

# Careers Bulletin – March 2018

## Taking Stock after the Mocks

All 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students will have received mock exam results from their individual subject teachers and reports will be in the post shortly. Feedback and analysis of exams scripts provides students with invaluable information. Some may feel they need to re-consider the levels at which they may attempt subjects in June, for many it identifies specific aspects of the course that requires more targeted revision.

Speaking to 6<sup>th</sup> years on our return from the mid-term many stated that their timing in exams was an issue and this is something that they will fine tune as courses are completed and most homework will take the form of past exam questions. Mostly importantly keep in mind that there is still a significant amount of class time remaining right up to the **1<sup>st</sup> June**.

## All Things CAO

Students have submitted their application by now and course choices cannot be amended until 3<sup>rd</sup> May onwards. The advice to students at this point is to ensure that other important documentation to support college application, e.g. language exemptions to TCD and the NUI are processed and recorded by CAO. Please speak to me if you unsure about these items.

## Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)

SUSI co-ordinate and process applications from students seeking financial support at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level. In excess of one hundred thousand applications were received last year and almost 75% of applicants received some form of assistance.

The application process involves two stages. Firstly students register with SUSI online, inputting personal and financial data. The application is means tested and if successful stage 2 involves applicants submitting hard copies of various documents including P21 Tax Returns.

The Grant Application process for 2018 opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and closes on 1<sup>st</sup> August. For further information and how to guides visit <https://susi.ie/>

## Scholarships

Many college scholarship schemes are open to applicants at present. Scholarships fall under many categories including Sports, Academic, Performing Arts, Music and Language etc. Students are advised to consult individual college websites for specific requirements and closing dates. TCD and UCD operate Irish Language

Residency Scholarships for incoming first years students. Applications for TCD will open in April but visit <https://www.tcd.ie/gaeloifig/en/sceim-chonaithe/sceim-dhartraí/> for further information. UCD Scheme is currently accepting applications and details can be found on

<http://www.ucd.ie/bnag/en/teachnagaeilge/studentresidenceschemescholarships/>.

Another scheme that I would encourage our students to look at is the Naughton Scholarships, focusing on and supporting those interested in pursuing Science/Engineering & Technology related courses. Two scholarships are awarded in Co. Louth and are worth €4,000 for each year of your course. Visit <https://www.thenaughtonfoundation.com/scholarships> for all application details and closing dates.

### **Open Events**

NUI Galway – Spring Open Day Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **Campus Accommodation**

**DCU** - applications accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> March (early application advisable)

**NUI Galway (Corrib Village)** - currently accepting applications up to **20<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **Guest Speakers to DGS**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Diarmuid Cahill from Dundalk Inst. of Technology.