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Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships

Application guide for Senior Freshman Students

Autumn 2025





Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships

In 2014, Eric & Barbara Kinsella established these scholarships to support talented engineering students to reach their full potential while studying at Trinity College Dublin.

Applications are now open for this year's scholarships and details on how to apply are included in this brochure.

All second year students on the Engineering (BAI/ MAI) and Engineering with Management (BSc(Ing)/ MAI) programmes who have successfully completed their first year of study and achieved a minimum of a second-class honours in their first year examinations are eligible to apply.

Successful students receive a €5,000 scholarship per annum for the remainder of their degree in the School of Engineering, for up to four years of study.

Since they were established, 47 scholarships have been awarded, with the goal of there being a minimum of 20 scholarships at any one time in the School.



Across University, scholarships mean so much as they offer promising young scholars the best possible start to their careers. Deserving students will be able to concentrate on their studies, without financial constraints, and to achieve the most from their time at Trinity. They will gain the confidence and self-belief to stretch their ambitions and stand out in a competitive international jobs market.

Dr Linda Doyle, Provost



Applications for the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships are now open for 2025-26

We warmly encourage applications from students who are in their second year of study on the Engineering (BAI/MAI) or Engineering with Management (BSc(Ing)/MAI) programmes, having successfully completed their first year of study in Trinity College and have achieved a minimum of a second-class honours in their first year examinations.

Interested candidates must apply before **5pm on Friday, 24 October 2025** – unfortunately, it will not be possible to consider late applications.

To apply candidates must submit the following:

- A personal statement outlining your reasons for applying for this scholarship (max 200 words and please use your own words so your statement reflects your voice and experiences)
- CV
- First year transcript from Trinity College Dublin

Applications should be emailed to: Kinsellascholarships@espritinv.com

If you have any questions regarding the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarships, please contact Professor Michael Monaghan, Interim Head of School of Engineering, E: monaghmi@tcd.ie.

Short-listed candidates will be invited to interview in the week of the 3-7 November 2025. Please note, scholarships are available to second year students on the engineering and engineering with management programmes only. Each award will be worth €5,000 per annum and will be tenable from the granting of the award until the completion of the student's studies on the particular programme to a maximum of four years for any one award. Preference will be given to candidates who are not currently in receipt of other scholarships. The continuation of an award from year to year will be subject to satisfactory academic performance at the annual examinations.



Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship Alumni

'Kinsella Alumni' have started their careers in a wide variety of roles in prestigious companies including Accenture, AECOM, Arup, Cardinal Health, Hannover Re, HubSpot, Intel, and Jones Engineering, among others.

The Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship enabled them to focus on their studies, maximise their potential and succeed in the competitive jobs market.



Thanks to the generosity of Eric & Barbara Kinsella, this scholarship empowers engineering students to dream bigger, achieve more, and reach their full potential. I encourage all eligible students to apply before the deadline and take advantage of this remarkable opportunity to become a Kinsella Scholar.

Professor Michael Monaghan
Interim Head of School of Engineering

Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars

In their own words, some of the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholars share their scholarship experience.

2024

Being a recipient of the Eric & Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has been truly transformative for me, both academically and personally. This past summer, I was delighted to complete an engineering internship; it was an invaluable experience that I might not have been considered for without the recognition and support of this scholarship. and I can't thank Eric, Barbara and the Kinsella family enough for their generosity.

Genevieve Flynn



Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship was a great honour and has been a huge help to me over the past few months. The scholarship has also allowed me to increase my participation in college life. I joined the Cumman Gaelach, and was also able to maintain my involvement with the college hurling club. The reduced financial stress and pressure to work part-time gave me an opportunity to take a step back and foster my enjoyment of my course material and college experience as a whole and I would like to thank the Kinsella family and all at Esprit again for their generosity.

Eoghan Taylor

Receiving the Eric and Barbara Kinsella scholarship truly changed my whole college experience. Not only did it give me peace of mind regarding my finances with college fees and expenses it also allowed me to partake in extra-curricular activities. This scholarship has allowed me to significantly reduce the hours I work during term time and to use that time to concentrate on my studies. It also gave me the opportunity to get more involved in college life. I am deeply grateful to the Kinsella family and the Esprit team for supporting me with this scholarship.

Julianne Cronin



2023



Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship was one of the most transformative experiences of my college years. The scholarship provided a sense of security that enabled me to reduce my work hours and dedicate more time to personal and academic growth. This opportunity profoundly impacted my college experience. Words cannot express how deeply grateful I am to Eric and Barbara Kinsella for their generosity. It has truly made a lasting difference in my life, and I will always appreciate it.

Natalia Melnicka

Receiving the Kinsella Scholarship greatly relieved the financial burden of attending college. I have been able to devote more time to my academics and extracurriculars – both of which have provided a rich environment for me to broaden my mind, meet new people from all different backgrounds and learn invaluable skills that will serve me forever. Most importantly however, it has been a major vote of confidence in my ability, both now as an undergraduate, and in the near future as an aspiring civil engineer.

