

## Possible Funding

<p><b>SUSI Grant</b></p>	<p>Some students may be eligible to have their fees paid and living costs subsidised throughout the year SUSI is the central application authority for maintenance grants. Full details <a href="https://susi.ie/">https://susi.ie/</a></p>
<p><b>Scholarships</b></p>	<p>Many universities offer students' academic, access or sporting scholarships which can help towards the cost-of-living Information on DCU scholarships <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/students/scholarships-grants">https://www.dcu.ie/students/scholarships-grants</a>  External scholarships/bursaries <a href="https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/">https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/</a></p>
<p><b>ESF Student Assistance Fund</b></p>	<p>This fund may be available from the university to full-time and part-time students to assist in areas such as rent living expenses travel college supplies medical and childcare-  <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/students/student-assistance-fund-financial-assistance-service">https://www.dcu.ie/students/student-assistance-fund-financial-assistance-service</a></p>
<p><b>1916 Bursary</b></p>	<p>The Bursary is offered to undergraduate students experiencing socio-economic disadvantage who are commencing third level education for the first time Each student who is awarded the 1916 Bursary will receive a bursary for each year of their undergraduate course of study - <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/students/1916-bursary-fund">https://www.dcu.ie/students/1916-bursary-fund</a></p>
<p><b>Back to Education Allowance</b></p>	<p>If you are unemployed, parenting alone or have a disability and are getting certain payments from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, you may take part in a second-or third-level education course and get a Back to Education Allowance. Further information –  <a href="https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/back-to-education-allowance/">https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/back-to-education-allowance/</a></p>
<p><b>Funding for Students with a Disability</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the Fund for Students with Disabilities (FSD) is to assist further and higher education institutions in ensuring students with disabilities have the necessary assistance and equipment to enable them access, fully participate in and successfully complete their chosen course of study. For information contact  DCU Disability &amp; Learning Support Service - <a href="https://www.dcu.ie/disability">https://www.dcu.ie/disability</a>  HEA - <a href="https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/fund-for-students-with-disabilities/">https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/fund-for-students-with-disabilities/</a></p>

## Part-time Employment

<b>Retail – Supermarkets / Stores</b>	There are different supermarkets/individual stores to contact
<b>Restaurants    Bars    Hotels</b>	2024 - There are many positions available in the hospitality sector Knock on 'Doors'    Look up advertisements    Keep asking around
<b>Brand Ambassador</b>	Many brands are interested in hiring student ambassadors ('Student Brand Managers') to promote them online and offline
<b>Secret Mystery Shopper/Diner</b>	There are a variety of different ways this work is carried out
<b>Market Research</b>	Online surveys / Review Apps and websites
<b>Babysitting    Childminding    Pet Sitting House Sitting</b>	Some students have babysat in their school years – why not now. Pet sitting/walking is popular now
<b>Movie Extra</b>	Check casting services seeking people available for extras/modelling/acting roles

DCU Careers Service <https://www.dcu.ie/careers> Check web or national newspapers advertisements.

## Self-Employment

<b>Freelancing</b>	Turn your Hobby into a Trade    Do you have a talent/skill to offer? Look up freelance websites    Advertise your talents/skills
<b>Tutoring</b>	Subject Grinds    Computer skills    Language    Musical Instrument – Guitar/Piano    Photography    Writing    Design    Baking    Sports Coaching Crafts
<b>Sell Unwanted Items</b>	Online / Second-hand Stores
<b>Sell Crafts / Baking-Cooking</b>	Markets    Fairs    Festivals    Farmers Markets

## Ways to Save Money

### Always have your student card with you to use

<p>Always shop with pre-written list – Know what you need Take advantage of planning meals with a balanced diet Never shop when hungry</p>	<p>Eat before you go out – Learn how to cook A great skill and is enjoyable for you and your friends</p>	<p>Current Accounts – Check the best bank offers and charges – interest fees stamp duty (debit cards)</p>
<p>Become a ‘Shopping Snipper’ - Shop quickly to avoid browsing impulse buys sales personnel.  20 second rule - Know why you are buying it</p>	<p>Cut out buying take out coffees Money spent on coffee could be spent elsewhere Invest in shared coffee maker / Use a flask</p>	<p>Avoid credit cards If you feel it is necessary to have one know the interest rate being charged Shop around Avoid further interest ensure payments are made on time</p>
<p>Shop generic products – Can be considerably cheaper Lidl/Aldi/Dunnes Stores/SuperValue/Tesco/Centra</p>	<p>Cook in bulk then freeze.  Bring lunch to college</p>	<p>Loans – Borrow wisely. Borrow only what you need Check best rates and most flexible</p>
<p>Buy in bulk – Evaluate your nonperishables e.g., beans/toiletries (share with housemates). Kickstart a ‘household kitty’</p>	<p>Take turns on hosting a night in – movie/board games/get-together Potluck gathering - Everyone bring own food/drinks</p>	<p>Set up a Credit Union account no matter how small your savings</p>
<p>Avail of in-store discounts/special offers /  Before shopping check online for special sale/reduced price announcements</p>	<p>Check out discount days/times for students cinema theatre museums  Find things to do for free</p>	<p>Shop around for fuel / Purchase a Leap Card. If possible, use public transport (Option to study/read) Cycle Walk</p>
<p>Check out free samples – In shops/campus-social events / Use loyalty cards - vouchers</p>	<p>Join campus clubs/societies – No/Miniscule cost Good social outlet with opportunities to network</p>	<p>Shop around for the best deals on utilities  Electricity heating mobile phone TV/internet</p>
<p>Take advantage of student discounts both off and online – Food / Clothes / Electrical goods / Other</p>	<p>Never have the immersion on with your central heating  Only boil required water in kettle at any one time</p>	<p>Use Libraries / Buy used textbooks</p>
<p>Avoid buying products displayed at checkout and requesting cash back</p>	<p>Unplug unused electronics/appliances Lights – turn off if not in use</p>	<p>Check if you are due a Tax Rebate / Pay bills on time</p>