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GMIT COVID-19 LAPTOP LENDING SCHEME

As part of the package of COVID-19 supports for higher and further education institutions approved by Government on 22 July 2020, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science has allocated capital funding for a once-off COVID-19 grant to support disadvantaged students in the higher education sector in accessing ICT devices.

Laptop Loan Scheme

For the academic year 20/21, through the COVID supports grant scheme, GMIT will have a limited number of laptop units available to loan to eligible students whether they are on campus or studying from home. This is a long term loan scheme and the laptop remains the property of GMIT. A loan agreement including the terms and conditions will apply. Should you defer/withdraw from your course, you are required to return the laptop.

Eligibility Criteria

Students who fall within the following criteria and have supporting documentation to support this, are eligible to apply. All applicants must provide evidence of socio-economic disadvantage.

Full- or Part-Time Students who fall under the following categories may apply:

- Students disadvantaged by socio-economic barriers
- Socio-economically disadvantaged first time mature students
- Socio-economically disadvantaged students with a disability
- Socio-economically disadvantaged part-time / flexible learning students
- Socio-economically disadvantaged students who hold further education qualifications
- Socio-economically disadvantaged students who are members of the Traveller and Roma communities
- Socio-economically disadvantaged lone parents
- Socio-economically disadvantaged members of ethnic minorities

Ineligible Students:

Non-EU fee-paying students, Erasmus and Study Abroad students are not eligible to apply. Students who are not taking a programme which is leading to a full GMIT award (e.g. single modules) are not eligible.

How to Apply

A link to apply online will be available [here](#) on **Wednesday 9th September, 2020**. Students will be emailed and information will be posted on GMIT social media channels.

Documentation and Closing Date

The closing date is **5pm on Wednesday 7th October 2020** for both the application and back-up documentation. Please submit the back-up documentation as soon as you have it.

Assessment of Application

There are likely to be more applicants than devices and so there is no guarantee that you will be successful, even if you meet the criteria. Applications will be assessed on the basis of income, socio economic disadvantage group, geo-codes and personal statement. Following the application closing date, applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

Queries

E-mail: sls@gmit.ie with any further queries on the laptop loan scheme

Additional Supports

All applicants for this laptop scheme are advised to also apply online for the Student Assistance Fund when it opens in late September/early October. Eligible applicants to the SAF will receive financial assistance contributing to the cost of expenses associated with college which may be put towards the purchase of a laptop. For queries relating to SAF contact SAF@gmit.ie