

Talent Search Assessment Application 2024/25



An excellent indicator of
outstanding mathematical
and verbal reasoning
ability for post primary
students aged 12-16 years

Talent Search Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the Talent Search, students must be aged between 12 and 16 years and must attend secondary school in Ireland. Previous talent search qualifiers have shown some of the following characteristics:

- Outstanding aptitude in either mathematical and/or verbal reasoning
- Previous standardised aptitude scores in the 95th percentile or above
- Excellent ability in written work and/or spoken vocabulary
- Exceptional interest in one particular area of knowledge or speciality

Students from countries other than Ireland who wish to establish eligibility for CTYI should contact CTYI directly.

Talent Search Participants

Students reaching an age dependent standard are invited to take part in academic programmes at CTYI (95th percentile) or CAT (85th-94th percentile). DCU Summer Scholars is available to everyone who participates in the Talent Search.

Over 30 subject areas are offered, including subjects as diverse as Popular Fiction, Criminology, Psychology, Computer Gaming and Engineering. These challenging courses are designed to provide heightened academic stimulation. They also provide an opportunity for students to meet other young people with similar interests.

Scholarships are awarded each year to candidates on the basis of merit and need. Please note, scholarships may only be awarded to the same prize winner for no more than two years.

All Centres are contingent on minimum numbers, so there is a chance that you may not be allocated to your chosen test Centre. In this instance, we will allocate you to your nearest available Centre. Applications must be received by the closing dates stated. Applications received on or after the deadline stated will be transferred to the next available date in the same or nearest test centre.

Participants may also sign up to our Correspondence courses and the Early University Entrance programme for Transition Year students.

Talent Search Conditions

Conditions can be found on our website: dcu.ie/ctyi/older-student-assessments

Applicants with a Psychological Assessment

Students who have been assessed independently by an Educational Psychologist may submit a report by post for consideration, in lieu of sitting the Talent Search Assessment. Applications with psychological reports can be sent between the 1st September and 30th April.

Applicants should forward a copy of their psychological assessment along with a completed application form and the €60 evaluation fee. (CTYI do not carry out psychological assessments).

Courses - Summer 2025

CTYI Session 1: 15th June – 4th July

CTYI Session 2: 6th July – 25th July

CAT Session 1: 15th June - 27th June

CAT Session 2: 6th July - 18th July

Summer Scholars Session 1: 16th June – 27th June

Summer Scholars Session 2: 7th July – 18th July

Course Fees (Approximately)

	Duration	Residential	Commuter
CTYI	3 weeks	€1900	€900
CAT	2 weeks	€1400	€650
Summer SCHs	2 weeks	N/A	€500

Residential places will be limited in summer 2025.

Courses will be offered on a first come first served basis.



How To Register

- Complete the Application Form overleaf and choose a date/location
- Pay the €60 Assessment Fee
- Sign and Date the Talent Search Agreement
- Return to CTYI before closing date listed

The Talent Search fee of €60 may be paid online by card, see overleaf for details.

Please note that cash is not accepted.

Email queries to:
talent.search.assessments@ctyi.org

Application Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK

First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender:
Home Address:	
Parent/Guardian 1 Name:	Parent/Guardian 1 Mobile Number:
Parent/Guardian 2 Name:	Parent/Guardian 2 Mobile Number:
Home Phone Number:	Parent/Guardian Email:
Custodial Parent/Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Parent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	Have you previously taken part in courses at CTYI, CAT or Summer Scholars? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Year in School: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th	If Yes, in what year?
Name of Secondary School:	School Roll Number: <small>Find your school roll number at schooldays.ie</small>
Have you taken part in CTYI classes for Primary School children, or previously applied for assessment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you already have a CTYI student number, please write it here:

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to sign and date overleaf. Unsigned Applications will be returned.

Please Tick Your Preferred Date and Location for Assessment

Saturday, 2nd November 2024

☐ Dublin (DCU)

Saturday, 9th November 2024

☐ Cork (UCC)
☐ Galway (University of Galway)
☐ Waterford (SETU)

Closing date for this assessment is **Friday, 18th October 2024**. Applications received after this date will be included in the January assessment and you will be notified.

Saturday, 18th January 2025

☐ Dublin (DCU)

Saturday, 25th January 2025

☐ Cork (UCC)
☐ Limerick (MIC)

Closing date for this assessment is **Wednesday, 8th January 2025**. Applications received after this date will be included in the March assessment and you will be notified.

Saturday, 1st March 2025

☐ Dublin (DCU)

Saturday, 8th March 2025

☐ Limerick (MIC)
☐ Sligo (SIT)

Closing date for this assessment is **Friday, 21st February 2025**. Students sitting the March assessment will be eligible to apply for Summer 2025 but please note there will be very limited course availability.

Talent Search Agreement

I certify that I have read the 2024-2025 Talent Search brochure, meet the criteria and agree to the terms of the Talent Search and intend to take the SCAT at the selected Test Centre. I consent and agree that the personal data relating to the applicant provided on this form will be used by CTYI for the purposes of processing this application and assessing the child's eligibility for the course. This personal data will be retained until your child reaches the age of 21 years and then destroyed. CTYI will be the data controller in respect of such personal data. For further information on CTYI's data processing, including your data protection rights, please see CTYI's website: dcu.ie/ctyi/CTYI-Policies.shtml.

For students who have provided a psychological assessment: As the guardian of the applicant, I expressly consent to CTYI's use of the psychological assessment (and any information contained in that assessment) supplied with this form for the purposes of processing this application and assessing the child's eligibility for the course.

By signing below I give permission for my child to enter the 2024-2025 Talent Search and to participate in the qualifying exam.

***Parent/Guardian 1 Signature**

***Date**

***Parent/Guardian 2 Signature**

***Date**

If parents/guardians are cohabiting, then only one signature is needed.

If parents/guardians are separated/divorced and there is joint custody, then both signatures are required

Fee Payment

To pay by card, go to dcu.ie/ctyi/application-payment where you will be able to pay through the CTYI Online Payment Portal. The Assessment fee is €60.

1. From the **"Programme"** drop down menu, please select **"Older Students"**
2. From the **"Payment Item"** drop down menu, please select **"Assessments"**
3. Please make sure you enter the correct **"Amount to Pay"** with no euro symbol **"60.00"**
4. Once you are happy that your details are correct, click **"Pay Now"**.
5. Make note of your payment reference number - This will also be emailed to you following payment.

***Reference Number**

***Date Paid**

*Required Fields

PLEASE NOTE

An online payment does not constitute an application on its own, and does not guarantee a place on any assessment. You **MUST** complete and return this application form.

CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED

Post Applications To:

**Talent Search
CTYI
Dublin City University
Dublin 9**

Contact Us:

**E: talent.search.assessments@ctyi.org
T: +353 1 700 5634

dcu.ie/ctyi**