Iveagh Fellowship Programme

Are you a student from the arts, humanities, and social sciences interested in a career in international policy, including work in international development, human rights, and humanitarian work?

About the Iveagh Fellowship Programme

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in partnership with Saothar, is introducing the Iveagh Fellowship Programme on a pilot basis to assist Irish students identify and participate in high-quality internships in international policy organizations. Fellows will be awarded €5,000 and will be assigned a mentor who will advise them on their internship search strategy. The Fellowship is intended to support students from the arts, humanities, and social sciences interested in careers in international policy, including work in international development, human rights, and humanitarian work. Fellows are encouraged to actively seek out opportunities in these areas by applying to internship programmes and reaching out directly to organization staff to learn about opportunities. Fellowship funds cannot be used to support internships in profit-making institutions except in exceptional circumstances and only where a clear public good can be demonstrated. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade must approve of all internships before transferring funds.

Fellows will **not** be directly placed in organizations by the programme and are responsible for identifying and securing their own internships. Funding will be transferred to Fellows upon successfully securing an internship. Internships must take place in the 2019 calendar year and must last at least 8 weeks. Fellows will be responsible for writing a fortnightly blog as part of the requirements programme.

Application Process

Maynooth University will nominate two candidates to an Expert Panel led by Chief Justice Frank Clarke. Fellows will be awarded €5,000 and mentorship support to help secure internships at internationally recognized organizations. Those applying for awards must be all of the following at the time of application:

- Irish citizens

- Enrolled in a full-time undergraduate or master's degree programme in an Irish university

People who receive university accreditation for internships are encouraged to apply.

An application should include:

1. One-page CV

A one-page CV or résumé highlighting the nominee's academic achievements and any relevant extra-curricular or professional experience.

Files should be titled candidatename_university_cv

2. Statement of purpose

A statement of purpose briefly describing the nominee's reasons for applying for the Fellowship as well as their suitability. This should cover the nominee's internship goals and how they connect to his/her career aspirations. It should also provide evidence of capacity to work well in a professional environment.

Files should be titled candidatename_university_SOP

3. Reference

Please provide one reference letter from a member of academic staff. Reference letters should attest to the academic ability, career motivation, and good character of the nominee.

Files should be titled candidatename_university_ref

The deadline is 17.00 on **Monday, 07 January 2019** by email to Deans.Office@mu.ie

Assessment Criteria for Applicants

In awarding Fellowships, the Maynooth University Expert Panel will take into consideration a broad set of candidates' qualities. These include:

- Genuine interest in pursuing a career in policy and/or policy research, as demonstrated by previous work experience, extra-curricular activities or other experiences.
- Evidence of taking initiative in professional, academic, or extracurricular work, **detailed in the candidate's CV or statement of purpose.**
- Demonstrated teamwork skills and ability to work collaboratively, as indicated by past academic, professional or voluntary experiences.
- Ability to communicate complex ideas effectively.
- Comprehensive writing and editing skills.
- Track record of academic excellence, supported by a reference letter from an academic faculty member.
- Candidates might wish to include any experience with statistical software.