

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is this Bursary?**

A. The 1916 Bursary is funded by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) through the Leinster Pillar I cluster of Higher Education Institutions – Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire (IADT); National College of Art and Design (NCAD); Marino Institute of Education (MIE); Trinity College Dublin (TCD); the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and University College Dublin (UCD).

### **What does a central online application process mean?**

All the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that are part of the Leinster Pillar I cluster have jointly developed a pilot common application system for the 1916 Bursary 1916, for the 2021/22. That means that all the Bursary applications for all the above HEIs will be administered by UCD. The Bursary will be awarded by the HEI you applied.

### **How many Bursaries will be awarded in the Leinster Pillar I cluster?**

Tier 1 Bursaries (€5,000 per year): 43

Tier 2 Bursaries (€2,000 per year): 20

Tier 3 Bursaries: To be Confirmed.

Each HEI will have a number of bursaries (TBC)

### **If I am successful, for how many years will I be eligible to receive the Bursary?**

The 1916 Bursary will be paid each year of the course up to a maximum of four years for full-time undergraduate students and six years for part-time undergraduate students as long as the recipient complies with the bursary guidelines and progresses to the next academic year of their course.

### **How do I apply?**

There is one central application process for Leinster Pillar I cluster higher education institutions (IADT, NCAD, MIE, TCD, RCSI and UCD). To apply for this scholarship, you need to submit an online application form through Microsoft forms. Please check the

applicant guide as you may need to submit supporting documentation. Applications for 2021/2022 will open on 13 September 2021.

### **If I am awarded the 1916 Bursary, how will I be paid?**

You will be paid by electronic payment to your bank account.

### **Can I get the 1916 Bursary and any other Scholarship or Grant?**

No. You can get the 1916 Bursary with your SUSI, social welfare and you can apply for the Student Assistance Fund but not any other grant.

### **Who can apply for this Bursary?**

The 1916 Bursary is for students who can demonstrate that are socio-economic disadvantaged and be from at least one of the following equity groups:

- Socio-Economic groups that have low participation in higher education. (I.e., either eligible for the highest level of SUSI or be in receipt of DSP means-tested Social Welfare payment)
- First-time mature students
- Students with a disability, particularly students with a physical/mobility impairment or students with a sensory disability, students who are deaf/hard of hearing, who are blind or visually impaired
- Irish Travellers
- Entering on the basis of a further education award
- Lone parents with a DEASP means-tested Social Welfare payment (*20% of the bursaries reserved for this category*)
- Ethnic Minorities
- Refugees

Students need to meet the residency and current immigration status or have leave to remain.

Students must be entering higher education in 2021. Programmes must be greater than two years in duration and to be complete in one of the Leinster Pillar I cluster Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

### **I am a postgraduate student who was not awarded the 1916 Bursary Fund previously. Can I apply for this Bursary?**

No. The 1916 Bursary Fund is only open for the first time, new entrants pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2021-2022 academic year.

### **I am a continuing student who meets the criteria for the 1916 Bursary Fund. Can I apply?**

A. No. The 1916 Bursary Fund is only open for the first time, new entrants pursuing an undergraduate course and progressing to higher education for the first time in the 2021-2022 academic year.

### **Will the 1916 Bursary Fund affect my SUSI Grant?**

No, students will be entitled to hold the 1916 Bursary and the student grant simultaneously, where they meet the eligibility conditions of the student grant scheme.

### **Will the 1916 Bursary affect my Social Welfare payment?**

No. The 1916 Bursary Fund does not affect your means-tested or other payments from the Department of Social Protection.

### **I applied, but I was not eligible for the Bursary. Are there any other financial supports available?**

Yes. Each institution has funds to support students experiencing financial hardship. Please contact the Access Service of the college you applied to find out about financial supports available. Click [here](#) to find information about some of the various support schemes available for registered IADT Students.

### **How will applications be assessed?**

Your application will be assessed based on the information provided on the application form and the provided supporting documentation. The applications will be assessed by the 1916 assessment panel, which is made up of nominees from **the Leinster Pillar 1 HEIS**

### **When will I be told the outcome of my application?**

Applicants will be informed of the outcome six to seven weeks after the online application closing date.

### **When will my bursary be awarded?**

Successful applicants will receive a **conditional** offer. The offer of a bursary is conditional and is subject to the following terms and conditions being met:

- That you secure a place on a course in your chosen HEI and achieve the required academic standard to maintain your place. In the event that you are no longer undertaking a course in one of the above HEIs, our bursary will be withdrawn.
- That you confirm your socio-economic eligibility by providing either:
  - Consent for UCD to verify with SUSI that you are in receipt of the Special Rate OR
  - Written confirmation of a current means-tested payment from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

- Leinster Pillar 1 reserves the right to obtain updated documentation from you through the term of the bursary and should your financial circumstances change the Leinster Pillar 1 reserves the right to withdraw the bursary.

**When will the bursary be awarded?**

The 1916 bursaries for all the above institutions will be awarded at a ceremony.

**Who can I contact with any queries?**

Please contact us by email at [ucd1916bursary@ucd.ie](mailto:ucd1916bursary@ucd.ie) if the query is in relation to the bursary. Please contact the HEI you applied to if your question is regarding any other matter.

The PATH 2 1916 Implementation Guidelines 2021/2022 are available [here](#).