



PAVEE POINT
TRAVELLER AND ROMA CENTRE

Further information should be sought from the Access Office of each institution to understand the full criteria required for each respective award. We have included a table below with the financial support information, as well as contact details of Traveller and Roma Support Workers (where applicable) and Access Offices, for each Higher Education Institution in Ireland.

The table below outlines the financial supports and bursaries that Traveller and Roma Students may be eligible for in the upcoming academic year. Each of the supports below are classified as income disregarded. This means that if applicants are successful in their application for the funding below, it **will not** impact their SUSI grant or Department of Social Welfare claims if relevant.

This list is not comprehensive, and we encourage all Traveller and Roma students to contact the Access Office at the institution they're attending or intend to attend to explore the supports available to them.

PATH 5 Funding is available to Higher Education Institutions to help retain existing students and increase Traveller and Roma participation in higher education. **Direct financial support and/or indirect supports for full-time and part-time students can be facilitated**, where it supports the key objectives of PATH 5.

Financial Support	Key Information	Further Information
The 1916 Bursary Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must apply in the first year of study• Awards up to €5,000 per academic year.• Deadline: 5 p.m. 10th October.	See eligibility at www.1916bursary.ie Contact the relevant Access Office.

<p>The 1916 Bursary Fund is a financial award designed to support students from underrepresented groups in higher education.</p>		
<p>Student Accommodation Assistance (DFHERIS)</p> <p>Provides funding to assist higher education students from Traveller and Roma backgrounds, or those with care experience, to cover accommodation costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of €6,000 per academic year (€3000 per semester) • Mortgage or social housing rent is not covered • Deadline: 17th October 2025 (Semester 1) • Deadline: 6th February 2026 (Semester 2) • Must be living independently while attending higher education. 	<p>See the DFHERIS Website for more information.</p> <p>Contact the relevant Access Office.</p>
<p>The Student Assistance Fund</p> <p>The Student Assistance Fund provides financial support to full-time or part-time students experiencing financial difficulties while attending college.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards depend on application • Deadlines vary by institution. 	<p>Contact your Access Office for more information.</p>
<p>The Gisele Schmidt Memorial Fund for Traveller Education (Trinity College)</p> <p>The Gisele Schmidt Scholars Fund for Travellers was established in 2007 at Trinity to financially support Traveller students in accessing higher education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards €1500 annually • Deadline: End of October • One Traveller or Roma will be selected for each academic year • Applies to Post-graduate and Undergraduate. 	<p>Students applying for the fund should contact the Trinity Access Programme by October of their first year.</p>

<p>Access UCC Traveller Success Fund (UCC)</p> <p>The Access UCC Traveller Success Fund is a bursary scheme established to support Traveller students in pursuing their educational ambitions at University College Cork.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards depend on a case-by-case basis • Awardees may receive a supplementary bursary alongside support from the Student Assistance Fund (full-time) or Financial Aid Fund (part-time). 	<p>All queries can be made by emailing: studentassistancefund@ucc.ie</p>
<p>Access Bursary Traveller & Roma Communities (SETU)</p> <p>Applications for the Access Bursary 2024-2025 for Travellers and Roma studying at SETU in Waterford will open in November.</p> <p><i>*This Information was last updated 2024.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: TBC. • Available to all full-time and part-time Traveller and Roma students 	<p>Contact SETU Access Office access.wd@setu.ie or Paul Bennett, SETU Traveller Education Project Coordinator paul.bennett@setu.ie</p>
<p>UCD PATH 5 Bursary</p> <p>The UCD PATH 5 Bursary is available to all Traveller and Roma students in UCD, aimed at supporting access and retention by helping with college costs. It is open to both part-time and full-time students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards vary case-by-case • Apply by the 23rd of each month • Must be registered at UCD, either as a full-time or part-time student. • Financial Need - Low household income (less than €50,840 a year) • Entered UCD through an Access Admissions Pathway • Motivation to study at higher education. 	<p>Apply using this form.</p> <p>Contact all@ucd.ie with any questions you may have.</p>

