

## **NCAD Access Scheme – Information For Applicants**

The NCAD is not part of the DARE or HEAR supplementary admission schemes.

The NCAD Access Scheme recognises the impact of both disability and socio-economic disadvantage on educational attainment and how this can affect progression to higher education. This scheme is open to school-leavers and other applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements along with a satisfactory portfolio score.

NCAD will offer an additional 5% of first year places to applicants who meet the criteria for application to this scheme.

### **Eligible Applicants to the scheme include:**

- Applicants with disabilities (this concession will not be available to applicants with Specific Learning Difficulties)
- Applicants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Applicants with disabilities are asked to complete the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) when applying to the CAO**

### **How Do I Apply:**

- Applicants to the NCAD Access Scheme must complete the NCAD Access Scheme Application Form and return it to NCAD by 26th April 2019.

Applicants may be short-listed for Access Scheme interview in May 2019.

Applicants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds must provide evidence of at least three of the following:

### **Income**

The total gross parent(s), guardian(s), candidate(s) income for the year ending 31 December 2017 is within the income thresholds for eligibility for the SUSI Undergraduate Grants Scheme.

## **Medical Card**

Applicant, parent(s) or guardian(s) has a Medical Card/GP Visit Card valid on 31 December 2018.

## **Social Welfare Payment**

Candidate, parent(s) or guardian(s) are in receipt of a means tested social assistance payment(s) from the Department of Social & Family Affairs for a minimum of 26 continuous weeks in the year ending 31 December 2017.

## **Socio-Economic Group**

Applicant comes from a socio-economic group, which is under-represented in higher education (ie Non-manual Workers Group; Semi & Unskilled Manual Workers Group)

## **School**

Applicant has completed 5 years of second level education in a school which is part of the DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) scheme operated by the Department of Education & Science.

## **Area**

Applicant lives in an area where there is concentrated disadvantage – in other words an area where, for example, there is high unemployment and poverty and where only a small proportion of adults have attained third level education.

## **Completed Application Forms should be returned to:**

**Finola Mc Ternan, Access Officer, NCAD, 100 Thomas Street, Dublin 8**

**Closing Date:        Friday 26th April 2019**