



SPIRe Masters Graduate Scholarships 2025

Terms and Conditions

1. The overall aim of the UCD SPIRe Graduate Scholarships is to attract Masters applicants of the highest academic standards to participate in the UCD SPIRe Masters programme and provide them with the training, experience and mentorship necessary to their professional development.
2. Graduate Scholarships will comprise a fee remission (for both EU and non-EU students) of **50% of the scheduled fee** of the programme to which they are registered. All students are liable for the Student Centre Levy and for any tuition fees not covered by the scholarship.
3. All students in receipt of a scholarship will be required to provide undergraduate tutorial teaching. This is a core component of the scholarship programme and it also ensures that our undergraduate students benefit from the expertise and knowledge of high performing graduate students. The tutoring will amount to up to 6 hours per week during each of the two 12-week teaching semesters and will be paid separately, in addition to the fee remission.
4. Students may also be assigned duties such as invigilation or supervised examination of scripts. These duties will be paid in addition at normal university rates and conditions.
5. Successful applicants will be under the supervision of the coordinator of the module(s) to which they are assigned as tutors, in addition to their graduate programme director and the Tutor Coordinator.
6. To be considered, applicants must:
 - a. Apply for one of our full-time, in-person MA or MSc courses **by Friday, 6 June**. (See the bottom of this document for a list of eligible courses.)
 - b. Have a conditional or firm offer of admission at the time of application and provide a copy as part of the submission.
 - c. Complete the appropriate application form by the scholarship deadline of **Monday, 30 June 2025**, and be formally enrolled by Tuesday, 20 August 2025.
7. Scholarships will be awarded only to those who are registered as full-time/in-person UCD SPIRe Masters students over the period of the Scholarship. Scholarships are tenable for one year and are non-renewable.
8. The SPIRe Graduate Scholarship **cannot be combined** with another scholarship such as UCD Global Excellence or SUSI.
9. Applications will be accepted from suitably qualified applicants regardless of nationality or residence. Applicants must also demonstrate capacity to teach at graduate level through the medium of English.

10. Applicants are expected to have an excellent undergraduate degree from a highly regarded third level institution and to be qualified for direct admission to the UCD SPIRe graduate programme of their choice. An offer of a Graduate Scholarship may be subject to specified conditions.
11. The School Scholarship Coordinator will evaluate applications alongside input from the admin team. They will then make their recommendations on selection to the Head of School.
12. Applications will be evaluated and ranked by the Scholarship Coordinator according to the following criteria:
 - a. Academic excellence;
 - b. The academic testament of referees;
 - c. Prior experience and formation in chosen field of study, including prior professional experience and training;
 - d. Potential contribution to the School;
 - e. Candidate's career potential.
 - f. Once scholarships are issued, students must indicate acceptance in writing within one week of the notification. It is the student's responsibility to formally accept the offer. A non-response will be considered as declining the offer.
13. Students enrolled in the MSc Sustainable Development, Master of Public Policy, a Graduate Diploma, or any course managed from outside of SPIRe are **not** eligible for the graduate scholarship. A full list of accepted programmes can be found at the bottom of this document.
14. Students enrolled in the 2-year MSc European Governance programme will be eligible to receive the scholarship in their first year of study, in UCD.
15. Applicants must make their own visa/consular arrangements to ensure that they are eligible to reside in Ireland for the duration of their studies. Applicants are **strongly** advised to make any visa application as early as possible as this process may be time consuming and failure to obtain a visa in time for the commencement of the academic year will likely necessitate cancellation of the scholarship award.
16. All Graduate Scholarship students are welcomed as part of the UCD SPIRe research community and as such are expected to participate fully in the scholarly life of the School, inclusive of research seminars, conferences and other scholarly events.
17. Successful applicants must accept the scholarship by the date noted in their offer email.
18. Successful applicants must be present at UCD by the start of the semester.
19. If you are in receipt of another scholarship, you should notify the School as this may affect the fee remission.

20. It is the responsibility of the Scholarship holder to inform the University of any change to the circumstances on which the award of the Scholarship was based. The Scholar must also take responsibility for updating their personal records including any change of address, telephone, or e-mail on the UCD Student Web system within two weeks of such a change. Should a scholar be unable for any reason (including medical reasons) to pursue his/her studies in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship, he/she must inform the School (via his/her supervisor and the Graduate Studies Director) within two weeks of such a situation coming to his/her attention. However, given the basis on which scholarships are awarded, UCD reserves the right to withdraw, suspend, reallocate or seek reimbursement of all or part of the scholarship.
21. These Scholarships are held subject to these Terms and Conditions. If any of the above are breached by a Scholarship holder, UCD SPIRe reserves the right to suspend or terminate the Scholarship and/or will require the Scholar to reimburse UCD SPIRe for such payments as have already been made.

The full list of accepted programmes is as follows:

W346 MA European Politics & Policy FT
 W344 MSc European Politics & Policy FT
 W458 MA Gender, Politics and International Relations FT
 W525 MSc Gender, Politics & International Relations FT
 W301 MA International Development FT
 W303 MSc International Development FT
 W290 MA International Political Economy FT
 W293 MSc International Political Economy FT
 W235 MA International Relations FT
 W036 MSc International Relations FT
 W393 MA Middle East Politics FT
 W410 MA Peace and Conflict FT
 W408 MSc Peace and Conflict FT
 W277 MA Political Theory FT
 W023 MA Politics FT
 W233 MSc Politics FT
 W216 MEconSc European Public Affairs & Law FT
 W035 MSc Human Rights FT
 W473 MSc Politics & Data Science FT
 W351 MSc European Governance FT