

IT Sligo President's Bursary Fund Round 9, 2017 Terms and Conditions

1. The bursaries will have two elements:
 - a. A maintenance grant of €13,000 p.a.
 - b. Tuition fees (currently €819 p.a.) will be paid by the Institute for all holders of student bursaries. Students will be liable for their registration fee. The registration fee for 2017-2018 is €3,000 p.a. This will be deducted from the maintenance grant, and the balance of €10k will be paid directly to the awardee's bank account, in monthly tranches.

Total Annual Award: €13,819

2. A further allocation of money for consumables may be made by the Research Office, on a case-by-case basis, of up to €2k/a for desk-based projects and €4k/a for laboratory/field based projects. This is available for drawdown during the bursary period, but no later.
3. The award will be for 2 years. A third and a fourth year (if required) will be awarded if the candidate successfully completes a transfer to the PhD register prior to the completion of the two year term (applications normally made ca. 18 months into the research).
4. The Institute's Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research and the Institute's Intellectual Property Policy have important information on the research environment, process and regulations. They can be found at: http://itsligo.ie/research-innovation/research-welcome/current-postgraduates/#regulations_and_forms. Application for a President's Bursary will be taken to confirm that the candidate has read and understood these documents.
5. Drawdown of the award is dependent on successful application to enter IT Sligo's postgraduate register (including any required ethical approval). This is a separate process, and no guarantee of success can be given at the outset.
6. The awardee must be a full-time student of the Institute, with normal weekly attendance.
7. The President's Bursary is not intended to substitute for or augment awards from other research project grants (it may be held in conjunction with other externally funded travel bursaries or equipment grants). Should a President's Bursary awardee win an alternative grant during the life of the bursary, all or part of the bursary may be withdrawn.
8. Recognising that acting as Tutor/Demonstrator is an essential means for structuring and disseminating knowledge, and is a valuable addition to a research student's career; students will be allowed to take on such duties, normally to a maximum of 3 hours per week. These hours will be paid separate to the Bursary.
9. Tax issues that may arise from the Bursary are of concern to the individual research student, and not the Institute.
10. If the student withdraws from their academic programme, the bursary will cease.
11. The bursary may be withdrawn if a research student is removed from the Institute following an instance of plagiarism, academic misconduct, or other misconduct. It may also be withdrawn if the research student's academic performance, or performance of other duties (as specified in the Code of Practice) are not satisfactory, as identified in the annual progress reporting process.
12. The Institute reserves the right to revise the Terms and Conditions of the President's Bursary at any time. Any such revisions will be notified to current bursary students.