

Ireland Healthcare Scholarship Program

Scéim Scoláireachtaí Sláinte



Regional Healthcare Scholarship 2022 *Scoláireacht Sláinte Réigiúnach*

Optum® Ireland is a part of UnitedHealth Group (UHG).

The Regional Scholarship Program is funded by the not-for-profit UnitedHealth Foundation established by UHG to enhance the performance of the health system and improve the overall health and well-being of the people we are privileged to serve and their communities.

The Regional Scholarship Program aims to invest in a 21st century health workforce that meets the needs of tomorrow and promote diversity in higher education by supporting young people from less advantaged and non-traditional backgrounds. The program will be delivered by Optum Ireland in partnership with NUI Galway, Ulster University and Queens University.

- The Regional Scholarship Program provides a dedicated scholarship to each of the partner institutions (UU/QUB/NUIG) and the value of each scholarship is €25,000 for the term of the undergraduate course.
- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and have applied for an undergraduate program on the designated course list set out below.
- The fund is administered by the academic institution to the Scholar each year subject to the scholar being in good academic standing.
- A scanned copy, or photo of the completed and signed application form and reference must be completed and sent to nodlaig.brolly@optum.com before: **5 p.m. on Friday, 27 May 2022.**

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To be considered for the Regional Healthcare Scholarship Applicants must:

- Have made a formal application through CAO for a place on the first year of one of the full-time undergraduate designated programs of study in NUIG as listed in Appendix A for entry into the academic year 2022/23;

And/or

- Hold a formal offer for a place on the first year of one of the full-time undergraduate designated programs of study in the Ulster University and/or Queens University as listed in Appendix B for entry into the academic year 2022/23;
- Have a home address in County Donegal;
- Have studied in a secondary school in County Donegal for at least two years preceding the Leaving Certificate examinations in 2022;
- Be sitting the Leaving Cert for the first time in 2022;
- Be involved in community life and demonstrate a willingness to contribute to their community; and
- Be recognised as being from a socio-economically less advantaged background, and provide evidence that they:
 - Qualify for exemption from payment of the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee as a result of medical card eligibility;

and

- Provide a letter from SUSI verifying that they are eligible for State support (Maintenance Grant – Special/Full/75%/25% and/or Tuition Fee Grant (full or part) under the Student Finance Scheme.
- Applicants may provide details of other obstacles that hinder access to third-level education (emotional, physical, cultural or social).
- The School Principal must review the application and then complete the reference template provided in the Application Pack. The reference is confidential and should be sent directly from the Principal to **nodlaig.brolly@optum.com** before the **27 May 2022**.
- As part of the Selection Process, Applicants will be invited to attend an informal group interview session in August 2022 or, asked to provide a video clip in response to certain questions as part of the final assessment of applications.
- Applicants must read and comply with the Terms and Conditions.

Applicants are strongly advised to make an application to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) as soon as possible.

Designated course list 2022/23 | *Liosta na gCúrsaí*

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NUI Galway

GY 501	Medicine (5 year)*	GY304	Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology)
GY 503	Speech & Language Therapy	GY318	Biopharmaceutical Chemistry
GY 504	Podiatric Medicine	GY408	Biomedical Engineering
GY 502	Occupational Therapy	GY104	Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
GY517	Midwifery	GY321	Genetics & Genomics (BSc)
GY303	Biomedical Science		

* The selection reserve the right to award the scholarship to a student placed on the 6 year program

Ulster University/ Magee, Derry

G401	Computer Science	B821	Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
G601	Computer Science (Software Systems Development)	B123	Health Physiology / Healthcare Science
Q131	Irish with Computing	B930	Occupational Therapy
G501	Information Technologies	B160	Physiotherapy
H602	Electrical & Electronic Engineering (BEng Hons)	B985	Podiatry
GA50	Artificial Intelligence	B822	Radiotherapy and Oncology
L500	Social Work	B632	Speech and Language Therapy
8H21	Personalised Medicine		

Ulster University/Coleraine

B230	Pharmacy (MPharm)	B991	Biomedical Science with DPP/ DIAS
B510	Optometry BSc Hons-Bsc Hons/ MOptom	B460	Dietetics (BSc Hons)
C100	Bsc (Hons) Biology	C820	Psychology or Psychology with DPP/DIAS
B992	Biomedical Science	C880	Social Psychology
B990	Biomedical Science with DPP (Pathology)		

