



UCDVO Coote Bursary 2025

Inspiring Global Citizens

Bursary Description

1. UCD Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) is a registered charity founded in 2003 by the late Fr. Tony Coote. UCDVO is based within UCD Global and is governed by a Board of Trustees.
2. UCDVO's vision is of a vibrant, global community working together for a fair and sustainable world.
3. UCD is a University for All, where all students belong and feel welcome. Students' experience, needs, and personal circumstances may vary, but in UCD's diverse learning community, exciting study opportunities await.
4. The Coote Bursary has been established in honour of the late Fr Tony Coote. It aims to increase the accessibility of the UCDVO volunteer programme by providing financial support to a small number of participants who may otherwise be excluded for financial reasons.
5. The Bursary of up to €1,750 will be used to cover eligible flight costs and other volunteer programme participation costs.
6. UCDVO will make payments for these eligible participation costs directly.
7. Participants in the UCDVO volunteer programme are provided with training and support to achieve their [minimum fundraising targets](#). Recipients of the Coote Bursary are not obliged to engage in fundraising, but will be encouraged to do so where possible.
8. There will be up to four bursaries available in 2025.



9. The Coote Bursary 2025 is kindly supported by [Concern Worldwide](#) as part of UCDVO's global citizenship education grant.

Eligibility

10. Applicants must be a current registered student of UCD; and
11. Have been selected for the UCDVO Volunteer programme 2025;
12. Be in receipt of the [UCD Student Support Fund](#) in 2023-24 and/or 2024-25, which opens shortly. UCDVO will share data with UCD Access and Lifelong Learning (ALL) to confirm this. *By applying for the Coote Bursary you are giving permission to UCDVO to share relevant data with UCD ALL.*

Application Process

13. Applicants should submit a short statement, (max one page), outlining their suitability for the Bursary. The statement should respond to the questions below. Details of personal circumstances should not be included.
14. Applications will be evaluated based on the responses to the following questions:
- a. Your motivation and interest in UCDVO.
 - b. How do you think you would benefit from participating in the UCDVO volunteer programme?
 - c. What you believe you can contribute to the UCDVO volunteer programme?
15. Bursary applicants should also ensure that you have submitted the UCDVO online application form. Details on how to [apply to the UCDVO programme](#) are on the website.



16. Bursary Applications should be sent in confidence to the UCDVO Programme Assistant, Sorcha Lyne, sorcha.lyne@ucd.ie
17. All applications will be reviewed by the UCDVO Manager and selection panel.
18. Deadline for applications (for the volunteer programme application and the Bursary statement) is **Monday 18 November, 5pm.**
19. Successful applicants will be notified by early December.

Terms and Conditions

20. Successful bursary applicants will fulfil their responsibilities as a participant in the UCDVO programme and agree to uphold the UCDVO volunteer agreement.
21. A student who withdraws, cancels, becomes inactive in the UCDVO programme will lose their bursary eligibility.
22. All scholarship and funding schemes are subject to availability of funds, and details given here are subject to change at any time. Potential applicants are urged to check information regularly to ensure they are aware of current procedures, deadlines and other information.
23. The University/UCDVO reserves the right to withdraw, vary or amend any aspect of a Scholarship/Bursary if it is found that an error or mistake has been made by the University.
24. Recipients must have the ability and time to commit to the UCDVO volunteer programme and travel overseas in 2025.
25. By applying for the Coote Bursary you are giving permission to UCDVO to share relevant personal data with UCD ALL.