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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 allocated funding for a once-off COVID-19 grant to support disadvantaged students in the higher education sector in accessing ICT devices.

Laptop Lending Scheme 21/22

The Laptop Lending Scheme is now open for applications. Currently there is a limited number of laptops available for allocation from last year's scheme. These devices will be allocated & distributed on a first-come first-served basis until such time as the supply is depleted. Equipment is now available for collection by applicants deemed eligible. Recipients will also be offered monitors and laptop bags.

This funding has been extended to the academic year 2021/22 and additional laptops have been ordered but the estimated time of arrival is towards the end of the first semester. Please note that this is beyond our control. The Student laptop scheme will remain open for applications throughout the first semester until all equipment has been allocated.

This is a lending scheme which means that all equipment remains the property of GMIT and must be returned on completion of studies in GMIT.

Eligibility Criteria:

First year and existing students who fall within the following criteria and have supporting documentation to prove this, are eligible to apply. All applicants must provide evidence of socio-economic disadvantage.

Full- or Part-Time First Year 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 member of the Traveller or Roma communities
- Socio-economically disadvantaged students who are lone parents
- Socio-economically disadvantaged members of ethnic minorities

Ineligible Students:

- Non-EU fee-paying students, Erasmus and Study Abroad students
- Students who are not taking a programme which is leading to a full level 6-10

Application

Use this link [GMIT Laptop Scheme 2021 Application form](#) or use QR code below to apply. After submitting the online application, applicants must upload evidence of eligibility based on income along with proof of socio-economic disadvantage.

- Pages 1 & 3 of their SUSI outcome letter or
- Their social welfare statement if the applicant is in receipt of a Means Tested Social Welfare payment.



Given that there is a limited amount of equipment in stock, applicants are advised to apply and supply their documentation as early as possible so that their form can be assessed and if successful, they will be invited to avail of the laptops currently in stock.

Additional Supports

All applicants for this laptop scheme are advised to also apply online for the Student Assistance Fund when it opens at the end of September/early October. Eligible SAF applicants receive funding which can be put towards costs associated with attending college, such as rent, transport, books/materials, utilities, food, medical expenses and childcare. The link to the SAF application form is on the Student Hub under “Financial Supports”

All queries should be directed to the Laptop Lending Scheme: sls@gmit.ie