

The Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship (GOI-IES) programme 2025

Each year, 60 scholarships are awarded to international students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to global engagement. This prestigious initiative offers scholarships to outstanding international candidates for one year of full-time study at NFQ levels 9 or 10 (master's, postgraduate diploma, or PhD) in Ireland.

Scholarship Awardees will receive:

- ✓ €10,000 stipend for one year of full-time study.
- ✓ Full tuition fee waiver from their host higher education institution.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Applicants should first apply to their chosen higher education programme and secure an admission offer (conditional or unconditional) before submitting their GOI-IES application.
- ✓ Residency Requirement: Be domiciled outside the EU/EEA, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.
- ✓ Programme Admission: Hold a conditional or final offer of admission to a full-time Level 9 (postgraduate programme)
- ✓ Previous Scholarships: Not have previously received a GOI-IES scholarship.
- ✓ Nationality Restrictions: Due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Russian and Belarusian nationals are not eligible.

How to Apply

- ✓ Applications must be submitted via the online portal before the March 5th deadline with:
- ✓ Two references uploaded through the portal.
- ✓ A carefully prepared application demonstrating academic excellence and alignment with the scholarship goals.

Evaluation and Assessment

- ✓ Academic Achievement: Outstanding records in previous studies.
- ✓ Communication Skills: Ability to articulate goals and plans.
- ✓ Extracurricular Engagement: Participation in activities such as humanitarian work, arts, sports, or politics.
- ✓ Study Rationale: A compelling explanation of how studying in Ireland supports long-term aspirations.

Key Dates

- ✓ Application Deadline: 5:00 PM (Irish time), March 5, 2025
- ✓ Awards Announced: Early June 2025

Further information is available on the HEA website. If you don't find your answer your queries should be directed to the HEA: goi-ies@hea.ie