**The Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law**

**Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Application Information**

1. **Scholarship Overview**

The **Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law at Maynooth University** was established in 2023/24 through the commitment of Matheson LLP, a leading law firm working with international companies and financial institutions doing business in and from Ireland, to provide Year 1 undergraduate students within the School of Law and Criminology with financial and professional development supports.

1. **Eligibility Criteria**

Through this scholarship, Matheson LLP are committed to providing opportunities to access the legal profession through the company for students at Maynooth University School of Law and Criminology. The scholarship has two connected components:

1. **Financial support**: This scholarship will provide financial support to one Year 2 undergraduate student per annum studying the BCL or LLB within the School of Law and Criminology who have demonstrated high academic achievement, motivation to study law, career aspirations within the legal profession, and interest in Matheson LLP.
2. **Professional development**: The scholarship will also offer the student a year-long paid placement with Matheson LLP.
3. **Mentorship supports** are to be also available from Maynooth University and Matheson LLP.

The financial support through this scholarship is intended to help meet the costs of attending university, including but not limited to expenses such as accommodation and food, travel, study equipment, books and materials, and health, wellbeing and leisure activities.

All applicants must:

1. **School of Law and Criminology**: Be a registered Year 2 student for the academic year 2024-25 on a full-time Level 8 qualification with the School of Law and Criminology[[1]](#footnote-2).
2. **Academic Achievement**: Have successfully completed Year 1 of their course, are registered to study Year 2 School of Law and have demonstrated both subject learning and transferrable/transversal skills development. Successful completion of the mandatory Common Law Modules within Year 1 is a prerequisite for this scholarship (i.e. LW151; LW155; LW156; LW157). A minimum academic achievement of a 2.1 overall for year 1 programme results.
3. **University Participation**: Have maintained satisfactory attendance for their course, including attending lectures, tutorials and any other subject related activities or opportunities. Any participation or attendance in additional or extracurricular activities will be beneficial.
4. **Motivation and Commitment**: Provide a personal statement as part of your application, including your motivation and commitment to study law and criminology at Maynooth University and how you plan to use your studies, knowledge, and skills to build a better world.
5. **Law Internship**: Agree to participate in either the Matheson LLP Summer Internship Programme in June 2025 or the year-long placement.
6. **Application**: Complete the application form before the closing date, and if required, attend an interview with Maynooth University representatives.
7. **Award**: Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, excluding any supports such as SUSI grants or Maynooth Access Programme.
8. **Scholarship Award**

There are three components making up the Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law and Criminology. These are:

1. **Scholarship Award**: The scholarship award is **€2,000 in total.** This will be paid by Maynooth University Foundation over two instalments in Semester 1 and 2 2024-2025.
2. **Matheson LLP Year Long Paid Placement**: An opportunity to work with Matheson LLP, gaining vital experience of the firm and legal profession.
3. **Mentorship:** Students will also be provided with two dedicated mentors, one from the School of Law and Criminology and one from Matheson LLP.

**Matheson LLP Student Placement**

The purpose of Matheson’s Student Placement Programmes is to give you a real insight into our work, people and culture, so that you can decide if Matheson is right for you.  You will experience what life in a law firm is really like, working alongside our talented legal and tax professionals and trainees on transactions for international companies and financial institutions.

You will spend time working as part of the team in one of our main departments: Corporate, Finance and Capital Markets, Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Commercial Real Estate, Asset Management and Tax.  The work will be challenging and interesting and you will also get to enjoy an active social life.

1. **Important Information**

The successful applicant will be notified in writing and required to agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship. Funds will be transferred directly into the student’s bank account by Maynooth University Foundation.

Maynooth University will collaborate with Matheson LLP in reviewing and assessing applications. This may involve representatives from both organisations participating in a panel review. This panel will confirm the selection for the Scholarship Award. Interviews may be held to aid this selection process.

Maynooth University will administer the promotion, application and award process with representatives from the School of Law and Criminology, Admissions and Development Office and Matheson LLP. Matheson LLP will have the opportunity to meet with prospective scholarship students before any award is finalised and issued to students. Matheson LLP will administer the Summer Internship Programme and future Placement Programme and Traineeship Programme opportunities.

**Applications must be submitted to the School of Law and Criminology office (law@mu.ie) by 12 noon Irish standard time, Friday 11 October 2024.** We anticipate receiving a large number of applications, so unfortunately, we won't be able to provide individual feedback on submissions.

Students withdrawing from the course or not engaging fully with the course will see the Scholarship award withdrawn and/or required to return the funds.

Full details of the scholarships are available here: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law/scholarships>

For more information, please contact:

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1. **About Matheson LLP**

At Matheson, we pride ourselves on being Ireland’s oldest law firm and a founding pillar of the Irish legal landscape. Our strong past means that we are built to endure – backed by a solid commitment to never stand still. We are always looking ahead, and always looking to find the next generation of top student and graduate minds.

