TU Dublin - Access Foundation Programme
Mature Student Application Form
(22 years or over on the 1st of January 2019)

Data Protection/Privacy statement:

Personal information and data supplied by you as an applicant will be used to assess your application and to assist us in providing adequate support for your needs. Personal information provided to TU Dublin will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation. Data provided may also be used for research and monitoring purposes by TU Dublin staff. By submitting this application form you acknowledge and consent to these practices.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
DATE RECEIVED	APPLICATION No.	ENTRY YEAR **2019/20**

Section A — Personal Details

Your Personal Details	
Surname:	
First Name(s):	
PPS Number:	
Contact Address:	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): __ __ /__ __ /__ __ __ __	Country of Birth:
Nationality:	Home Phone:
Email Address:	
Mobile Phone:	

All correspondence with applicants will take place via email, therefore you must have an active email address.

Section B — Education

Your Education Summary

No formal education	☐
Junior Certificate / Intermediate Certificate	☐
Leaving Certificate Applied	☐
Leaving Certificate (or equivalent)	☐
Further Education full awards (e.g. PLC course, level 4 or 5 FETAC/QQI award)	☐
Further Education module awards	☐
Third level/higher education (e.g. diploma, degree, masters)	☐
Other non-certificate courses (e.g. creative writing etc)	☐

Parental Education Summary
Tick the highest level of education completed

	Mother/Guardian 1	Father/Guardian 2
No formal education	☐	☐
Primary education	☐	☐
Secondary education	☐	☐
Further education (e.g. PLC course, level 4 or 5 FETAC / QQI award)	☐	☐
Third level/higher education (e.g. diploma, degree, masters)	☐	☐
If parent obtained third level qualification, please state year completed:		
If parent obtained third level qualification, please state institution attended:		

Primary Education

Name of School:			
Address of School:			
Dates Attended:	From	To	

Secondary Education

Name of School:			
Address of School:			
Dates Attended:	From	To	

What was your highest award/qualification achieved in school?
e.g. Leaving Certificate, Junior Certificate, Intermediate Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied. Include subjects, grades and levels.

Qualification and Year:			
Subjects	Grade/Level	Subjects	Grade/Level

Please enclose photocopies of qualifications/exam results attained.

Post-School Education (Adult, Community and Further Education)

Please give details of all previous post-second level education and any other courses you have undertaken. Include courses that you have taken even if they don't have an award, i.e. creative writing course, art course etc. Include also courses that you may have started but not completed.

Include the subjects studied and the grades achieved, and any awards achieved and the level of the award (e.g. QQI Level 5, FETAC, NCVA, VTOS, etc). If you do not have enough space to include all courses taken on this form please attached an additional page titled: Additional Education.

Course Title:		Year(s):	
Location:		Award Level:	
Details:			

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Location:		Award Level:	
Details:			

Current Education

Please state any course you are currently participating in, including the level, subjects being studied and any results you have already achieved.

Course Title:		Year(s):	
Location:		Award Level:	
Details:			

Please enclose photocopies of qualifications/exam results attained.

Section C — Employment/Volunteering

Summary

Please give details of previous employment, work experience, or volunteering work you have had, including working in the home, caring responsibilities (e.g. for children, spouse or parents) and involvement with community or sporting organisations. **If you do not have enough space to include all relevant employment on this form please attach an additional page titled: Additional Employment/Volunteering.**

Job Title:	
Date from:	Date to:

Details of responsibilities (nature of duties, roles, etc):

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Date from:	Date to:

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Date from:	Date to:

Details of responsibilities (nature of duties, roles, etc):

Financial Support

Are you in receipt of any of the following? If you answer yes, please state for how long you have been receiving that payment.	Yes/No	How Long?
Unemployment benefit (Jobseekers Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit)		
Other social welfare benefit		
VTOS/Back to Education Allowance/Back to Education Initiative		

Please note: students are not required to be in receipt of a social welfare benefit or Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) to qualify for the Access Foundation Programme. Any queries relating to your BTEA eligibility or general BTEA queries should be directed to your local Intreo Office (the Dept of Social Protection).

Section D — Application Process Details

CAO Application

If you have applied to the CAO in 2019, please state your CAO application number.								

Have you applied to the CAO for a place on undergraduate programmes in TU Dublin (City, Tallaght or Blanchardstown Campus) for 2019/20?	YES ☐	NO ☐
If you answered YES above please state the TU Dublin programmes that you have applied for:		
Have you received an offer of a place on an undergraduate programme in TU Dublin (City, Tallaght or Blanchardstown Campus) for 2019/20?	YES ☐	NO ☐
If you answered YES above please state the TU Dublin programme you have been offered:		

Source of Information

How did you find out about the Access Foundation Programme?	Please tick √ all that apply
Advice from a Careers Guidance Counsellor	☐
Former students' recommendation	☐
Presentation at a course I was attending	☐
TU Dublin Open Day	☐
Through community or further education	☐
TU Dublin prospectus	☐
Information evenings	☐
TU Dublin website	☐
Advertising/media	☐
Other (please specify):	☐

Area of Interest

What would you describe as your main area(s) of interest?					Please tick √ all that apply	
Health science	☐	Business/marketing	☐	Tourism/hospitality	☐
Maths/Engineering	☐	History/geography	☐	Art/design	☐
Social science/Social care	☐	Computer science	☐	Food/catering	☐

If there is a particular course (programme) you would like to study in TU Dublin after you complete the Access Foundation Programme, please state the name of the course here:

Disability

In the interest of arranging appropriate supports (including academic and exams support), please state your disability and indicate whether or not you have supporting documentation which verifies your disability. If you do not have a disability, please write 'no disability'.

