



Name of the Programme	Irish Language Academic - Bursary
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2026 to 28 February 2027
Brief Description	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council supports Irish Language learners in pursuing academic achievement in Irish.</p> <p>Applicants must be aged 18+ years and intend to enrol in an Irish Language diploma/degree at either undergraduate or postgraduate level or are already enrolled.</p> <p>Irish Language Academic Bursary funding is available to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Fees <p>Applicants for the academic bursary can also apply for the adult bursary. However, if successful in both can only be in receipt of one bursary of their choosing in any one financial year.</p> <p>Bursaries are administered on a deficit funding basis; bursaries will not be paid where income exceeds expenditure.</p> <p>Please note that incomplete or retrospective applications will be deemed invalid and will not be considered.</p>
Eligibility Criteria	Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aged 18+ years and intend to enrol in an Irish Language diploma/degree at either undergraduate or postgraduate level or are already enrolled• normally be a resident in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>This bursary is only available once per academic achievement, successful applicants cannot apply for this bursary again while still studying for the same academic achievement.</p> <p>If successful to receive funding award retrospectively the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the Irish Language course by attending for the full academic year• Provide proof of full payment of fees for the Irish Language course• Participate in Council promotional activity to publicise the bursary award.
Scoring Criteria	Applicants should provide as much relevant detail as possible about the project and answer the questions as fully as possible. The responsibility to provide sufficient detail in any application for Council's consideration rests with the applicant.

1. Irish Language learning journey and contribution to Irish Language in the district - Tell us about your learning journey e.g.

How long have you been learning the language, what is your highest academic achievement? How do you contribute to Irish Language in the district e.g. organising Irish Language activities, acting as Irish Language Officer in a club or organisation. How do you use Irish Language in everyday life?

	Score Available	Score Awarded
<i>Learning Journey and contribution to Irish Language</i>		
Detailed information on applicants learning journey how they progressed in learning the language (courses attended, qualifications gained). Detailed evidence of contribution to IL in the district and how IL is used in everyday life.	8-10	
Some information on applicants learning journey how they progressed in learning the language (courses attended, qualifications gained). Some evidence of contribution to IL in the district and how IL is used in everyday life.	4-7	
Limited information on applicants learning journey how they progressed in learning the language (courses attended, qualifications gained). Little or no evidence of contribution to IL in the district and how IL is used in everyday life.	0-3	

2. How will you use this qualification to further empower Irish Language speakers and communities in the district - Tell us how you will use your qualification to further empower Irish Language speakers in the district.

	Score Available	Score Awarded
<i>Empower Irish Language</i>		
Detailed information on how the applicant will use the qualification (organise and participate in IL activities, attend Council IL activities and promote same)	8-10	
Some information on how the applicant will use the qualification (organise and participate in IL activities, attend Council IL activities and promote same)	4-7	
Limited information on how the applicant will use the qualification (organise and participate in IL activities, attend Council IL activities and promote same)	0-3	

Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order. The applications that exceed the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked applications, until funding has been expended. A reserve list will operate until December 2025.

Criteria	Score Available	Weighted Value	Weighted Score	Score Awarded
1. Irish Language learning journey and contribution to Irish Language in the district	10	X5	50	
2. Use of qualification to further empower Irish Language in the district	10	X5	50	
TOTAL SCORE: (Threshold 65%)			100	

Average Grant Amount	£500 Irish Language Academic Bursary is subject to funding availability.
Responsible Service Area	Community & Wellbeing Directorate
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	Applications can be discussed with Irish Language Officer: Fiona Crudden Telephone: 0300 3031777 Mobile: 07740454962 Email: fiona.crudden@fermanaghomagh.com or gaeilge@fermanaghomagh.com



Name of the Programme	Irish Language Gaeltacht - Bursary (Minors 1, 2 3, 4, Adult, Family)
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 June 2026 - 31 August 2026
Brief Description	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council assists individuals to improve Irish Language skills through providing bursaries for Irish Language Gaeltacht courses.</p> <p>Irish Language Gaeltacht Bursary funding is available to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Fees• Accommodation Costs• Transport/Mileage (mileage capped at 0.45 pence per mile) <p>The following bursaries are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor 1 - Bursary Up to £100 for attending a 1 week course for students aged 12-14.• Minor 2 - Bursary Up to £220 for attending up to 3 week course for students aged 12-14.• Minor 3 - Bursary Up to £220 for attending up to 3 week course for students aged 14-16.• Minor 4 - Bursary Up to £220 for attending up to 3 week course for students aged 16-18.• Adult Bursary 18+ Up to £100 for attending a 1 week course for learners 18+. <p>Note: Adults that have been successful in receiving an adult bursary in 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 are not eligible to apply for an adult bursary in 2026-2027. Applicants for the adult bursary can also apply for the academic bursary. However, if successful in both can only be in receipt of one bursary of their choosing in any one financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Bursary Up to £300 for attending a course at the Gaeltacht. At least one adult and one child are required to attend. <p>Bursaries are administered on a deficit funding basis; bursaries will not be paid where income exceeds expenditure.</p> <p>Please note that incomplete or retrospective applications will be deemed invalid and will not be considered.</p>

Stage 1 Eligibility	<p>To apply the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a resident of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area; • In the case of minors have parental/guardian permission to the attend the course; <p>If successful to receive funding award retrospectively the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Irish Language course by attending for its duration; • Provide proof of full payment of fees for the Irish Language course; <p>The applicant should give details of their Irish Language learning journey so far and how the course will further develop their language skills.</p>
Stage 2 Outcome	<p>Following assessment for compliance with eligibility criteria applications will move to a random selection process. This process will facilitate the distribution of bursary awards in each of the categories.</p> <p>A reserve list randomly selected for each category will be created and operate until 31 August 2026.</p> <p>Where random selection is used to identify bursary recipients there is no recourse for appeal.</p>
Average Grant Amount	<p>Range between £100 - £300 Irish Language bursaries are subject to funding availability.</p>
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