



OLLSCOIL NA
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OF GALWAY

Scoil na nEolaíochtaí
Bitheacha agus Ceimiceacha
School of Biological
and Chemical Sciences

School of Biological and Chemical Sciences 4-year Excellence and Merit Scholarships

BSc in Biotechnology & BSc in Genetics and Genomics

Eligibility requirements:

1. All applicants must apply as full fee paying Non-EU students.
2. If students are in receipt of any other outside scholarship, they are ineligible for the SBCS Excellence or Merit Scholarship.
3. Applicants should have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 80% for Merit Scholarships and 85% for Excellence Scholarships to be eligible for consideration for the scholarship. Each applicant must provide a certified transcript/GPA or other official transcript as evidence of these grade requirements.
4. The applicant must complete the entire application process required by the University of Galway, including providing all documentation requested in the application or otherwise requested by the Programme.
5. The applicant must attend the specified BSc programme during the next academic year (AY2025/26). Scholarships cannot be deferred.
6. The student must pass all modules and progress to following year to be eligible for subsequent annual scholarship awards. Limitation of 4 years, without Leave of Absence except in exceptional circumstances.

Selection criteria:

The Programme Director/ Programme Board is responsible for selecting the SBCS Excellence and Merit Scholarship recipients. The Programme Director/ Programme Board shall base its selection of Excellence Scholarship recipient on the following:

1. **Eligibility.** Each SBCS and Merit Excellence Scholarship recipient shall meet all the eligibility requirements described above.
2. **Objective and Non-discriminatory Selection Procedure.** The Programme Director/ Programme Board shall select the SBCS Excellence Scholarship and Merit Scholarship recipients who, in the view of the Programme Director/ Programme Board, are the most deserving of scholarship awards based upon the objective criteria described below. The Programme Director/ Programme Board shall select the SBCS Excellence and Merit Scholarship recipients on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, or disability.

3. **Applicant Personal Statement/Essays.** The Programme Director/ Programme Board may but is not required to request SBCS Excellence and Merit Scholarship applicants or candidates to submit personal statement/essays on topics relevant to the Programme.
4. **Objective Criteria.** The Programme Director/ Programme Board may consider only the following objective criteria in selecting the SBCS Excellence and Merit Scholarship recipient:
 - a) Prior academic performance.
 - b) Participation in college, extracurricular, community activities and prior work experience.
 - c) Recommendations from undergraduate or research supervisors.
 - d) Conclusions that the Programme Director/ Programme Board draw from a Personal Statement/Essay submitted in the application process that demonstrate the applicant's motivation, character, ability, and potential.
 - e) Financial need, with an emphasis toward providing scholarships to a student with financial need, but to whom other need-based assistance is unavailable.