

Possible Ways to Bridge the Financial Gap

Part-time Employment	(Make sure you have an up-to-date CV with details of previous work and educational experience). You can find some useful tips on writing a CV on the careers website www.dcu.ie/students/careers/cv.shtml
Self-Employment	Do you have qualifications/skills/talents that you can use to earn extra cash? If so, advertise around campus and the surrounding area (e.g. grinds, music lessons, sports coaching, crafts, etc...). For information on starting your own business, go to www.dcu.ie/students/careers/entrepreneur/index.shtml or make an appointment with a Careers Adviser.
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. For more details – go to www.susi.ie
Scholarships	Many universities offer students academic, access or sporting scholarships, which can help towards the cost of living. Go to www4.dcu.ie/prospective/scholarships.shtml for a list of scholarships available to students in DCU. Alternatively, contact the Student Advice Centre at (01) 700 7165. For external scholarships, go to www.studentfinance.ie for a list of funding bodies that target students in third level education.
Apply for financial assistance from the University	The ESF Student Assistance Fund may be available to some full-time students in areas such as childcare, rent, travel, and books. Information on fund www.dcu.ie/students/finance/assistance_fund.shtml Contact Student Support & Development Financial Advisor – Celine Geraghty: Email studentassistancefund@dcu.ie or Phone: 01 700 60 55
1916 Bursary	The Bursary is offered to socio-economically disadvantaged undergraduate students commencing third level education in 2018 and will fund the entire duration of a student's programme of study. https://www.dcu.ie/students/1916-bursary-fund.shtml Email: 1916bursary@dcu.ie
Back to Education Allowance	The BTEA is available to students who were unemployed 9 months prior to registration. Contact your local social welfare office for more information or to http://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/back-to-education-allowance/ . Alternatively information can be found at www.citizensinformation.ie or www.welfare.ie
Fund for Students with a Disability	There is some funding available to students who have a disability and may need extra supports throughout their time at University. Contact the University's Disability & Learning Support Office for more information at www.dcu.ie/students/disability