



**An Roinn Oideachais  
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Department of  
Education and Skills

## **The Ernest Walton STEM Bursary Scheme 2019** (for students from DEIS schools)

As part of the Third Level Bursary Scheme 2019, at least eight bursaries will be awarded on a regional basis (two each in Dublin, rest of Leinster, Munster, Connaught/Ulster) to students from DEIS schools who pursue courses at third level in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).

Unlike the Third Level Bursary Scheme, where the bursaries will be automatically awarded to the best performing students based on performance in the 2019 Leaving Certificate, the Ernest Walton STEM bursaries will be based both on Leaving Certificate results and on the students' course choice for third level.

**Therefore, it will be necessary to make an application in order to be considered for the Ernest Walton STEM bursary scheme.**

Applications are now invited from students who meet the following eligibility criteria, and intend to pursue a STEM course at third level:

- Attend a DEIS school
- Be a first-time candidate for the Leaving Certificate
- Be exempt from payment of the Leaving Certificate fee by virtue of holding a medical card
- Have selected a STEM course as **first choice** on their CAO application

The amount of the bursary will be €2,000 per student per year of their course and will be paid as a single payment at the beginning of the academic year. Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for a student grant towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution charge or fees.

Bursaries will be paid annually for the duration of one undergraduate course and up to a maximum 4 years postgraduate study.

**Each candidate must submit a completed application form and attach evidence from the CAO that he/she has applied for a STEM course as their first choice.**

Third level courses of two or more year's duration, listed as STEM courses on the website below and pursued at a publicly funded institution will be considered.

STEM courses are listed on the following website:

[http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao\\_stem\\_wizard.php](http://www.careersportal.ie/members/auth/courses/cao_stem_wizard.php)

The application forms may be copied or additional forms may be requested from:

**Higher Education - Equity of Access,  
Department of Education & Skills,  
Portlaoise Rd,  
Tullamore,  
Co Offaly.**

**Tel. 057-932 5398/4305**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Completed application forms, with evidence attached from the CAO of course choices, must be returned to the above address by 5.15pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Application forms without attached evidence from the CAO indicating course choice will be deemed invalid.
- Applications cannot be accepted after the closing date.

**The Department of Education and Skills, as far as practicable and having regard to the resources available, provides for education and training for people resident in the State at a level appropriate to meet the needs and abilities of those people. The main purpose for which the Department requires the personal data provided by you is to determine eligibility of scholarship/bursary and to monitor and administer its payment. The personal data provided may be exchanged with Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) and State Examinations Commission (SEC). The privacy notice outlining further information in relation to this form can be found at <https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Data-Protection/gdpr/third-level-further-education-and-training/>**

**Full details of the Department's data protection policy setting out how we will use your personal data as well as information regarding your rights as a data subject are available at <https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Data-Protection/>. Details of this policy and privacy notice are also available in hard copy from the address above upon request.**