

# Ireland Healthcare Scholarship Program

*Scéim Scoláireachtaí Sláinte*



## North West Healthcare Scholarship 2022 *Scoláireacht Sláinte an Iarthuaiscirt*

Optum® Ireland is a part of UnitedHealth Group (UHG).

The North West Scholarship program is funded by the not-for-profit UnitedHealth Foundation established by UHG to enhance the performance of the health system and improve the overall health and well-being of the people we are privileged to serve and their communities.

The North West Scholarship program aims to invest in a 21st century health workforce that meets the needs of tomorrow and promote diversity in higher education by supporting young people from less advantaged and non-traditional backgrounds. The program will be delivered by Optum Ireland in partnership with Letterkenny Institute of Technology.

- The North West Scholarship Program provides two scholarships to Letterkenny IT and the value of each award is €10,000.
- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and have applied for an undergraduate program on the designated course list set out below.
- The fund is administered by the academic institution to the Scholar each year subject to the scholar being in good academic standing.
- A scanned copy, or photo of the completed and signed application form and reference must be completed and sent to [nodlaig.brolly@optum.com](mailto:nodlaig.brolly@optum.com) before: **5 p.m. on Friday, 27 May 2022.**

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To be considered for the North West Healthcare Scholarship Applicants must:

- Have made a formal application through CAO for a place on the first year of one of the full-time undergraduate designated programs of study in Letterkenny Institute of Technology as listed in Appendix A for entry into the academic year 2022/23;
- Have a home address in County Donegal;
- Have studied in a secondary school in County Donegal for at least two years preceding the Leaving Certificate examinations in 2022;
- Be sitting the Leaving Cert for the first time in 2022;
- Be involved in community life and demonstrate a willingness to contribute to their community; and
- Be recognised as being from a socio-economically less advantaged background, and provide evidence that they:
  - Qualify for exemption from payment of the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee as a result of medical card eligibility;**and**
  - Provide a letter from SUSI verifying that they are eligible for State support (Maintenance Grant – Special/Full/75%/25% and/or Tuition Fee Grant (full or part) under the Student Finance Scheme.
- Applicants may provide details of other obstacles that hinder access to third-level education (emotional, physical, cultural or social).
- The School Principal must review the application and then complete the reference template provided in the Application Pack. The reference is confidential and should be sent directly from the Principal to **nodlaig.brolly@optum.com** before the **27 May 2022**.
- As part of the Selection Process, Applicants will be invited to attend an informal group interview session in August 2022 or, asked to provide a video clip in response to certain questions as part of the final assessment of applications.
- Applicants must read and comply with the Terms and Conditions.

**Applicants are strongly advised to make an application to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) as soon as possible.**

# Designated course list 2022/23 | *Liosta na gCúrsaí*

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### Life & Physical Sciences

- LY818 Science – Common Entry with Degree Award options: Bioanalytical Science or Food Science & Nutrition or Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science
- LY817 Bioscience
- LY837 Food Science and Nutrition
- LY867 Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science
- LY806 Pharmacy Technician
- LY816 Dental Nursing
- LY826 Health Science with Physiotherapy Studies
- LY836 Health Science with Occupational Therapy
- LY846 Health Science with Dietetics Studies

### Engineering and Technology

- LY618 Electronic Engineering
- LY607 Electronic Engineering
- LY628 Biomedical Engineering
- LY638 Computing and Mathematics
- LY728 Healthcare Innovation & Technology
- LY748 Computer Science
- LY708 Applied Computing
- LY717 Computing
- LY737 Computer Security and Digital Forensics

### Nursing & Healthcare

- LY908 General Nursing
- LY918 Psychiatric Nursing
- LY928 Intellectual Disability Nursing Early Education and Social Studies
- LY018 Health & Social Care – Common Entry with Degree Award options: Ageing & Care or Disability Studies or Health & Social Care (General)