Section E — Written Essay

A written essay on a given topic

In your own **handwriting** please write an essay of between one and three pages in length on **one** of the following topics.

1. The role of Education *or* Engineering *or* Science *or* History *or* Art in society.
2. Taking a current media story or news event (from a newspaper or news report), write what you think about the issues raised in the story.
3. Choose one of the following: a book, a painting, a song, an art piece, a building, a public space or a piece of music. Describe your favourite, and explain the reasons why it is your favourite.

You should attach the essay on a separate sheet.

Section F — Personal Statement

Your personal statement

In your own **handwriting** please write a statement of between one and three pages in length detailing your reasons for applying to the Access Foundation Programme at this time.

• You may wish to include your reasons for not attending third level education in the past. For example, you may have had personal or family circumstances that prevented you from pursuing your education (e.g. illness, caring responsibilities, lack of support), or you may have gone directly into employment, or spent time in state care or other institutions.

• You should discuss your reasons for wanting to go to college at this point in your life. Why is now the right time for you to focus on your education, why choose the Access Foundation Programme and what would you like to achieve by completing the course?

• Have you considered how you will manage the demands of the Access Foundation Programme and your other commitments (e.g. family, childcare, and part-time employment)? Will you have enough supports in place to help you to succeed on the programme?

• You may include any other details you feel are relevant to your application.

You should attach the personal statement on a separate sheet.

Section G — Passport Details

Passport or residency details

Participants on the programme must have the right to live and study in Ireland. Please tick the appropriate box below.

☐ I am a citizen of Ireland or another European Union or European Economic Area country (inc. Switzerland).
(Please include a copy of the photograph page of your passport.)

☐ I am a non-EU/EEA citizen with Stamp 4 status.
(Please include a copy of the photograph page of your passport and your Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) card.)

☐ Other (e.g. you have applied under the International Protection system).
(Please include a copy of the relevant passport, permit or registration card.)

Section H — Submitting Your Application

Check List

Your completed application should contain the following:

☐   Active email address in Section A.

☐   Completed Section B and C, including all documentation required.

☐   Photocopy of any qualifications listed in Section B (please do not send the original as it cannot be returned). If you do not have a copy of your qualification please include details of the qualification attained, noting that you do not have a copy.

☐   Additional employment/volunteering details (if applicable).

☐   Hand-written short essay as detailed in Section E.

☐   Hand-written personal statement as detailed in Section F.

☐   Passport details as outlined in section G.

Closing Date for Applications is Friday 3rd May 2019

Completed applications should be sent to

Access Foundation Programme
TU Dublin, City Campus
41- 45 Mountjoy Square
Dublin 1
D01 Y0T0

If you require any guidance in relation to completing your application, contact Programme Coordinator Johanna King.
Phone: 01 402 4222 or email: accessadmissions2019@dit.ie

Declaration, Terms and Conditions

Applicant Declaration:
- I confirm that the information provided in this application form is true and correct and that any supporting documentation submitted with my application is genuine.
- I understand that TU Dublin may cancel my application, withdraw or amend its offer or terminate my registration at TU Dublin if any aspect of my application is found to be falsified.
- I understand that some details of my application will be used for research purposes, but none of my personal information will be identifiable.
- I understand that failure to complete the application form fully may negatively affect the outcome of my application.

Please tick box below:

☐   I agree to the declaration above & will provide all supporting documents with my application form.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____/_____/2019

<<<<<< Subjects >>>>>>

Everyone takes core modules designed to prepare you for any undergraduate programme. You then choose two optional subjects each semester from areas of business, art, humanities, social science, engineering, or science, that are relevant to your undergraduate course.

You need to be prepared to get involved, to engage in group work, take part in discussions and give presentations. You'll be working with other students from a diverse range of backgrounds, as well as working on your own time studying and researching.

<<<<<< Time and support >>>>>>

Students average 24 hrs of classes each week and a lot of reading, independent study and assignments outside that time. Lectures are all between 9am and 6pm, Monday to Friday.
It's like having a full time job!

You should ask yourself, will you be able to manage your time? Will you be able to attend classes, complete assignments, and maintain your commitments to work, family and other pursuits? Will you have the support you need from family, partners and friends?

<<<<<< After the programme >>>>>>

Students apply during the programme to the CAO. Students must choose at least one Level 8 course and one Level 6/7 – we recommend at least three of each – as places on some courses are limited.

To pass the programme, you need to pass all of the individual modules. Based on your performance on the programme and the guidance and support you will receive during the year, successful students will be offered a place on an appropriate undergraduate course in TU Dublin.

Many students begin with a certain undergraduate destination in mind, but change their mind during the year and discover a new path to follow. It's all part of the learning experience and we'll help you find your way!