

Who is eligible to apply?

- Current Full time CIT students. Includes Fás and Springboard.
- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to receive a scholarship but can apply for a bursary.
- Bursary recipients can re-apply for either a scholarship or bursary

Can I apply for both schemes (scholarship and bursary)? Yes.

What costs does the scholarship cover?

We aim to cover the cost of the program for a 3- 4 week duration and flights for each scholarship recipient.

What are the additional costs?

Depending on the program you select, most of them will not include the living cost and personal expenses incurred while you are on the program. Other supplementary costs must be covered by the student. These include but not exclusively:

- Vaccination
- Visa applications
- Attendance at pre-departure meetings

What organisations must I chose a project from to apply for a Scholarship?

- The two organisations, identified by the Societies Board, offering programmes for the summer of 2015 are:
 - The Hope Foundation www.hopefoundation.ie
 - EIL International www.eilireland.org

From these 23 organisations it is up to you to select the programme you would like to take part in as each organisation differs. For example the Hope foundation offer placement in their projects in Kolkata. EIL Ireland has a variety of programmes types.

It is best to contact the organisations directly by phone if you have a specific query about a project. They are aware of the CIT Volunteer Abroad programme and will support student queries as much as possible.

What's the minimum and maximum amount of time we can volunteer for to apply for a scholarship?

- The minimum time would be 3 weeks and the max would be the summer long. Generally if you plan to stay longer the expense of staying increases so we would expect a student who wishes to stay for a longer period of time to investigate if additional fundraising to cover the extra costs may be necessary.

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For the Bursary Programme, Can we pick the organisation we would like to work with?

- Yes.

I would like to volunteer with an organisation other than the 2 outlined for the scholarships scheme. Where do I find out more information?

- We would recommend that you do further research online and then make direct contact with the volunteer organisation to find out more about them and what they stand for. Volunteer Organisation that have signed up to the Comhlamh code of good practice is a good place to start for getting information <http://www.comhlamh.org/>

I already have applied to volunteer abroad during the summer. I am unsure whether I should hold off continuing with my application, or would I be better off applying straight away?

- If you are committed to taking the time out to volunteering abroad it is recommended that you should continue to apply as planned. If you aren't successful with the volunteer abroad programme schemes you may have missed the deadline for application to the programme you want.
- We do not expect to finalise the successful students until end of January, which may be too late for your preferred programme. If you have already applied we would also consider your application for the bursary which would be a contribution to your programme cost.

Do we have to do an interview to be selected for scholarship?

- Yes there will be an interview as part of the selection process. Depending on the total number of applicants we receive, we will shortlist to a number of students for interview. Interviews for scholarship candidates will take place in January 2014. Feedback of your success at the interview stage will be complete by the end of January

Do I have to do an interview to be selected for a bursary?

- No – selection is based on bursary application forms only. Additional information regarding your application may be requested informally

What is the closing date for scholarship applications?

Monday 8th December 2014 at 3pm.

What is the closing date for bursary applications?

Friday 20th February 2015 at 3pm.

Where do I submit my completed application form?

- Email volunteer.abroad@cit.ie or drop to the Societies Office