

# The Liam McCarthy Scholarship Application Form 2019

## Entry Requirements:

Applicants should possess a maturity to reflect on their own development as a person, and they will also need to have successfully completed a:

Certificate Course in Counselling & Psychotherapy (or similar) - 100 Hours in Length (Minimum)  
OR equivalent, such as:

- Work/Volunteer training with a substantial counselling element.
- Level 7+ course in Psychology, Social Care/Social Work, Psychiatric Nursing or Similar

Entry is by application form, which must include a **1000 word essay** by the applicant entitled:

**"Modern Ireland is talking openly about mental health in a way it never has before. What is the role of counsellors and psychotherapists in this sea change and how might you, as a trainee counsellor/psychotherapist, contribute to this conversation?"**

Applicants must also be nominated by someone within the helping professions (e.g. GP, priest, nurse, guidance counsellor, social worker, counsellor, liaison officer). The applicant's nominator cannot be a family member, or affiliated with PCI College in any way. As part of the application, the nominator is required to submit a 500 word endorsement, outlining why they think the candidate should be awarded the Scholarship. Applicants must also submit another 500 word essay on why they think they're deserving of the Liam McCarthy Scholarship. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to be interviewed by a panel of experts.

**Deadline is the 31st of May 2019 at 12.00pm**

## Terms & Conditions

- The Scholarship covers course fees only and does not cover costs associated with additional course requirements such as Personal Therapy & Supervision. Fees for Supervision and Personal Therapy are decided by negotiation between you and your Supervisor and Therapist. As a guideline the cost for Supervision and Personal Therapy may both average approximately €60.00 per session.
- The College makes every effort to avoid altering course times, course commencement and conclusion dates. However, should any changes be necessary, you will be notified at the earliest opportunity. All courses run subject to demand and the formation of a viable class cohort. Please note that classes may be merged if necessary.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that he/she fulfils the minimum entry requirements for a chosen course, and to ensure that the chosen course is suitable for his/her needs and ability level. Students with a disability may require adjustments to facilitate their learning. These adjustments are thoroughly evaluated by PCI College and the principle of creating a level playing field rather than a more favourable position is rigorously observed.
- Each application must be accompanied by **1000 word essay (by the applicant)** entitled **"Modern Ireland is talking openly about mental health in a way it never has before. What is the role of counsellors and psychotherapists in this sea change and how might you, as a trainee counsellor/psychotherapist, contribute to this conversation?"**
- The applicant must submit a **500 word endorsement (by the nominator)** on why they think the candidate should be awarded the scholarship.
- The applicant must submit a **500 word written statement (by the applicant)** on why they think they are deserving of the Liam McCarthy scholarship.
- Deadline for applications is the **31st of May 2019 at 12pm**. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to be interviewed by a panel of experts.
- The Scholarship is for people starting at Year 1 of the BSc (Hons) in Counselling & Psychotherapy. Students already enrolled in the BSc and Upgrade programmes are not eligible to enter.
- Applicants must have completed (or be in the process of completing) a Certificate in Counselling/Psychotherapy course (or similar—100 hours in length minimum).
- Applicants are to be nominated by someone within the helping professions e.g. GP, priest, nurse, guidance counsellor, social worker, counsellor, liaison officer.
- Nominators cannot be a family member of the applicant, or affiliated with PCI College in any way.
- The Scholarship and its associated benefits are non-transferable. The award must be used by the winner during the year that it is awarded, e.g. the winner of this year's Scholarship cannot defer for a year and begin their studies in September 2020, they must begin their studies in September 2019, or else they risk losing their prize.
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## VENUES:

Dublin West

Dublin City

Cork

Limerick

Kilkenny

Athlone

Belfast

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### 1. Personal Details (please fill in all fields in Block Capitals):

Name (for registration—as appears on passport/utility bills):

Forename: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

*(for M.U. registration—please leave blank if you prefer not to say)*

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you see details of this Scholarship advertised? \_\_\_\_\_

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ID No: \_\_\_\_\_ IT: Y/N

Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Offer: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. If I Win The Scholarship, I Would Like To Study In The Following Venue For The Duration of The Course:

<b>Dublin West</b>	<b>PCI College, Corrig House, Old Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	Wednesday 14.00-19.00 - Starts 24th September 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.30-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Respond! High Park Campus, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	Thursday 14.00-19.00 - Starts 26th September 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.30-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	Wednesday 14.00-19.00 - Starts 25th September 2019
<b>Athlone</b>	<b>Athlone Education Centre, Moydrum Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.30-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019
<b>Limerick</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.30-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019
<b>Cork</b>	<b>Cork Education Support Centre at The Rectory, Western Road, Cork</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.30-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019
<b>Belfast</b>	<b>Inspire, Lombard House, 10-20 Lombard Street, Belfast, BT1 1RD Northern Ireland</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	Every Second Weekend Fri. 18.00-21.30 & Sat. 9.30-17.30 - Starts 20th September 2019

Have you ever attended Counselling/ Psychotherapy?  Yes  No

Have you ever Volunteered?  Yes  No

If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4. Education Background

Primary Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Level (including Adult Education classes, courses and seminars): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Educational Achievements (arts, music, hobbies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of Your Introductory Course in Counselling & Psychotherapy Qualification (Completed or In-Progress)

Name of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach copy of Certificate (if completed). You will be required to produce original at interview.)

If you have a disability or special need, will you require extra learning support?

Yes       No

If yes, please give details?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?  Yes     No

If "Yes", please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously applied for the 'Liam McCarthy Scholarship'?  Yes     No

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### 5. Referees

Please give names and addresses of **your nominator and one other referee** who would attest to your competence to undertake a challenging BSc (Hons) in Counselling & Psychotherapy. (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

<b>1</b>	<b>Name:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>Name:</b>	
	<b>Address:</b>			<b>Address:</b>	
	<b>Tel</b>			<b>Tel</b>	

### 6. Submission Checklist

I wish to apply for the Liam McCarthy Scholarship and I attach the following:

- A completed application form
- A 1000-word essay written by the applicant entitled "Modern Ireland is talking openly about mental health in a way it never has before. What is the role of counsellors and psychotherapists in this sea change and how might you, as a trainee counsellor/psychotherapist, contribute to this conversation?"
- A 500-word nomination essay from a relevant helping professional that is **written by the nominator**
- A 500-word essay written by the applicant stating why they think they deserve the Liam McCarthy Scholarship

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Submission Guidelines

Please ensure that you return your completed application, 1000-word essay, 500-word nomination and 500-word essay **together** to PCI College when submitting. It is not allowed to have your nominator submit their nomination essay separately to PCI College from the applicant's other supporting documents.

Please email scans of each required document to

[enquiries@pcicollege.ie](mailto:enquiries@pcicollege.ie)

or post them to

**PCI College, Corrig House, Old Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 HK16**

before the deadline of

**Friday 31st of May 2019 at 12pm.**

PCI College

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