

We would like to draw your attention to the following information about the **UCD Ad Astra Scholarships** and upcoming deadlines.

The Ad Astra Academy offers three different types of scholarships - Academic, Performing Arts and Elite Sports. The academy encourages students with exceptional talents to develop their abilities to their full potential within these areas. We have recently launched our new website which features online applications; up-to-date news and information via our Facebook and Twitter feeds and FAQ for each section! Further information available here: www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy

Ad Astra Academic Scholarships:

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must complete the online application which consists of a personal statement and a statement of achievement 'beyond the classroom', in addition to receiving 6 H1's in the first sitting of the Leaving Certificate in any subjects. Please note that not all eligible applicants will be shortlisted for interview.

Applications Opening Date: 1st February 2018 through the Ad Astra website: www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/academic

Closing Date: 20th August 2018. However we would encourage applicants to apply before mid-July as selection for interview is based purely on the application alone. No late applications permitted.

Selection: All eligible completed application forms will be reviewed by a selection panel. When shortlisting for interviews, the applicants will be scored only on their applications. These will be scored on the basis of a weighting of 60% statement of achievement and 40% personal statement.

Panel will review and invite shortlisted applicants for interview at the end of August / start of September.

Successful candidates will be notified before the start of term time. If a student meets the academic criteria but has not submitted an application they will not be eligible.

Ad Astra Elite Sports Scholarship:

Application Closing Date: 31st January 2018 online

via our website: www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/sports/applications . No late applications permitted.

Selection: Panel will review and invite shortlisted applicants for interview in March and April. Only those shortlisted will be contacted and students must be available on the interview date.

All applicants who are interviewed will be notified of their outcome in April. Some students may be put on a reserve list.

Some provision may be made for successful candidates who do not attain the required points for their chosen degree but who can show evidence of ability to undertake their chosen course. Further details are available on our website www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/sports/applications .

Performing Arts Scholarships:

Performing Arts consists of drama and music.

Application Closing Date: 31st January 2018 online via our

website: www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/performingarts/applications. No late applications permitted.

Selection: Panel will review and invite shortlisted applicants for auditions and interviews in April and May. Only those shortlisted will be contacted and students must be available on the interview date.

All applicants who are interviewed will be notified of their outcome in June. Some provision may be made for successful candidates who do not attain the required points for their chosen degree but who can show evidence of ability to undertake their chosen course. Further details are available on our

website: www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/performingarts/applications .

Scholarship Benefits:

Each new Ad Astra scholars will receive a bursary of €3,000 which they can choose how to spend; they are guaranteed on-campus accommodation (bursary can be used towards this); academic mentors; high performance gym for sports; rehearsal space for performing arts; team building events and more! For further information on each of the strands benefits, please visit www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy or email adastraacademy@ucd.ie.

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