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# Postgraduate Study



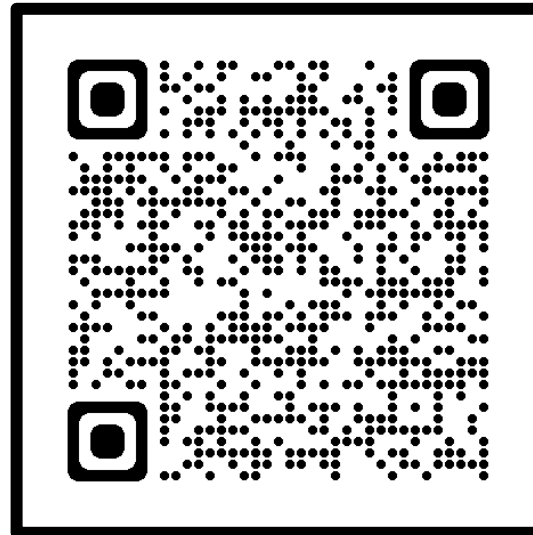
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# Where to find information

As a good starting point visit our website -

Careers & Employability Service website -  
<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/postgraduate-study>



A screenshot of the Maynooth University Careers &amp; Employability Service website. The top banner features the word "SUCCESS" in large, bold, white letters, surrounded by icons representing various career and educational paths. Below the banner, the page is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like "Students", "Employers", "Staff", and "About Us". The main content area displays a "Basic page Postgraduate Study has been updated." notification, followed by a "Clone content" link and a paragraph of introductory text about postgraduate study. Below this, a list of links with blue arrow icons provides quick access to various resources such as "What is postgraduate study?", "Should I do a postgraduate course?", "What is a Masters/PhD/Conversion Course?", "How do I find postgraduate courses?", "Maynooth University Postgraduate Open Day - Presentations", "Entry Requirements And Closing Dates", "Applications And Personal Statements", "Funding", "Study Abroad", and "PhD Resources".

# What is Postgraduate Study?

- Typically, any course you do after your degree is postgraduate study
- There are many different types of courses
- Most are Level 9\*
- Taught courses are popular with many students – these are similar to your undergraduate educational experience – they may include a significant piece of research work too.
- Research Masters usually involve research work only
- PhD – research doctorates involve a significant piece of research – many structured PhD programmes also involve some taught modules
- Professional doctorates can involve research, class and relevant professional training experience

Type	Course e.g.
Taught (Level 9*)	Higher Diploma* (Level 8) Postgraduate Diploma Professional Diploma Masters (MA, MSc) M.Soc.Sc Professional Masters (e.g. PME)
Research (Level 9)	MA, MLitt, PhD
Research (Level 10)	PhD, EdD Professional Doctorate

## Conversion Courses

### Usually open to students from any degree

- Allows you to change direction in your studies
- Enter a new field of study
- Can be 1-2 years in length

## Micro-credentials

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/micro-credentials-maynooth>

- Have a look at micro-creds courses offered in many universities now
- Shorter courses – a very good way to upskill in a specific area of interest to you

## Application process and entry requirements vary from course to course and college to college

### Entry requirements

- Vary between courses/colleges
- May specify a certain grade in your final degree
- Some courses award places based on penultimate year results
- May make conditional offer before final grades awarded
- Some courses require relevant experience

### Closing dates vary between courses

- Confirm college process for this...rolling application / apply asap?

## Applications

- Online – usually on the universities' own websites
- MU currently uses PAC.ie for applications\*
- Set up an account on for any university you are interested in
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- *Personal Statement Tips -*

[https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Personal%20Statements\\_Information2024.pdf](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Personal%20Statements_Information2024.pdf)

## Where to find Courses

Search websites of any universities in which you are interested

Course search websites –



When it comes to your learning journey, the possibilities are endless. But it can be a little overwhelming. Qualifax can help you discover your pathway.

Our comprehensive database of up to 15,000 courses is here to help students.

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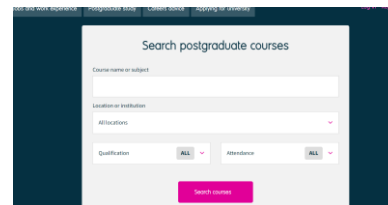
<https://gradireland.com/careers-advice/postgraduate-study>

UK

Prospects <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses>

Abroad <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad>

USA <https://www.internationalstudent.com/school-search/usa/> | <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>



## Funding

- Check websites of universities for details of their funding options

- SUSI

Part-time & Full-time Master's & PhD opportunities  
Apply online at [www.pacie.maynoothuniversity](http://www.pacie.maynoothuniversity)

A Maynooth Education

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**Fees**

Follow this link to view the [Postgraduate Fee Schedule](#) for EU and International Postgraduate Students.

