



**Irish Tax
Institute**

Leaders in Tax

Third-Level Scholarship Programme



**Helping students
to attend third-
level...**

**...and pursue an
exciting career in
tax afterwards.**

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Financial support to help fund third-level living expenses and related costs



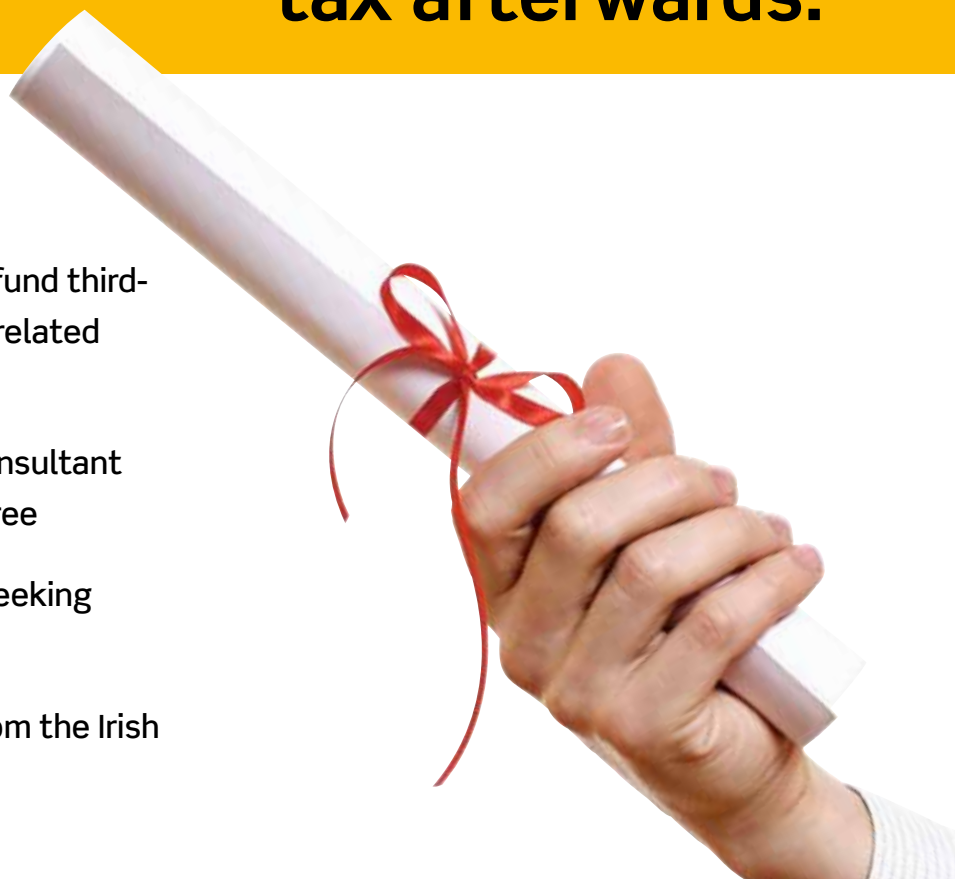
A place on the AITI Tax Consultant programme after the degree



Guidance during the job-seeking process



Mentoring and support from the Irish Tax Institute



Steps to Scholarship

1. Your Guidance Counsellor will be required to put forward the best candidate(s) and register interest with the Institute; giving a list of eligible students by 29 February 2012.
2. The Institute will then issue the required amount of application forms to the school; which must be completed in full and returned to the Institute by 30 March 2012. These should be accompanied by:
 - a. A 300-word profile from the student as to why they think they should receive the Scholarship; and
 - b. A recommendation letter from the Guidance Counsellor or other relevant school personnel (such as the Principal or Vice-Principal).
3. Once students receive their Leaving Certificate results, they must notify the Institute of their results.
4. The Irish Tax Institute Scholarship Committee will assess the applications and shortlist a number of candidates. Interviews will take place in September 2012.
5. Following the interviews, the successful candidate will receive his or her award and will be officially presented with his or her Scholarship at the Irish Tax Institute conferring ceremony in 2012.

Details of shortlisting, interview process, winner notification, and the rules of the Scholarship are available on our website www.taxinstitute.ie. As a precondition of submitting applications, it is understood that all applicants have read and agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined on our website.

An Exciting Future in Tax

There is only one group of expert tax professionals whose job it is to advise chief executives, financial controllers, managing directors, small and medium business owners, and private individuals on the important commercial and life decisions they are about to make. That is the job of AITI Tax Consultants, many of whom work at the centre of the corporate world, holding senior positions in Irish firms and global corporations.

Tax is a dynamic and fast-paced career. The constantly evolving nature of tax legislation in Ireland, the EU and internationally means the legal, taxation and commercial implications of a transaction can rapidly change.

