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**Procedure:**

The Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship Scheme and its eligibility criteria will be advertised to International Research Master’s applicants who are planning to undertake a Research Masters at the University of Galway.

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**Code: Title: Date: Owner:**

**QA215**

**Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship March 2025**

**Graduate Studies**

**Purpose**

Non-EU students who apply to undertake full-time research masters degree studies at the University of Galway are advised that the full tuition fee (often called the "non-EU" fee) will be charged.

Non-EU students who are in receipt of a scholarship or similar funding award that supports the payment of EU fees, but not Non-EU fees, are eligible for the Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship Scheme.

If successful, this scholarship award reduces the fee of the successful Master’s Student from full Non- EU fee to EU student fees.

* The merit-based scholarship award reduces the full Research Master’s fee to that charged to EU students.
* Non-EU applicants **who have accepted their offer of a** Research Master’s **programme** will be invited **by their supervisor** to indicate whether they wish to be considered for a merit-based scholarship.
* The relevant College Graduate Studies committee will review the applications, under the delegated authority of the Executive Dean of College.
* All applicants who meet the threshold will be approved for a scholarship, saving in exceptional circumstances.
* Should the need for an appeal arise, such appeals will be heard by the Executive Dean of College directly.
* For advertising purposes the award will be referred to as the "University of Galway Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship"
* This scholarship scheme will be reviewed every 5 years.
* The Colleges will provide a report of scholarships awarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Standing Committee of Academic Council annually.

**How to Apply**

* Research Supervisors can apply to nominate their Non-EU student to receive the University of Galway Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship Award. If successful, this scholarship award reduces the fee of the successful Research Master’s Student from full Non-EU fee to EU student fees.
* To apply the Supervisor must complete the attached form and submit using the subject line “ResearchMastersIMS\_StudentSurname” to

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**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for this Scholarship Award, the International Research Master’s student must satisfy the following criteria:

* A fulltime registered Research Master’s student at University of Galway
* A Non-EU student
* In receipt of a scholarship or similar funding award that supports the payment of EU fees, but not Non-EU fees.

**Scholarship Approval Process:**

* The relevant College Graduate Studies committee will convene to review the applications and award the scholarships, under the delegated authority of the Executive Dean of College.
* The Committee will meet as required to review applications.
* The College Office will notify the candidate, Supervisor and Fees Office of the outcome of the scholarship application.

**Appeal Process:**

* Candidates wishing to appeal the outcome of an application should submit a letter of appeal, clearly stating the grounds of appeal, to the Executive Dean of College within one month of receiving the scholarship decision.
* All appeals will be reviewed by the Executive Dean of College.
* The Executive Dean of College’s decision is final.

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**University of Galway**

**Full-time Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship**

*Application form to be completed by research supervisor*

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**Name of Student:**

***Student ID Number:***

***Academic Year:***

***Confirm year: e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd***

**Nationality:**

**Academic Qualifications:**

*(Degree awarded & Awarding Body)*

**Research Master’s Programme at University of Galway:**

**Supporting Information:**

*(Justification for request)*

**Eligibility Criteria** (*tick as appropriate*)

**YES**

**NO**

Has the Student accepted the offer of a Research Master’s in the University of Galway?

Is the Student a Non-EU student?

Is the Student in receipt of a scholarship or similar funding award that supports the payment EU fees, but not Non-EU fees?

**Supervisor**

*(Full title & College/Research Centre)*

**Signature of Approval:**

(*Chair of College Research Master’s International Merit Scholarship Committee)*

**Date:**

**Scholarship value €**

**Non EU Fee Total €**

**EU Fee Total €**