

General Conditions Governing the Award Of UCD Ad Astra Academic Scholarships

New Entrants

1. University College Dublin will award a number of Ad Astra Academic Scholarships to students entering the University each academic year.
2. These conditions are supplemental to the University College Dublin Ad Astra Academy Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
3. Candidates entering the University are required to make a special application to the UCD Ad Astra Academy to be considered for the award of these scholarships. This includes the following criteria:
 - To be eligible to apply to the scholarship, candidates must have completed any of the following state examinations: Leaving Certificate, GCE Advance (A-Level) or the International Baccalaureate. They must have received 6 x H1s in the first sitting of the Leaving Certificate or in the case of the GCE Advanced (A-Level), applicants must present with four Grade A* at A level, or it's equivalent in the first sitting.
 - All state examinations must have been completed on the island of Ireland.
 - Candidates will also be expected to complete a successful online application to the UCD Ad Astra Academy and any student shortlisted must be able to attend interview on the date given.
4. Students who did not complete their state examinations on the island of Ireland are eligible for nomination for the stage two scholarship.
5. Scholarships awarded to first year entrants to the University may not be deferred and must be taken up in the year of offer.
6. Candidates who already hold a degree in any jurisdiction are not eligible for the award of an Ad Astra Academic Scholarship.
7. To qualify for the Scholarship, an eligible candidate must have registered for a place in an undergraduate degree programme in University College Dublin. No age limit will apply. Ad Astra Academic Scholarships are not **finalised** until after (i) first year registration and (ii) receipt of the final Leaving Certificate results from the Department of Education and Science at the conclusion of the appeals process (*Usually Mid-September*).
8. Candidates transferring from another university by reapplying through the CAO and gaining exemption from Stage 1 of a programme through Recognised Prior Learning are required to meet the same criteria as Ad Astra Academic Scholars progressing from Stage 1, that is a minimum Stage 1 GPA of 3.68 (or equivalent, i.e. a First Class performance).

Stage Two Scholarships

1. Each year up to 18 scholarships are awarded to current undergraduate students across the University based on academic achievement at the end of stage one. The scholarships are awarded across all UCD programme areas.
2. Students who did not complete their state examination on the island of Ireland are eligible for nomination for the stage two scholarship.

3. Candidates who already hold a degree in any jurisdiction are not eligible for the award of an Ad Astra Academic Scholarship.
4. The chair of the individual programme boards, following final processing of stage one results will advise the Ad Astra Academy of their top performing students who have a minimum GPA of 3.68.
5. These top performing students will be invited to apply to the Ad Astra Academy Academic Programme.
6. The award of the Ad Astra Academy Academic Stage Scholarships may not be deferred.
7. Minimum eligibility criteria are listed below and further programme specific criteria may apply:
 - A minimum stage GPA of 3.68 is required.
 - The student must have obtained at least 60 graded ECTS and meet the progression requirements of their programme in stage 1.

General Conditions for Both New Entrants and Stage Scholars

1. The holder of an Ad Astra Academy Academic Scholarship, to be known as an 'Ad Astra Academic Scholar', will, in addition, be given priority in the allocation of places in the UCD Residences, where circumstances permit. **NB** Ad Astra Academic Scholars must still apply as normal for accommodation through SIS web.
2. An Ad Astra Academic Scholar who leaves the University before the end of the session may be required to repay the amount received in respect of that session.
3. The decision of the Governing Authority as to the eligibility of any candidate, or the awarding of, withholding of, or any deduction to be made from, the Ad Astra Academic Scholarship shall be final and conclusive.