

30% Club/DCU Engineering and Computing Scholarship

Are you an ambitious female engineer or computer scientist looking to add momentum to your career by gaining an advanced degree? DCU is providing a second fee scholarship to the 30% Club in 2018. This is a valuable opportunity to impact positively on a career in the ICT or engineering sectors as it can be used to pursue Master's level study, on a part-time basis, in DCU's Faculty of Engineering and Computing. The scholarship is focused on part-time study, in recognition of the high employment rate in these sectors.

The 30% Club is a global movement of international Chairs and CEOs who are committed to better gender balance at all levels of their organisations through voluntary actions. The movement aims to reach a 30% female gender balance on Irish boards and executive management level by 2020. Recent research has shown that women occupy a disproportionately low number of managerial roles across organisation types, sectors and size. While at the most junior level of management the gender mix is quite balanced, women's representation falls significantly at each subsequent stage of the management hierarchy, and change is long overdue. This study was conducted on behalf of the 30% Club by DCU Business School, Dr Melrona Kirrane and Ibec.

Graduates in key technology disciplines are particularly well placed to become leader in many sectors, and DCU is committed to addressing imbalance by offering one talented female candidate the opportunity to further their career by studying a postgraduate programme of their choice at the Faculty of Engineering. This can be used for part-time study on a master's programme in one the areas of Computing, Electronic and Computer Engineering, or Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. The successful candidate will commence their programme in Autumn 2018.

DCU Faculty of Engineering and Computing postgraduate programmes are the perfect choice for executives with senior management ambitions. They are cutting edge, offering a wide range of majors including Data Analytics, Biomedical Engineering and Internet of Things. Full details of the full and part-time postgraduate programmes currently offered by DCU Faculty of Engineering and Computing are available at https://www.dcu.ie/engineering_and_computing/postgraduate-listings.shtml

Carol Andrews, 30% Club Ireland Country Lead, has welcomed this continuing and generous support from DCU for gender balance in leadership.

“Advanced Technical Education can be an effective accelerator in women's career development and DCU offers a comprehensive range of options to choose from. We are extremely grateful for this generous and practical support, adding to the continuing scholarship for a Masters Programme in DCU Business School.”

Application process

The deadline for applications for the 30% Club/DCU Engineering and Computing Scholarship is **Thursday 14th June 2018**. Applications must be submitted electronically to Michele Pringle, Faculty Manager, DCU Faculty of Engineering and Computing. Email: Michele.pringle@dcu.ie

Applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements for their programme of interest and are advised to check the requirements at dcu.ie/courses

An applicant must submit the following:

1. A curriculum vitae, which sets out qualifications and work experience (the CV should be limited to three pages).
2. A letter of application which outlines why the applicant should be considered for the scholarship (word limit = 750 words). The letter should indicate which postgraduate programme offered by DCU Engineering and computing interests the applicant

Selection process

All applications will be evaluated by a panel and a shortlist of applicants will be selected to attend for interview in late June 2018.