<p>The KickStart Scholarship Fund</p> <p>The KickStart Scholarship Fund, established by the Probation Service and supported by the Irish Prison Service, helps individuals with a criminal justice history facing socio-economic disadvantage access higher education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually opens late September, early October each academic year • Available in DCU, DkIT, Maynooth University and TUS Athlone • Awards one bursary of €5000 per academic year per institution • Award of € 1,250 per academic year per institution. 	<p>Contact the relevant Access Office in DCU, DkIT, Maynooth University and TUS Athlone for more information.</p>
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Find below a list of the email addresses of each Access Office and, where applicable, the Traveller and Roma education worker in the institution.

<p>Atlantic Technological University</p> <p>ATU Donegal Telephone: 074 9186170 Email: Access.donegal@atu.ie;</p> <p>ATU Galway-Mayo Telephone: 091 742598 Email: ap.galwaymayo@atu.ie</p> <p>ATU Sligo Telephone: 071 9305417 Email: access.sligo@atu.ie</p> <p>ATU St. Angela's Telephone: 071 9179516</p>	<p>Dublin City University access@dcu.ie</p> <p>Cathy McLoughlin Head of Access Service Telephone: 01 700 8814 Email: cathy.mcloughlin@dcu.ie</p> <p>Harry Mallon Traveller and Roma Education Officer Telephone: 01 700 8052/ 087 393 6231 Email: harry.mallon@dcu.ie</p>	<p>Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art and Design</p> <p>Telephone: 01 239 4628 Email: access@iadt.ie</p>
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Dundalk Institute of Technology Eileen Lynch Access Officer Telephone: 0429370236 Email: eileen.lynch@dkit.ie Martin O'Donnachadha Traveller And Roma Communities Outreach Telephone: 042 9370200 Email: Martin.ODonnachadha@dkit.ie	Mary Immaculate College Access & Disability Office AccessOffice@mic.ul.ie	Maynooth University MAP Reception. Telephone: 01 708 4600 Email: access.office@mu.ie Dr Rosario Ryan Director of Access Telephone: 01 708 4519 Email: rosario.ryan@mu.ie
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<p>South East Technological University</p> <p>SETU Waterford Access Office Email: access.wd@setu.ie</p> <p>Paul Bennett SETU Traveller Education Project Coordinator Email: paul.bennett@setu.ie</p> <p>SETU Carlow and Wexford Aisling McHugh Access Officer Email: aisling.mchugh@setu.ie</p>	<p>Technological University Dublin</p> <p>Claire Dunne Access Support Manager Telephone: 01 220 8346 Email: claire.dunne@tudublin.ie</p> <p>Annemarie McDonagh Traveller and Roma Community Engagement Tel: 01 220 8612 Email: Annmarie.mcdonagh@tudublin.ie</p>	<p>Technological University of the Shannon- Midlands Midwest</p> <p>TUS Midlands (Athlone) Jenny Burke Access Officer Telephone: 090 646 8123 Email: jenny.burke@tus.ie</p> <p>Mary Treacy Traveller Support Worker Email: mary.treacy@tus.ie</p> <p>Carmel Hennessy Project Access Officer Email: carmel.hennessy@tus.ie</p> <p>TUS MidWest (Limerick) Aileen Sheehan Assistant Staff Officer (Traveller and Roma- pre- and post-entry support) Email: aileen.sheehan@tus.ie</p>
<p>Trinity College Dublin</p> <p>tapadmin@tcd.ie</p> <p>Wendy Crampton Director Email: wendy.crampton@tcd.ie</p>	<p>University College Cork</p> <p>Email: access@ucc.ie Telephone: 021 490 4807</p> <p>Olive Byrne Head of Access Email: o.byrne@ucc.ie</p>	<p>University College Dublin</p> <p>Dr Bairbre Fleming Director of Access and Lifelong Learning Telephone: 01 716 7563 Email: bairbre.fleming@ucd.ie</p> <p>Ciara McGarry Quinn</p>

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