

Possible Funding

SUSI Grant	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 https://susi.ie/
Scholarships	External scholarships/bursaries https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/ DCU Information https://www.dcu.ie/scholarships
Student Assistance Fund	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 – https://www.dcu.ie/students/student-assistance-fund-financial-assistance-service
1916 Bursary	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 – https://www.dcu.ie/widening-participation/1916-bursary-fund
Back to Education Allowance	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 – https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/back-to-education-allowance/
Fund for Students with a Disability	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 further information, contact DCU Disability & Learning Support Service - https://www.dcu.ie/disability HEA - https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/fund-for-students-with-disabilities/
University of Sanctuary	The programme offers support with accessing higher education in Ireland, including guidance on applications and funding options. https://www.dcu.ie/sanctuary

Part-time Employment

Retail – Supermarkets / Stores	There are different supermarkets/individual stores to contact
Restaurants Bars Hotels	2025 - There are many positions available in the hospitality sector Knock on 'Doors' Look up advertisements Keep asking around
Brand Ambassador	Many brands are interested in hiring student ambassadors ('Student Brand Managers') to promote them online and offline
Secret Mystery Shopper/Diner	There are a variety of different ways this work is carried out
Market Research	Online surveys / Review Apps and websites
Babysitting Childminding Pet Sitting House Sitting	Some students have babysat in their school years – why not now. Pet sitting/walking is popular now

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

Self-Employment

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

Possible Ways to Save Money

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

Always have your student card with you for possible discounts

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