

Government of Ireland – International Education Scholarships 2023

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

A: To be eligible to apply for GOI-IES you must:

- 1) Have a domiciliary of origin outside of the EU/EEA/Switzerland or United Kingdom
- 2) Have received **an offer of a place in a full-time course at an eligible Irish higher education institution** for either:
 - a. One year of a taught masters degree program
 - b. 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. If your offer for your course at an Irish higher education institution is as an international, non-EU student, then you are eligible to apply for GOI-IES.

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 2023 cycle.

Q: *What is the closing deadline for the 2023 GOI-IES?*

A: The 2023 GOI-IES round will close at 5pm Irish Time, 24 March 2023.

Q: *When will the 2023 GOI-IES results be available?*

A: The HEA expects to release the results by 1 June 2023 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 24 March 2023.

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 24 March 2023, can I send them to the HEA to add to my scholarship application?

A: Only documentation submitted before the closing deadline of 24 March 2023 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 24 March 2023. 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 24 March 2023 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.