

Schol Presentation

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History of Scholarship in TCD

- Under the Foundation Charter of the University of Dublin, Trinity College, of 1592, Scholars formed part of the Body Corporate (three Scholars were named in the charter).
- Until 1609 there were about 51 Scholars at any one time. In the 1637 Charter, 70 was set as the maximum number of Scholars, and Trinity Monday was appointed as the day when all future elections to Fellowship and Scholarship would be announced.
- Up to this point all undergraduates were Scholars, but after 1637 students other than scholars were admitted.

Scholarship Today

- Today there are around 400 scholars in college, 70 of which are Foundation Scholars, the remainder being Non-Foundation Scholars.
- The only difference is that Foundation Scholars still have the right to vote, alongside the Fellows, on certain changes to the Statutes of the University.

| Scholars Elected | |
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| 2012 | 104 |
| 2011 | 86 |
| 2010 | 80 |
| 2009 | 83 |
| 2008 | 71 |
| 2007 | 76 |

Entitlements of Scholars

College Rooms free of charge: For up to 9 months of the year, plus one summer, usually at the end of a Postgraduate course. Possible to obtain cash-in-lieu of rooms of around €2500, useful if studying abroad for one year.

Commons: A daily three-course meal held in the Dining Hall at 6.15pm, lasting for around 45 minutes. Around 90 to 110 scholars attend each day.

Fees: All tuition and registration fees covered for EU students; only SU and Gym charges need to be paid. For international students, fees are brought down to the EU level.

Other benefits: Annual salary of €254, Sch. suffix, can vote in Seanad elections and wear a graduate gown (as opposed to an undergraduate gown.)

Duration: All of the above for five years, with a maximum of three intermitting years.

Ignore the myths, there are no other entitlements or privileges!

- Around 9 hours of exams, with around three or four papers. The format depends on the course. For example, in BESS, there are four papers of 2 hr 15 min each.
- Questions can be more 'searching' than annual exams, and thus require more understanding and insight into the course material.
- An average mark of or above 70% is required to get Schol. A majority, or at least half of the grades, need to be a First.
- Anyone can sit and get Schol this year. Next year, just Senior Freshmen will be able to do so.

After Exams and Trinity Monday

- No notification is given prior to Trinity Monday of who gets Schol.
- The new Scholars are announced by the Provost on the steps of the Exam Hall at 10am.
- Results and rankings are put up on boards outside the Exam Hall.

- For information on the exams, go to the Exam Office website, and talk to your lecturers setting the papers and/or your Course Co-ordinator.
- List of current scholar by discipline and year is provided on <http://www.tcdlife.ie/scholars>, along with other information.
- For information on the regulation on exercising Scholarship, please see the College Calender, Part 1, at <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/part1/>.