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Queens University, Belfast

A100	Medicine	C700	Biochemistry BSc
B230	MPharm	C702	Biochemistry MSci
A200	Dentistry	C704	Biochemistry with Professional Studies BSc
C800	Psychology BSc	C705	Biochemistry with Professional Studies MSci
B100	Human Biology	F150	Medicinal Chemistry BSc
B940	Biomedical Science BSc	F15A	Medicinal Chemistry MSci
B212	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology BSc	F154	Medicinal Chemistry Sandwich BSc
B213	Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (Sandwich) BSc	F15C	Medicinal Chemistry with Industry MSci
B210	Pharmaceutical Sciences BSc	L500	Social Work BSW
B211	Pharmaceutical Sciences (Sandwich) BSc		

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- The Selection Panel will consider the application for, reference and supporting documentation to determine who will be awarded a Scholarship. Evaluation of applications will be on this basis of academic achievement, demonstration of impact on studies, future career potential and personal and family circumstances. Applicants who demonstrate greater financial need will be prioritised in the case of multiple applications of the same standard. The Selection Panel's decision is final. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after the issue of the Leaving Certificate Results.
- Any offer of a Scholarship is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the applicant fulfilling all of the conditions of the Scholarship. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained in the event of any error or omission whatsoever in the information provided by or on behalf of the applicant. The Scholar will be given fourteen (14) days' notice in writing that the offer is being withdrawn.
- Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who have been formally offered a place on a designated course by the Institution on the basis of Leaving Cert results.
- Scholarships will not be awarded, and funds will not be processed unless evidence of an exemption from paying the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee and/or a letter of formal approval from Student Universal Support Ireland ("SUSI") verifying the applicant's entitlement to any form of a Maintenance Grant and and/or Tuition Fee Grant is submitted to the Selection Panel.
- Detailed feedback is not available in the case of an unsuccessful application.
- Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only.
- Successful applicants will not be permitted to hold or receive any other scholarship such as the All-Ireland/ Naughton/ Ernst Walton/ 1916 Bursary and may therefore have to elect which scholarship to receive.
- Depending on the designated course of study, Ulster University or, Queen's University may retain the Scholarship fund cover the cost of the tuition fees and the balance will be processed to the Scholar as per the specified schedule following registration of the Scholar with the Institution. In the event that the tuition fees are provided for due to the nature or the course, the Institution will process the entire fund to the Scholar in accordance with the schedule of payments.
- The Scholar will be notified of the schedule of payments by the Foundation or the Institution.
- Scholarships will be renewed each year subject to the scholar being in good academic standing. Scholars will be expected to adhere to the regulations of the Institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of the Institution determined by the authorities of such Institution for their course.
- The Scholar must commence his or her programme of study in the academic year noted in the Scholarship award. The Scholar must successfully complete their programme of study within the standard timeframe. The duration of the Scholarship will be clearly stated upon confirmation of award and will not be extendable to cover any deferred or repeated year unless the Foundation elects in its sole discretion to extend the Scholarship period. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances, and for a valid reason. In the event that no reasons are provided, it will remain within the discretion of the Foundation to withdraw the Scholarship.
- The Selection Panel reserves the right to award a Scholarship to an applicant who fails to provide evidence of an exemption from paying the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee and/or a letter of formal approval from SUSI verifying the applicant's entitlement to any form of a Maintenance Grant and/or Tuition Fee Grant in circumstances where the Selection Panel is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated sufficient hardship (physical/emotional/social/cultural) in accessing or maintaining a third-level course of study.
- Payment of Scholarships will be administered by the Institution on proof of registration with the Institution on a designated course.

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- The Scholar will be expected to attend a Scholarship Awards Ceremony (date to be agreed by all parties) to be formally presented with the award. The Scholar may also be required to attend an awards ceremony in the Institution and the Institution will invite a representative from the Foundation to attend.
- The Scholar will be expected to take part in the promotion of this Scholarship and may be asked for a photograph and personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar's contact details (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by the Foundation for the purpose of administering the Scholarship only.
- The Scholar will agree to allow the Institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) within the Institution as required.
- The Foundation reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship where a student is deemed not be of good academic standing by the Institution.
- Immediate family members of any Foundation, UHC or Optum Ireland senior employees or executives are not eligible for any Scholarships.
- The Foundation reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions on notice to the Institutions and Scholars
- Subject to the requirements of the applicable Data Protection Legislation, the Scholar will agree to allow the Institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within the Institution as required with the Scholar's express permission. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the "Data Protection Legislation" means any and all laws relating to data protection, the processing of personal data, privacy and/or electronic communications in force from time in Ireland or the United Kingdom, as applicable, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("General Data Protection Regulation" or "GDPR") and any legislation implementing or revising such legislation in applicable EU member states, including the Irish Data Protection Act 2018, and the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation, as it forms part of the law of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of Section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and any legislation implementing or revising such legislation.

