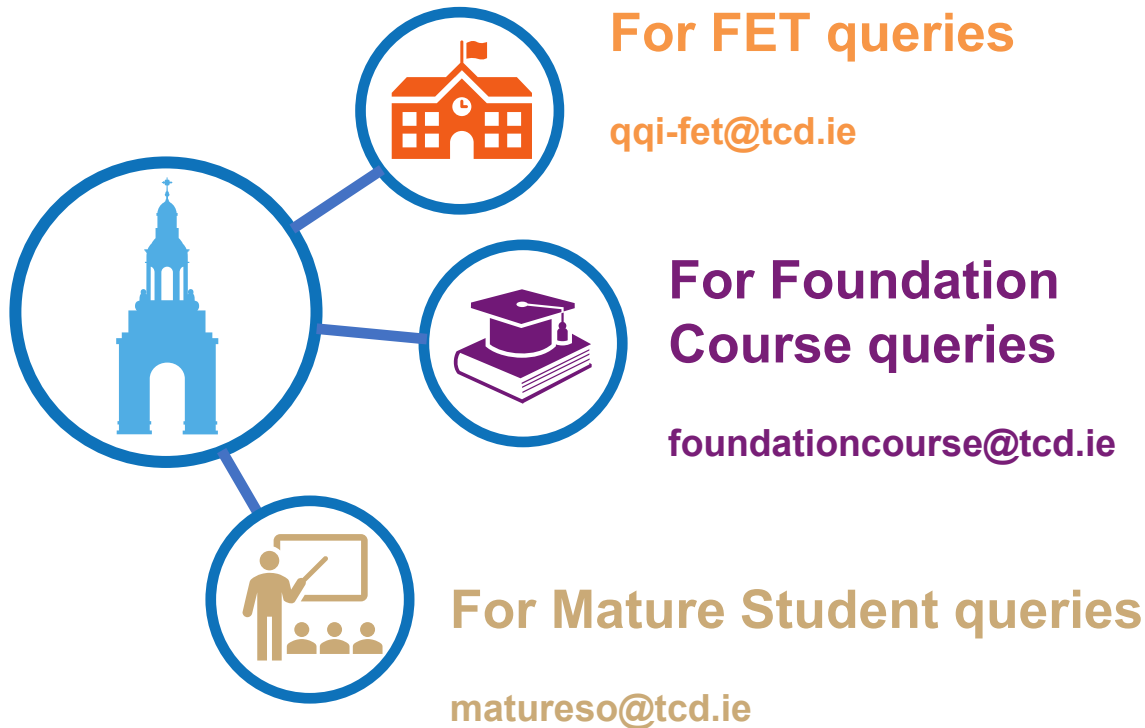


“It is infinitely enriching to learn of everyone’s journey. The walls of Trinity are bustling with all sorts of societies and clubs.”

Adepeju Ayodade
Law

About TAP

The mission of Trinity Access is to work in partnership with students, teachers, families, communities and businesses to widen access and participation at third level of under-represented groups.



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