

# **The Centre for Disability Law and Policy Scholarship**

## **School of Law, NUI Galway**

The CDLP have agreed to fund a scholarship which will be awarded on the basis of a competition open to all applicants for the LL.M. in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy in NUI Galway. The recipient of the scholarship will be awarded the tuition for one year of the programme.

The LL.M. offers students an innovative and internationally focused programme dealing with the process of law reform and policy in the field of disability. This area of law is undergoing significant change as a result of the introduction of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This change in the legal landscape has informed the content and topics for study in the LL.M. Please see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/cdlp> for further information.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to enter for the CDLP scholarship, candidates must first apply for the LL.M. in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy. Only candidates who are offered a place on this programme will be considered for the scholarship. Candidates who have been offered a place subject to degree results are also eligible to apply. Applications for the LL.M. are made online at [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie)

### **Conditions for the Award**

The purpose of the CDLP scholarship is to provide the opportunity to someone with an interest and record in the field of disability law and policy and who will be in a position to use the knowledge and skills gained through the programme to advance the rights and interests of persons with disabilities. Applications will be judged on the following:

- a *curriculum vitae*;
- a *personal statement*, maximum 500 words, outlining the candidates record and commitment to working in the field of disability law and policy;
- a *statement of study objectives*, maximum 300 words, outlining how successful completion of the LL.M. would advance the candidate's career goals; and
- the reports of *two referees*, it would assist the applicant if one of the references reflected a commitment to the field of disability law and policy.

## **Selection Process**

A panel consisting of the programme director of the LL.M. in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy (or representative), the Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy (or Representative), the Head of the School of Law (or representative), and a member of the Programme Board will select the successful candidate. The decision of the panel will be subject to approval of the School of Law.

The applications will be assessed under four main headings which reflect the main sections of the application process. Assessors will consider all four elements of the application and allocate scores as follows:

1. Curriculum Vitae (max. 15 points)
2. Personal Statement (max. 45 points)
3. Statement of Study objectives (max. 25 points)
4. Referees reports (max. 15 points)

## **Application Procedure for Scholarship**

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 pm, on Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.**

Applications should be sent to [llmdisability@nuigalway.ie](mailto:llmdisability@nuigalway.ie)

**Applications will not be assessed if they are incomplete or have been received after the advertised closing date.**