Theodor Hardwick



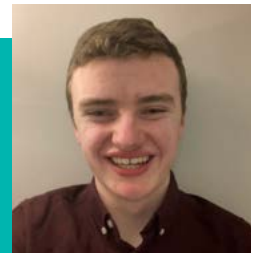
Receiving the Eric & Barbara Kinsella scholarship greatly decreased the financial stress on myself and my family. This has enabled me to reduce my hours of part-time work and focus more on my studies. I have more time for interesting engineering projects such as student rocketry and race car teams. Through these projects, I have been able to put into practice skills learned in college, as well as learn new skills in engineering design and manufacturing. These projects offer extra hands-on practical experience to complement my academic learning which will help me succeed in the competitive job market. I am sincerely grateful to the Kinsella Scholarship programme for the opportunities it has afforded me.

Dale Johnston

2022

Receiving the Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship made an immeasurable difference to my college life. Being a recipient of the Scholarship enabled me to support myself financially in college, without having to commute home for work at the weekends. Their generous aid allowed me to focus more on my coursework, develop my technical skills and also explore more clubs and societies that interested me. I am very grateful to the Kinsellas for the opportunities that they have allowed me to pursue.

Niall Grogan



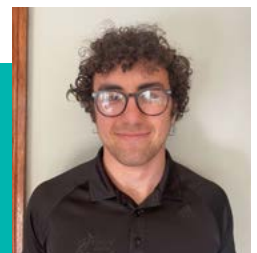
2021

The Eric & Barbara Kinsella scholarship has made a huge difference in my life, and I am truly grateful for it. In my first two years of college, I was commuting almost four hours a day, which kept me from fully enjoying the college experience. Thanks to this scholarship, I've been able to live in Dublin, focus on my studies, and spend more time with friends. It has also helped me network within the industry and secure an internship at Jones Engineering in my hometown.

Emily O'Hara

I'm so grateful for the amazing opportunity Eric and Barbara Kinsella have given me. Their kind support has helped relieve the financial burden of going to college, giving me the freedom to pursue my interests, explore what fascinates me and try to better the world as best I can. The future looks so exciting!

Emran Moustafa



The Kinsella Scholarship has allowed me to focus on my education without worrying about college fees. It has taken an immense pressure off my family. It has really given me the confidence to believe that I can be a great engineer. I am very grateful and thankful to the Kinsella Scholarship programme for the opportunities I have been given.

Neha Jacob



2020

With the transition back to full in person studies, I have been able to dive in with all my effort and ability to the coursework without financial worry or having to commute back to Kerry for work. The time I once spent at my job I have now dedicated to the formula student race car society where I am developing my skills in CAD, Finite Element Analysis, and product fabrication. These skills may well have been lost to me without the scholarship.

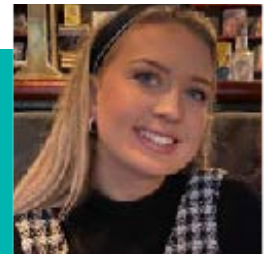
Stephen O'Sullivan



2019

The Eric and Barbara Kinsella Scholarship has been hands down the absolute best opportunity I have ever been afforded. I was able to achieve a First last year, and this is solely due to the scholarship as I did not have to worry about money to pay for college. It has given me the confidence to believe that I can be a great engineer. I will be forever grateful and thankful to the Kinsellas.

Michelle Gaughan



2018

The scholarship has greatly impacted my life and college experience. Before receiving the scholarship, I was working 20+ hours a week while in college to support myself. The Scholarship allowed me to cut back on my part time work and really focus on college during term times. It is something I am extremely grateful for.

Karen Morrissey



I am extremely grateful for having received the Kinsella Scholarship. I was able to afford accommodation in Dublin for the first time, which cut out my daily multi-hour commute. The extra time I gained back not only allowed me to improve upon my grades, but I also got to engage with societies and college events more. I would like to thank Mr. Kinsella again for the incredible opportunities this scholarship has enabled me to pursue.

Charlie Maguire



Receiving the scholarship was a major deciding factor for me in which direction I wanted to take my engineering career in. With the scholarship I was able to work for Jones Engineering in 2019 at the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dun Laoghaire as a Mechanical engineer. Together with the financial support from the scholarship I had one of the greatest years of my life as I was able to balance my study/ life. I am very grateful for the scholarship as it has immensely changed my life and it helped me become the person I am today.

Mikolaj Piotrowski



About Eric Kinsella

Eric Kinsella founded Jones Engineering Group, an international engineering construction group based in Dublin which provides mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, fire protection and maintenance solutions for world-class clients throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Eric is founder of ESPRIT Investments Ltd., an Irish investment and property development company and SARL Esprit du Midi, a French investment and property development company.

He is a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London and an MSc graduate of Trinity College, awarded in 1970. Eric and his wife Barbara have generously supported Trinity College Dublin in the areas of student study facilities, scholarships, the new E3 Learning Foundry and interdisciplinary research projects.

He is a member of the Provost's Council and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by Trinity College Dublin, in 2016.



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