

Medtronic Technical Fellow Scholarship

Section 1 – Scholarship Information & General Conditions

The Medtronic Technical Fellow Scholarship is intended to promote diversity in engineering by providing financial support to under-represented minority groups in university. The scholarship will support a student with an award of €6,000 for each year of their study.

The scholarship scheme will be open to first year students applying to GY408 Biomedical, GY405 Mechanical, or GY401 Engineering (Undenominated) with a view to continuing to year 2 2BG1 Biomedical or 2BM1 Mechanical.

The scholarship is targeted at incoming first year students who are socio-economically disadvantaged and who are from one or more of the following target groups that have low participation rates in higher education.

- students from ethnic minorities including University of Sanctuary students who are lawfully present in the State; members of Irish Traveller community.
- students from minority communities that are socio-economically disadvantaged or that have low levels of participation in higher education.
- further education and training award holders progressing to higher education; and
- lone parents (confirmed by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) as holding a long- term means-tested social welfare payment)

All applicants will be required to supply a personal statement as part of the application process as well as the appropriate supporting evidence that they are members of one or more of the above target groups.

General Conditions for Payment for the Scholarship

Payment of the first Scholarship instalment shall be conditional on the awardee being registered as a University of Galway student. Payment of subsequent Scholarship instalments will be dependent on successful completion of the prior academic year examinations. Payment of the Scholarship will not be made if the Scholar is out of the Institution on a paid placement year and the Institution must advise the Donor if a Scholar is due to be on a placement year and payment will be deferred until the Scholar returns to full time education at University of Galway.

Subject to the Scholar providing his/her consent as part of the Scholarship application process, the Institution will provide Medtronic with a brief statement at the end of each academic year to confirm that all the Scholars have achieved this and/or are of good academic standing.

Section 2 - Scholarship Eligibility Criteria & Selection Process

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the Medtronic Tech Fellows Scholarship applicants must:

- meet the general conditions outlined in Section 1 above.
- have made a formal application through the Central Applications Office for a place on the first year of one of the following full-time undergraduate designated programmes of study:
 - GY408 Biomedical, GY405 Mechanical, or GY401 Engineering (Undenominated) with a view to continuing to year 2 2BG 1 Biomedical or 2BM I Mechanical
 - GY401 Engineering (Undenominated) (EG) - if a student from this cohort is successful they must meet the condition of continuing to year 2 with BG Biomedical or BM Mechanical Engineering

If a student from GY401 (Undenominated) (EG) engineering does not continue with either BG Biomedical or BM Mechanical Engineering the scholarship will be terminated at the end of year one. Scholarship funding will be transferred to the next ranked eligible student.

If a student from GY408 Biomedical (BG) or GY405 Mechanical Engineering (BM) switches to another programme the scholarship funding will be transferred to another eligible student.

Applicants must comply with the following **Terms and Conditions** of the Scholarship:

- 1) A scholarship may be awarded for a maximum of five years for selected Engineering programmes for 4 year BA, Undergraduate Course plus 1 year Master Course;
- 2) The Scholarship Panel will consider the application form and supporting documentation to determine who will be awarded a scholarship. Evaluation of applications will be on the basis of academic achievement, demonstration of impact on studies, future career potential and personal circumstances. Applicants who demonstrate greater financial need may be prioritized in the case of multiple applications of the same standard. The scholarship panel's decision is final;
- 3) Students will not be entitled to receive this scholarship in conjunction with any other bursary, scholarship or award of similar description.;
- 4) Any offer of a Scholarship is dependent upon information being truthful and accurate and upon the applicant fulfilling all the conditions of the

Scholarship. The right to withdraw an offer is maintained in the event of any error or omission whatsoever in the information provided by or on behalf of the Applicant. The Applicant will be given 14 days' notice in writing that the offer is being withdrawn;

- 5) Scholarships will only be awarded to Applicants who have been formally offered a place on a designated course by University of Galway;
- 6) Scholarships will not be awarded, and funds will not be processed unless evidence of a letter of formal approval from Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) verifying the Applicant's entitlement to any form of a Maintenance Grant and/or Tuition Fee Grant is submitted to the Selection Panel where appropriate;
- 7) Detailed feedback is not available in the case of an unsuccessful application;
- 8) Each Scholarship is for the named person on the application only;
- 9) The Scholarship will be processed as per the specified schedule following registration of the recipient with the Institution;
- 10) The scholar will be notified of the schedule of payment by University of Galway;
- 11) The scholarship fund will be paid directly by the Institution to the Scholar to be used for living expenses. Payment of scholarships will be administered by University of Galway on proof of registration and progression for subsequent years with the Institution on a designated course;
- 12) The Scholarship will be renewed each year subject to the scholar being in good academic standing. Scholars will be expected to adhere to the regulations of the Institution and to undergo every term examination or any other examination determined by the authorities of their Institution for their course
- 13) The Scholar must commence his or her programme of study during the academic year of 2023/24. The Scholar must successfully complete their programme of study within the standard time-frame. The duration of the Scholarship will be clearly stated upon confirmation of award and will not be extendable to cover any deferred or repeated year. Authorised postponements will be considered only in exceptional circumstances, and for a valid reason. If no reasons are provided, it will remain within the discretion of University of Galway to withdraw the Scholarship;
- 14) The Scholar will be expected to attend a Scholarship Awards Ceremony to be formally presented with the award. The Scholar may also be required to attend an awards ceremony at University of Galway;
- 15) The Scholar will be expected to take part in the promotion of this

scholarship and may be asked for a photograph and personal statement for use in promotional material and impact reporting. The Scholar's contact details (email address, phone number and postal address) will be retained by University of Galway for the purpose of administering the Scholarship only;

- 16) The Scholar will agree to allow the Institution to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc.) with other parties within the Institution as required with the scholar's express permission;
- 17) All scholarship recipients must adhere to the University of Galway student Code of Conduct;
- 18) University of Galway, in consultation with the supporter, reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions on notice to the scholars where necessary.