George J. Mitchell Scholarship

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WHAT IS THE MITCHELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

A highly competitive annual award that offers the opportunity to pursue a year of postgraduate study in any field at one of 11 institutions of higher learning on the island of Ireland.
WHAT WE OFFER

Our year in Ireland and Northern Ireland offers more than just an impressive academic program

• Community and Opportunities to Connect
  • Academic Year
  • Convocation
  • Mid-year retreat
  • Commencement
• Lifelong Relationship
WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN A MITCHELL SCHOLAR?

• Scholars reflect Senator Mitchell’s life and career; they embody a deep commitment to:
  1. Scholarly excellence
  2. Public service & community
  3. Leadership
WHAT THE MITCHELL PROVIDES

- One academic year of post-graduate study in any discipline
- Tuition
- Living Expenses
- Transportation to and from the island
- Travel Stipend
- Housing
ELIGIBILITY

• Must be 18 years of age but not yet 30 by October 1 of application year
• Must be U.S. citizen
• Must have undergraduate degree from accredited university before beginning study as Mitchell Scholar
• Do not have to be Irish-American to apply
• Individuals from all academic fields encouraged to apply
THE ISLAND’S HIGHER-EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

University of Ulster

NUI Galway

University of Limerick

University of Cork

Queen’s University Belfast

Trinity College Dublin

University College Dublin

Dublin City University

NUI Maynooth

Dublin Institute of Technology

Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology
APPLICATIONS

• Online Application at mitchellscholars.org:
  • Available mid-late spring every year
  • Deadline: early October
• Rank at least three different university choices
• Institutional Endorsement (enrolled students)
• Four Letters of Recommendation
• Personal Essay
• Supporting Documents
SELECTION PROCESS

- Semi-Final Interviews
  - Held via Skype
  - Final Interview: late Oct-early Nov
- Final Interview with Selection Committee
  - Held in Washington, DC
  - Mid-November
SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic excellence and intellectual curiosity
  - No minimum GPA
- Outstanding record of leadership
- Sustained commitment to public service
SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

- A thoughtful, well-written personal essay
- An explanation of why Ireland/Northern Ireland and why the Mitchell
- Evidence that candidate has done the necessary research to find appropriate programs at appropriate universities
SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Strong letters of recommendation that show personal connection to applicant
- Institutional endorsement discussing applicant’s interests and achievements, obstacles and challenges – in short, a complete picture of who you are
- Strong transcript with courses that clearly prepare candidate for proposed field of study
APPLY FOR A MITCHELL

• We encourage all qualified applicants – regardless of field of study, size or type of school, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical handicap, or political affiliation.

• Go to www.mitchellscholars.org to find out more and to view the application.