



Coláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí
Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
College of Arts, Social Sciences
& Celtic Studies

McGuinn Scholars Program 2024

Would you like to experience life as a visiting student at a prestigious university in the USA, on a scholarship that includes tuition, a plane ticket to your destination, accommodation and meals, health insurance, an allowance for books, and other attractive benefits?

The McGuinn Irish Scholars Program is an annual scholarship assistance scheme to support high-achieving students from Ireland to study at Villanova University, located about 40 minutes outside of Philadelphia.

There is one scholarship available for a student of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies for semester 2 of the 2024/25 academic year (January to May of 2025). The successful candidate will have a strong academic record and demonstrate qualities indicative of a well-rounded individual, including involvement in various extracurricular activities.

Eligibility criteria:

- You must be completing Second Year in summer 2024.
- You must be on a degree programme that permits a semester of study abroad in Third Year (Semester 2).

Unfortunately this will exclude students of Modern Languages, who, in Third Year, are required to spend the full academic year on an approved programme of study or teaching in continental Europe.

- You should have an overall result of First Class Honours in your 2024 Second Year exams here at the University of Galway.

You can find out more about what Villanova has to offer in terms of campus life and the academic programmes and structures at www.villanova.edu.

How to apply

Please complete [this application form](#) *after you receive your summer exam results*, and note that you will also need to provide

- a CV to include academic results (summary), extracurricular activities, work experience, personal interests;
- a statement of both your First Year and Second Year academic results – this can be an official transcript or a screenshot from your campus account that clearly shows all the modules taken and the % results in each module (however, the successful candidate will be required to furnish official transcripts for admission to Villanova);
- the name of an academic referee. (You do not need a letter of recommendation at application stage; however, you must obtain the agreement of the academic staff member that, if required, they will provide this letter at short notice in early September.)

The above documents should be sent by e-mail to mary.lyons@universityofgalway.ie at the same time as you submit your online form. Please include your name in the title of each of the above document files, e.g. "Surname_Firstname_CV", "Surname_Firstname_FirstYearResults", etc.

The strict **deadline** for submission of this form and all associated documents is **12 noon (Irish time) on Friday, 16th August, 2024.**

Late applications will not be possible, and incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview in the first week of September, 2024 (likely date: 5th September).

Interviews will take place in person: unfortunately online interviews cannot be facilitated. If you wish to be considered for the scholarship, you must ensure that you are available to attend for interview.

Enquiries may be sent to mary.lyons@universityofgalway.ie.