## Terms and conditions | *Téarmaí agus Coinníollacha*

- The Selection Panel will consider the application for, reference and supporting documentation to determine who will be awarded a Scholarship. Evaluation of applications will be on this basis of academic achievement, demonstration of impact on studies, future career potential and personal and family circumstances. Applicants who demonstrate greater financial need will be prioritised in the case of multiple applications of the same standard. The Selection Panel's decision is final. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after the issue of the Leaving Certificate Results.
- Any offer of a Scholarship is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the applicant fulfilling all of the conditions of the Scholarship. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained in the event of any error or omission whatsoever in the information provided by or on behalf of the applicant. The Scholar will be given fourteen (14) days' notice in writing that the offer is being withdrawn.
- Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who have been formally offered a place on a designated course by the Institution on the basis of Leaving Cert results.
- Scholarships will not be awarded, and funds will not be processed unless evidence of an exemption from paying the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee and/or a letter of formal approval from Student Universal Support Ireland ("SUSI") verifying the applicant's entitlement to any form of a Maintenance Grant and and/or Tuition Fee Grant is submitted to the Selection Panel.
- Detailed feedback is not available in the case of an unsuccessful application.
- Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only.
- Successful applicants will not be permitted to hold or receive any other scholarship such as the All-Ireland/ Naughton/ Ernst Walton/ 1916 Bursary and may therefore have to elect which scholarship to receive.
- Depending on the designated course of study, the Institution may retain the Scholarship fund to cover the cost of the tuition fees and the balance will be processed to the Scholar as per the specified schedule following registration of the Scholar with the Institution. In the event that the tuition fees are provided for due to the nature or the course, the Institution will process the entire fund to the Scholar in accordance with the schedule of payments.
- The Scholar recipient will be notified of the schedule of payments by the Foundation or its representative or the Institution.
- Scholarships will be renewed each year subject to the scholar being in good academic standing. Scholars will be expected to adhere to the regulations of the Institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of the Institution determined by the authorities of such Institution for their course.
- The Scholar must commence his or her programme of study in the academic year noted in the Scholarship award. The Scholar must successfully complete their programme of study within the standard timeframe. The duration of the Scholarship will be clearly stated upon confirmation of award and will not be extendable to cover any deferred or repeated year unless the Foundation elects in its sole discretion to extend the Scholarship period. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances, and for a valid reason. In the event that no reasons are provided, it will remain within the discretion of the Foundation to withdraw the Scholarship.
- The Selection Panel reserves the right to award a Scholarship to an applicant who fails to provide evidence of an exemption from paying the Leaving Certificate Examination Fee and/or a letter of formal approval from SUSI verifying the applicant's entitlement to any form of a Maintenance Grant and/or Tuition Fee Grant in circumstances where the Selection Panel is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated sufficient hardship (physical/emotional/social/cultural) in accessing or maintaining a third-level course of study.

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- Payment of Scholarships will be administered by the Institution on proof of registration with the Institution on a designated course.
- The Scholarship will be processed to the Scholar as per the specified schedule following registration of the Scholar with the Institution.
- The Scholar will be expected to attend a Scholarship Awards Ceremony (date to be agreed by all parties) to be formally presented with the award. The Scholar may also be required to attend an awards ceremony in the Institution and the Institution will invite a representative from the Foundation to attend.
- The Scholar will be expected to take part in the promotion of the Scholarship and may be asked for a photograph and personal statement for use in promotional material. The Scholar's contact details (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by the Foundation and Optum Ireland for the purpose of administering the Scholarship only.
- The Scholar will agree to allow the Institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) within the Institution as required.
- The Foundation reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship where a student is deemed not be of good academic standing by the Institution.
- Immediate family members of any Foundation, UHC or Optum Ireland senior employees or executives are not eligible for the Foundation's Scholarships.
- The Foundation reserves the right to amend these Scholarship Terms and Conditions on notice to the Institutions and Scholars.
- Subject to the requirements of the applicable Data Protection Legislation, the Scholar will agree to allow the Institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within the Institution as required with the Scholar's express permission. For purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the "Data Protection Legislation" means any and all laws relating to data protection, the processing of personal data, privacy and/or electronic communications in force from time in Ireland, as applicable, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("General Data Protection Regulation" or "GDPR") and any legislation implementing or revising such legislation in applicable EU member states, including the Irish Data Protection Act 2018.



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