A Variety of Roles

AITI Tax Consultants can find themselves in a senior position within a major multinational in Ireland, overseas in a professional services firm, advising owners of an Irish-owned family business, or in a firm advising private individuals and investors on key decisions. AITI Tax Consultants can work in many environments:

- Throughout the corporate world in multinationals and major companies
- Accountancy firms
- Legal firms
- Tax consultancy practices
- Financial services sector
- Government and public sector (Revenue, policy bodies)



Liz Cunningham

- Head of Tax EMEA
- Google Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance



Grace Brennan

- Tax Manager
- KPMG Dublin
- Bachelor of Business and Legal Studies



John Gillard

- Tax Manager
- SSE Renewables/Airtricity
- Bachelor of Commerce

Competition Details

What is the Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme?

The Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme is an opportunity for a student to receive some financial assistance through third-level education and on to the AITI programme to begin a career as an AITI Tax Consultant. If a student aspires to a dynamic profession, one which offers top-level opportunities in business and industry, but requires financial support to progress to third-level, then our Scholarship programme offers an ideal opportunity for him or her to pursue a career in tax.

Who is eligible to apply?

Leaving Certificate students in the Republic of Ireland who are interested in a career in taxation but who require financial support to progress to third-level can apply for the Scholarship.

Applicants must:

- be nominated by the school guidance counsellor, Principal or teacher with an accompanying reference;
- feel that they will be able to achieve at least 420 points in the Leaving Certificate;
- be interested in studying a relevant third-level undergraduate degree (business, legal or other relevant discipline); and
- be motivated, enthusiastic students who are committed to entering into the exciting and dynamic world of taxation.

Mature students who are applying to study a relevant qualification may also apply.

On completion of his or her relevant third-level undergraduate degree the Scholar is expected to proceed to complete the three-year part-time Associateship of the Irish Tax Institute (AITI) programme in the appropriate timescale, qualifying as an AITI Tax Consultant.

How will candidates be selected?

The Irish Tax Institute Scholarship Committee, comprising of education and taxation experts associated with the Institute, will undertake the selection process. The decision including the level of financial assistance awarded is final and the Institute will not enter into negotiation following the announcement of the winner. All applications will be reviewed by the committee and evaluated according to the following criteria:

- the candidate's motivation, enthusiasm and commitment to completing this Scholarship Programme and to pursuing a career in taxation;

- proven academic record showing the candidate's ability to successfully complete a relevant third-level undergraduate degree and the AITI qualification;
- the candidate's requirement for financial support to progress on to third-level education after completion of the Leaving Certificate;
- the candidate's suitability in terms of skills and personal qualities demonstrated in the application form and interview process; and
- the ability to achieve 420 points in the Leaving Certificate, notification and supporting documentation of which must be sent to the Irish Tax Institute.

What will the Scholarship cover?

The Irish Tax Institute Third-Level Scholarship Programme will (subject to the Rules of the Scholarship) provide an award towards living expenses and books. This amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Scholarship Committee. This will be paid to the Scholar on a monthly basis from October to May. The amount of the Scholarship will be decided by the judging panel and their decision is final.

On completion of the third-level undergraduate degree, the Scholarship will cover the costs of the AITI Tax Consultant qualification.

Support for the Scholar

The Scholar will be provided with a mentor from the Irish Tax Institute to provide support to them throughout their time in the Scholarship Programme. The Scholar will also be required to maintain regular contact with their mentor and the Institute throughout the years of the Scholarship and to participate in events associated with the Scholarship and promotion of the career of the AITI Tax Consultant.





Irish Tax Institute

About the Institute

The Irish Tax Institute is the leading representative and educational body for Ireland's AITI Tax Consultants and is the only professional body exclusively dedicated to tax. Our members provide tax expertise to thousands of businesses, multinationals and individuals in Ireland and internationally. In addition many hold senior roles within professional service firms, global companies, Government, Revenue and state bodies.

The Institute is the leading provider of tax qualifications in Ireland, educating the finest minds in tax and business for over thirty years. Our AITI Tax Consultant qualification is the gold standard in tax education and is renowned for its professional rigour and depth. The Institute also continues to promote the highest standards throughout the careers of AITI Tax Consultants through our expert-led professional development programme.

A respected body on tax policy and administration, the Institute engages at the most senior levels across Government, business and state organisations. Representing the views and expertise of our members, we play an important role in the fiscal and tax administrative discussions and decisions in Ireland and in the EU.

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Success Stories



Jessica Hayes, Third-Level Scholarship winner 2007

"I have now finished my degree in the University of Limerick. It's hard to believe where those four years have gone. I graduated with a BA in Law and Accounting and am very lucky to have started a 3.5 year training contract with KPMG's tax department. The support and guidance that I have received from the Irish Tax Institute has been of significant benefit to me throughout the four years. I look forward to completing the AITI Tax Consultant qualification over the coming years."



2009 Scholarship winner Lisa Mangan, a former pupil of Ard Scoil na Deise in Waterford, is pictured here receiving the Scholarship from Olivia Lynch, Irish Tax Institute, Past President. Lisa has recently completed her second year of undergraduate studies in University College Cork and is currently on work placement with the tax department in Deloitte.