



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

NUI Denis Donoghue Award 2024

Regulations and Procedures

The National University of Ireland (NUI) is pleased to invite applications for the NUI Denis Donoghue Award 2024.

1. NUI Denis Donoghue Award

- 1.1.** The NUI Denis Donoghue Award is an annual award established in memory of Denis Donoghue. The award is funded by a donation from his daughter, Emma Donoghue.
- 1.2.** The purpose of the NUI Denis Donoghue Award is to foster success and facilitate excellence, by providing monetary support to students from under-represented groups in higher education in Ireland.
- 1.3.** The award is intended to support students for a specific purpose which they identify as a barrier to their completion of, or excelling in, their undergraduate degree programme. The award may be used to address a barrier/challenge, including, but not limited to, equipment, training, unpaid internships and travel.
- 1.4.** The award is offered to students who have completed first year/stage one and are in the second year or later of their undergraduate degree programme in an NUI member institution.

- 1.5.** While the award will be open to all eligible students for applications, NUI may announce a particular focus in any given year where at least one award will be allotted to a specified under-represented group.
- 1.6.** In 2024, NUI will offer at least ten individual awards, each valued from €2000 up to €5000.
- 1.7.** Students can receive funding through this award on one occasion only. If unsuccessful, students may reapply in future rounds, up to the final year of their undergraduate degree programme.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1. Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- (i) To be eligible to apply for the NUI Denis Donoghue Award, students must be registered for the academic year 2024-2025 on an undergraduate degree programme in an NUI member institution.
- (ii) Students must have completed first year/stage one and be between second year and final year of their degree programme.
- (iii) Students repeating a year of their degree programme (between second year and their final year) are eligible to apply.
- (iv) Students can be registered on full-time or part-time undergraduate degree programmes leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor's Degree) or Level 8 (Honours Bachelor's Degree) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
- (v) The award is offered to current students in UCC, UCD, University of Galway, Maynooth University, IPA, RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Burren College of Art and NCAD.

2.2. Under-Represented Groups

To be eligible to apply for the NUI Denis Donoghue Award, students must be included in one or more of the following target groups:

- a) Students from communities that have low levels of participation in higher education
- b) First-time mature students (23 or older on 1 January of their year of entry to higher education)
- c) Students with a disability / disabled students

- d) Members of the Irish Traveller community
- e) Further education and training award holders who have progressed to higher education
- f) Lone parents
- g) Students from ethnic minority groups

3. Application Procedure

3.1. Application Form

The online application form is accessible from www.nui.ie/awards. The application form has three sections which must be completed before clicking submit:

- (i) Personal Details
- (ii) Eligibility for the Award
- (iii) Personal Statement

The Personal Statement (max. 300 words) should discuss:

- a) The barrier(s) the student has found to completing or excelling in their degree programme
- b) How exactly the student would use the NUI Denis Donoghue Award to address the barrier(s).

3.2. Closing Date

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday, 18 October 2024**.

4. Selection Procedure

- 4.1.** The NUI Awards team will administer the competition for the NUI Denis Donoghue Award.
- 4.2.** The NUI Awards team will consider all applications and enter all eligible applications into a lottery. The recipients of the NUI Denis Donoghue Award will be drawn from this lottery.
- 4.3.** A recommendation regarding the NUI Denis Donoghue Award will be made to Senate by the NUI Registrar.
- 4.4.** The decision of the NUI Senate on the awards will be final.

5. Terms and Conditions of the Award

5.1. NUI has the right to contact representatives from the NUI member institutions to confirm that applicants are registered in second year or later of an undergraduate degree programme for 2024-2025.

5.2. Award monies will be transferred directly to the successful students.

6. Further Information

The following [statements](#) can be accessed from NUI's website.

- Data Protection Statement
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Statement
- Sustainability Statement