**Postgraduate Scholarships & Funding**

Full details on funding available to postgraduate students is available below:

**MU Research Scholarships**

- [John & Pat Hume Doctoral Awards](#) - The John & Pat Hume Doctoral Scholarship Awards will re-open for applications on Friday 2nd February 2024.
- [Maynooth University Teaching Studentships](#) - Rolling Applications
- [MU Doctoral Scholarships](#) - Rolling Applications
- [Research scholarship opportunities at Maynooth University](#)

**External Research Student Scholarships**

- [External Research Student Scholarships](#)

**Taught Masters Scholarship**

- [MU Taught Masters Scholarships](#)
- [RPL Taught Masters Scholarships](#)
- [30% Club Scholarship](#)

**Additional Maynooth University Departmental Scholarships**

- Anthropology: [Susan Hunter Postgraduate Scholarship](#)
- Economics: [Edgeworth Graduate Student Scholarship](#)
- Law: [Doctoral Scholarship](#)
- Nua-Ghaeilge: [Oireachtas na Gaeilge](#)
- School of Business: [PhD Scholarship on Reuprooting](#)

**Maynooth University International Office Scholarships**

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Further Information

- Student Grant SUSI
- Taught Master's Scholarships

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## Depending on degree the next steps vary...










- Conversion course?
- Masters in Applied Psychology/Psychological Science
- Relevant experience along with postgraduate qualification
- Further specialized professional qualification (depending on area of interest)
  - [Postgrad options in Psychology Presentation](#)
  - [NEPS Presentation](#)
- Psychiatry – this is a medical route, train as doctor initially then specialize – Graduate Entry Medicine route

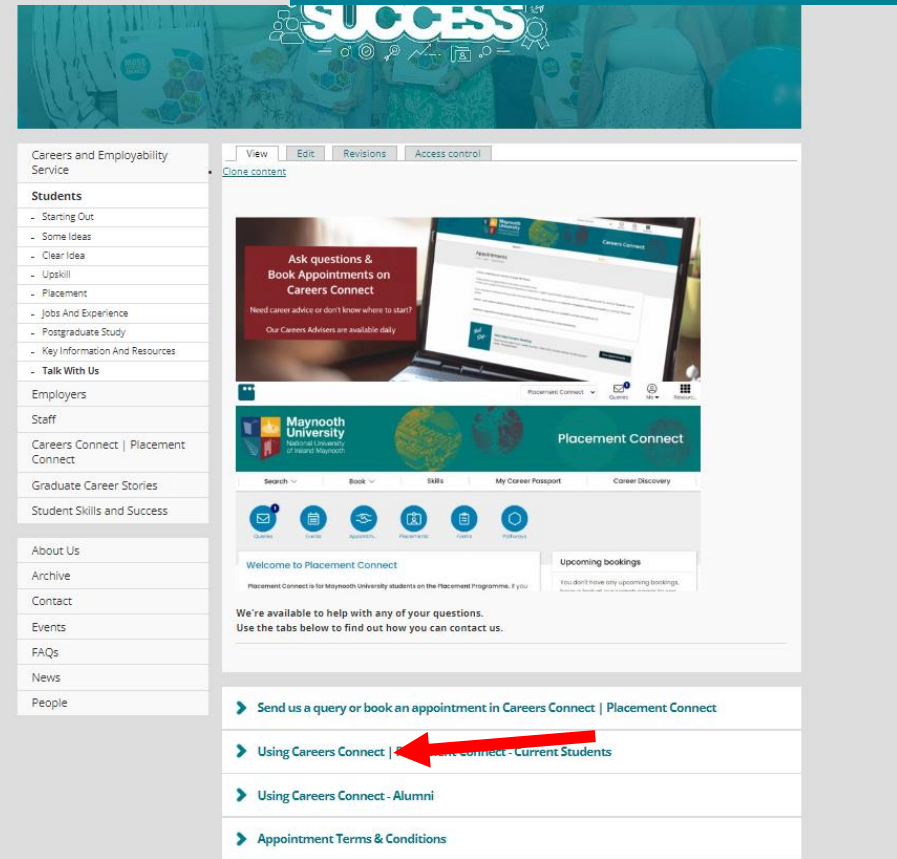
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 <p>I need help getting started.</p>	 <p>I have some ideas of my next step</p>	 <p>I have a clear idea of my next step</p>
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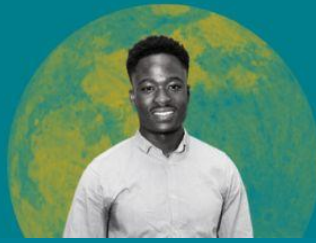


The screenshot shows the Placement Connect website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'View', 'Edit', 'Revisions', and 'Access control'. Below that is a 'Clone content' link. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Ask questions & Book Appointments on Careers Connect' and 'Need career advice or don't know where to start? Our Careers Advisers are available daily'. Below the banner is a search bar and several icons for 'Queries', 'Events', 'Appointments', 'Placement', 'Jobs', and 'Features'. A 'Welcome to Placement Connect' message is displayed, along with a section for 'Upcoming bookings'. At the bottom, there are four links: 'Send us a query or book an appointment in Careers Connect | Placement Connect', 'Using Careers Connect | Placement Connect - Current Students' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Using Careers Connect - Alumni', and 'Appointment Terms & Conditions'.






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## Any questions?

- Use **Careers Connect** to engage with us
  - Appointments
    - Teams Appointments or In-Person Appointments
  - Send us your Questions - Click Queries 



**CAREERS CONNECT PORTAL**



**WEBSITE**

[www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers)



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