

MA in Journalism and International Affairs (MAJIA) Scholarship

- 1) The MAJIA Scholarship will be competitively awarded to students demonstrating exceptional academic or journalistic ability.
- 2) The MAJIA Scholarship comprises a stipend payment of 10,000 euros payable to successful students after their commencement of the programme. The scholarship is payable in three instalments, each trimester of the academic year. The scholarship may be used to cover education-related expenses, including living expenses and/or tuition fees. Students will be required to obtain an [Irish Personal Public Service Number \(PPSN\)](#) in order to receive the scholarship.

Eligibility

- 3) Scholarships are open to self-funding candidates only.
- 4) Candidates must hold a MAJIA programme offer for the 2021/22 academic year¹. (For January start) or for September 2022/23 intake
- 5) If awarded, the scholarship cannot be combined with any other tuition scholarship. In the instance that an applicant is awarded more than one scholarship offer, they will receive the scholarship of greater financial value.
- 6) The MAJIA Scholarship is open to both EU and non-EU applicants.

How to Apply

- 7) Application for a scholarship requires submission of:
 - A statement on why you merit this scholarship and how your future goals will be advanced by undertaking the MA programme. A statement (500 words maximum or audio-video (3 minute maximum)).
 - An example of your academic work (5000 words maximum) or up to 3 examples of your journalistic work - published or unpublished (print, video or online).
 - A CV (2 pages maximum) outlining your background, education, and achievements.
- 8) Submit all documents to Catherine.Carey@ucd.ie by 5pm GMT on **31st October 2021** (for January 2022 start), **or 1st July 2022** for September 2022 start. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all required documents have been submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

¹ [UCD Term Dates](#)

Due Date and Timeframes

- 9) Decisions by the MAJIA Scholarship Committee will be communicated to applicants by 5th November 2021 for January start.
- 10) Following notification of a scholarship offer
 - a. It is the student's responsibility to formally accept the scholarship offer.
 - b. Failure to respond within the given timeframe will be considered as declining the scholarship offer.
 - c. A declined or lapsed offer for scholarship cannot be reinstated.
- 11) Candidates for the scholarship must pay the deposit required upon acceptance of an offer to study at UCD. Only candidates who have paid their deposit by the acceptance deadline will successfully secure their scholarship.
- 12) The scholarship is non-transferable and will apply only to the programme and academic term (or 'commencement date') associated with the offer letter that contains the scholarship award. Once the offer of the scholarship has been issued, a student who declines the initial offer of admission to UCD may not transfer the scholarship to another programme.
- 13) The scholarship cannot be deferred to another commencement date. If a student chooses to defer their entry to UCD after the offer of a scholarship is given, they will forfeit their scholarship. Students with deferred entry may be re-considered for a scholarship under considerations used for all students for the new year of entry.
- 14) UCD reserves the right to discontinue or modify the scholarship scheme or any component thereof, and to revise any or all of the scholarship requirements, processes, or eligibility criteria, at any time in the future.

Student Obligations

- 15) By accepting the scholarship, students commit to contributing to at least one of any of the following platforms and activities, as reasonably directed by UCD:
 - a) UCD social media content
 - b) UCD website content
 - c) Discussion groups and panels, surveys
 - d) Additional events or activities for the promotion of UCD.
- 16) Only students who remain continuously enrolled in UCD may retain their scholarship.
- 17) A student who withdraws, cancels, becomes inactive, enrolls as less than full-time, is suspended or dismissed from the University will lose their scholarship eligibility. If a

student's enrolment status is changed to any of the aforementioned statuses due to medical reasons (or other approved extenuating circumstances), they may appeal in writing to the College or School Programme Office to have their scholarship reinstated upon return to normal, full-time enrolment at the University. The appeal and supporting documentation, such as a letter from a doctor, should be emailed to the appropriate College or School Programme Office. In order for reinstatement of the scholarship to be considered, a student's leave from the University cannot exceed two consecutive semesters.

- 18) A student who applies for a formal Leave of Absence and is approved by the relevant College Programme Board may retain their scholarship upon return to the same programme at UCD. In order for the scholarship to be retained, the Leave of Absence may not be longer than one academic year.
- 19) Reduced or prorated fees:
 - e) If a student's fees are reduced or prorated due to a formal Recognition of Prior Learning, the scholarship may be prorated in proportion with the fees reduced.
 - f) If a student's fees are reduced or prorated due to a non-standard credit load for another reason, the scholarship may be retained only if the credit load is within 10 credits of the standard credit load for the given year and Stage of the programme. Where the student's annual credit load deviates by more than 10 credits, the scholarship may only be retained where the College Programme Office has documented medical or personal reasons for the reduced credit load. The scholarship amount is subject to adjustment commensurate with the reduction in fees. No increase in the scholarship amount will be considered.
- 20) Once a scholarship has been discontinued, it cannot be reinstated.
- 21) All scholarship and funding schemes are subject to availability of funds, and details given here are subject to change at any time. Potential applicants are urged to check information regularly to ensure they are aware of current procedures, deadlines and other information.
- 22) The University reserves the right to withdraw, vary or amend any aspect of a Scholarship if it is found that an error or mistake has been made by the University.
- 23) Any material misrepresentation of the facts in the candidate's application and supporting materials, whether discovered during the verification process or later, will result in immediate disqualification.

Note that all Terms and Conditions are subject to change without notification.

All queries should be directed to Catherine.Carey@ucd.ie.