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**The Professor William C Campbell Bursary Scheme 2019**  
(for students from DEIS schools)

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## 1. Introduction

This Bursary Scheme has been established for the top-performing Leaving Certificate students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The bursary will be known as the Professor William C Campbell Bursary. This bursary will be awarded to an eligible student who has studied at least two science subjects at Leaving Certificate and has applied to study an approved course leading to a primary degree in Zoology, Medicine, Physiology or Biomedical Sciences at undergraduate level in an approved Higher Education Institution.

The third level courses approved for the purposes of this bursary scheme are set out in Appendix I

## 2. Eligibility Requirements

### Third Level Bursary Scheme

Applications for inclusion in the Bursary Scheme are necessary. In order to be eligible a candidate must have attended a DEIS school and participated in a 2019 Leaving Certificate programme at that school, studied a combination of two science subjects counted for CAO purposes, one of which must be biology and must be recognised to be from a socio-economically disadvantaged background. As evidence of such, s/he must have been exempted from the payment of the Leaving Certificate examination fee. An eligible candidate who meets the following criteria will be considered eligible for this Bursary scheme. All first time candidates at the Leaving Certificate Examination 2019, who obtain at least Grade O6 or a higher grade in at least five subjects from the approved list of subjects, (as set out in the Rules and Programme for Post Primary Schools).

In addition to the eligibility requirements outlined above a student must be accepted onto an approved course in the areas of Zoology, Medicine, Physiology or Biomedical Sciences.

**Each candidate must submit a completed application form and provide evidence from the CAO that he/she has applied for a Zoology, Medicine, Physiology or Biomedical Sciences course as their first choice.**

Third level courses of four or more year's duration, listed as Zoology, Medicine, Physiology or Biomedical Sciences courses on the careers portal link and pursued at a publicly funded Higher Education institution will be considered.

To be awarded a bursary a student must be accepted on to and be attending a course that meets these criteria.

### **3. The Order of Merit**

The Professor William C Campbell bursaries, shall be awarded to the eligible candidate who has made an application which meets the approved course criteria outlined above, and who has the highest number of marks on their exam papers in any combination of two science subjects counted for CAO purposes, one of which must be biology. In the event of two or more candidates being considered of equal standard the order of merit be determined by reference to the performance of the candidate in all six best subjects. If the total marks achieved by two or more candidates remain the same, the order of merit shall be determined by reference to the candidates' achievement in his/her best subject.

### **4. Bursary Offers**

The Bursary winner will be notified as soon as possible after the issue of the Leaving Certificate results 2019.

The successful candidate must accept the bursary offer in respect of an approved course for the 2019/2020 academic year or the offer will lapse. The bursary may be deferred for one academic year and for that period only with the prior written permission of the Minister for Education and Skills. Application for deferral of a bursary must be made when accepting the bursary offer.

Any offer of a bursary is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the candidate fulfilling the conditions of the scheme. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained, resulting from any error whatever in the information given by the candidate.

### **5. Conditions attached to Bursary Offers**

The bursary shall be awarded only in respect of attendance at an approved course in an approved institution, and for the normal duration of one approved undergraduate course up to a maximum of five years.

Bursary holders will be expected to fulfill the regulations of their college/institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of their college/institution for their course.

Students to whom bursaries are awarded will also be entitled to apply for student grants towards the cost of maintenance and the student contribution or fees.

It will not be permissible for a bursary holder to hold

- (i) a grant/scholarship awarded by the Department of Education and Skills;
- (ii) any other award payable by a public body; or
- (iii) the equivalent in another EU Member State.
- (iv) All Ireland Scholarship award

The instruction above does not include awards such as scholarships, prizes or bursaries made by the institution being attended or awards under the Government of Ireland Scholarships in the Humanities and Social Sciences or postgraduate research grants, where

the grant received does not exceed a specified amount, which for the 2019/2020 year is specified to be €16,000.

The instruction above does not include awards to candidates under the Student Assistance Fund or the Fund for Students with Disabilities.

It shall be a condition for the award of a bursary under this scheme that the candidate herself/himself authorises the Department of Education and Skills to transfer information regarding the bursary award to a central database of grant holders which may be accessed by the following - Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI), the dedicated payment unit within City of Dublin ETB, the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social Protection.

## **6. Value of Bursaries**

The annual value of the bursary is in accordance with the rates specified by the Minister for Education and Skills. The amount for the Professor William C Campbell Bursary for the 2019/20 academic year will be €5,000.

## **7. Payment of bursaries**

The bursary will be paid as a single payment once confirmation from the college/institution has been received that students have been registered and are attending an approved course.

Payment will be made into the student's Irish bank account.

## **8. Renewal of bursaries**

Bursaries will be renewed on receipt of renewal form from candidate and when the college confirms that the holder has progressed to the next year of the course, subject to the normal duration of the approved course.

The Minister for Education and Skills may terminate or lower the value of a bursary, at any time without notice, where an unfavorable report on the bursary holder is received from the authorities of the relevant college/institution.

Bursaries may not be paid in respect of a second period of attendance at the same level of a course approved for the purposes of this bursary scheme. The Minister for Education and Skills may waive this rule in exceptional circumstances such as certified serious illness.

A bursary holder who, during the course of her/his studies wishes to change course or faculty or defer her/his bursary for one academic year and for that period only, must obtain the prior written approval of the Minister for Education and Skills.

## **9. Determination of Disputes**

Every question or dispute which shall arise in relation to the interpretation or construction of this scheme shall be determined by the Minister for Education and Skills whose decision thereon shall be final.

## **Appendix I**

### **Approved Courses - 2019 Bursary Scheme**

#### **Undergraduate**

A **full-time** undergraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **four years** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the framework of qualifications, and
- (c) is provided by one of the approved institutions listed in **part A** of the Schedule to this Appendix, and

**or**

A full-time undergraduate course that:-

- (a) takes not less than **four years** to complete.
- (b) on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the relevant framework of qualifications, and
- (c) either is listed in **part B** of the Schedule to this Appendix, along with the approved institution providing it, **or** is provided by an educational institution that provides higher education and training which is situated in a member state other than the State which is maintained or assisted by recurrent grants from public funds of that or any other Member State including the State

### **Schedule**

#### **Part A**

National University of Ireland, Dublin  
National University of Ireland, Cork  
National University of Ireland, Galway  
Trinity College Dublin  
University of Limerick

#### **Part B**

#### **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- NUI Degree of MB(Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [5 years]
- NUI Degree of MB (Hons), BCH, BAO, LRCP, SI [6 years]