We recognise the importance of choosing the right law firm for you and getting your career off to the best possible start. We know that you want the opportunity to work with the world's most recognisable brands and play your part in the most innovative and significant transactions in modern history.

It is through this true understanding that we have carefully created so many ways for you to take the first steps towards your future career.

We are committed to empowering you, developing your true potential and giving you opportunity paired with responsibility to soar to new heights.

We call this, The Matheson Way and we invite you to explore our many Programmes and experience The Matheson Way for yourself.

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**Please continue below to complete the Scholarship Application Form.**

1. **Scholarship Application Form**

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| **Application Information** | |
| **Personal Details** | |
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| Home Address |  |
| Term Time Address (if different) |  |
| Maynooth University Email |  |
| Mobile |  |
| MU Student Number |  |
| PPS Number |  |
| **Application Details** | |
| Course Name |  |
| **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS** | |
| Overall Academic Grades (%) | % grade in Year 1  Students need to have obtained an overall average of a 2.1. in year one results. |
| Module Grades (%) | List each module name and % grade awarded. |
| University Personal Highlights | Please describe your personal highlights from your studies at Maynooth University, including your successes and challenges within your course. *(200 words max)* |
| Other Academic Achievements, Honours and Awards | Please list any academic achievements, hours and awards or extracurricular activities that you think may support your application. *(200 words max)* |
| Memberships/Involvements | Please list any non law-related memberships or involvements you have or have had. Also include any relevant volunteering or work experience. |
| **PERSONAL STATEMENT** | |
| Personal Statement | 1. Introducing yourself; please provide some background information and experiences that have shaped you as a person. *(150 words max)* |
| 1. Tell us your motivation for pursuing legal studies at Maynooth University. *(200 words max)* |
| 1. Tell us your interests, ambitions or aspirations for after your graduate. *(200 words max)* |
| 1. Tell us how this scholarship will help you? What impact will it have on you and your family? *(200 words max)* |
| 1. Please describe your interest in working with Matheson LLP and a potential future career with the firm? What appeals to you about the law firm? *(200 words max)* |
| 1. What skills or attributes do you possess that would assist you in having a successful career with Matheson? *(200 words max)* |
| 1. Is there anything else you’d like to add that might help your application. *(200 words max)* |
| **Confirmation** | |
| Declaration  By signing below, you agree to the conditions in the right column | * I hereby confirm that the above information in my application to the Matheson LLP Scholarship in Lawis true and correct to the best of my knowledge. * I understand that if I have misrepresented or given false declaration, I will be ineligible for the Matheson LLP Scholarship in Law. * I agree to being contacted to discuss my application and/or participate in an interview to aid the selection process. |
| Signature (or Print Name) | Enter date |
| How did you hear about the scholarship?  (Please highlight your response) | * In class * From School / University * On social media * Online * Email * Other (please state) |
| Data Protection | The University's lawful basis for the processing of the personal data in this Form is for the Performance of a Contract. The information you provide in this Form will be deleted in accordance with our retention schedules. No personal data will be shared with Matheson LLP however, if you are successful in obtaining a Scholarship, we will only share your name with Matheson LLP for the purposes of awarding the scholarship.  For further information on data protection in National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) and information on how we process your personal data, please see our website [http://mu.ie/data-protection](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmu.ie%2Fdata-protection&data=05%7C01%7CHayley.NiBhriain%40mu.ie%7C32ab83d537124c016c1e08dbd098ce02%7C1454f5ccbb354685bbd98621fd8055c9%7C0%7C0%7C638333126954804386%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nwYqfNBlQhFv%2BBrfJGYF9wQ1e%2BhVOpHnRd3XznIaO4o%3D&reserved=0) and our Student Data Privacy Notice [http://mu.ie/studentdataprivacynotice](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fmu.ie%2Fstudentdataprivacynotice&data=05%7C01%7CHayley.NiBhriain%40mu.ie%7C32ab83d537124c016c1e08dbd098ce02%7C1454f5ccbb354685bbd98621fd8055c9%7C0%7C0%7C638333126954804386%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CEWejo1m%2Bn3i5%2F1nXEqutRa9rVX7nQIgM6Fow4GUPLM%3D&reserved=0).  For other data protection queries, please contact [dataprotection@mu.ie](mailto:dataprotection@mu.ie). |

1. Course codes: **Bachelor of Laws** (LLB, MH501); **Bachelor of Civil Law** (BCL Law and Criminology, LWC, MH502); (BCL Law and Business, LWB, MH502); (BCL Law and Arts, LWD, MH502); (BCL Law and Accounting, LWA, MH502) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)