

Government of Ireland – International Education Scholarships 2021

FAQ

Q: *What is the Government of Ireland – International Education Scholarship programme (GOI-IES)?*

A: For an overview of the GOI-IES, please refer to the [GOI-IES Call Document](#)

Q: *Will my ability to travel and study in Ireland under the GOI-IES programme be impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic?*

A: The Higher Education Authority is committed to running the GOI-IES programme for the 2021-2022 academic year, and recognizes that the current pandemic has caused uncertainties in areas such as foreign travel. To assist applicants, information relating to travel to and from Ireland including visa regulations can be accessed at the following websites:

- [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)
- [Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service](#)
- [Department of Justice](#)
- [Health Service Executive](#)

Q: *Who can apply for the GOI-IES?*

A: Students whose domiciliary of origin is outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland/United Kingdom member states and have received an offer of a place with an eligible Irish higher education institution for

- 1) The final year of an undergraduate program
- 2) One year of a taught masters degree program
- 3) One year of a research programme (i.e. one year of a 2-year research masters or a 3-4-year PhD programme).

Q: *How do I know if my domiciliary of origin makes me eligible for the GOI-IES?*

A: In order to be eligible for the GOI-IES scholarship, an applicant must have been continuously resident outside the EU/EEA/United Kingdom/Switzerland region for at least 3 of the past 5 years.

Q: *In the wake of Brexit, are applicants from the United Kingdom eligible to apply for the GOI-IES programme?*

A: Applicants from the United Kingdom are **not** eligible to apply for GOI-IES funding during the 2021 cycle.

Q: *What is the closing deadline for the 2021 GOI-IES?*

A: The 2021 GOI-IES round will close at 5pm Irish Time, 26 March 2021.

Q: When will the 2021 GOI-IES results be available?

A: The HEA expects to release the results by 1 June 2021 at the earliest.

Q: What are the eligible Irish higher education institutions for this scholarship?

A: For a full list of eligible institutions, please see Appendix 1 of the [GOI-IES Call Document](#)

Q: What is an offer letter?

A: In order to apply for the GOI-IES, all applicants **must** possess a conditional or final offer of study from an eligible Irish higher education institution. In order to receive an offer, the applicant must first apply to an Irish higher education institution for a course of study. The institution will then issue the student with an offer if they consider the student eligible for their course.

Q: I do not have an offer letter, can I apply for the GOI-IES?

A: All applicants **must** possess a valid conditional or final offer letter from an eligible Irish higher education institution before the closing deadline of 26 March 2021.

Q: What references should I include in my application?

A: It is up to the applicant to decide what references they feel would best support their application. Please note, we can only accept letters of reference that are uploaded via the online application portal.

Q: Is there a language requirement for the GOI-IES applications?

A: All applications must be completed in English.

Q: Is there a word limit to the application?

A: Some sections of the application will have word limits, and these will be indicated within the relevant sections of the application portal.

Q: If I received additional references/offers/documentation after the closing deadline of 26 March 2021, can I send them to the HEA to add to my scholarship application?

A: Only documentation submitted before the closing deadline of 26 March 2021 will be considered for GOI-IES applications.

Q: I have submitted my application, but noticed there was an error/mistake that I need to change. Is there a way for me to edit a submitted application?

A: We are happy to reset submitted applications back to draft stage to allow you to make edits to them, however we can only do this before the closing deadline of 26 March 2021. If you wish to have a submitted application reset to a draft before the closing deadline, please contact goi-ies@hea.ie. Once the deadline of 26 March 2021 has passed, it will no longer be possible to edit submitted applications.

Q: Can I apply for this scholarship through email/post/telephone?

A: All applications for the GOI-IES **must** be submitted through the [online application portal](#).

Q: What internet browser is best for accessing the application portal?

A: Up-to-date versions of Chrome, Firefox, and Safari have all been proven to work with the application portal. If possible, we would advise against using Internet Explorer. We would also recommend accessing the application portal through a computer rather than a mobile device if possible.