

Springboard+ offers free and heavily subsidised courses at certificate, degree, and master's level. These courses are designed to help you upskill in your current role or to equip you with skills sought after by employers to help you secure employment.



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Who Can Apply for Springboard+?

Springboard+ funded programmes are:

- 100% funded for the unemployed and returners
- 90% funded for those employed
- Microcredentials are 50% funded regardless of employment status

Before applying for any course, you must meet both the programme entry requirements AND the Springboard+ funding eligibility criteria.

1. Programme Entry Requirements:

- Each programme has specific entry requirements that you must meet to be eligible to apply.
- These are clearly outlined on each programme page.
- You will be required to upload supporting documentation during the application to verify that you meet these requirements.

2. Springboard+ Eligibility Criteria

- To be eligible to apply for Springboard+ funding, you must meet the Springboard+ eligibility criteria which can be [seen HERE](#).

[See all Springboard+ Funded programmes at UCC](#)



How many places are available?

- Course demand is high and there are limited funded places available on each programme. Funded places are likely to fill quickly.
- Priority is given to unemployed and returning applicants.
- Courses may close before stated deadlines if the maximum number of offers have been issued.

If you do not meet the entry requirements and eligibility criteria

- If you do not meet the programme entry requirements, you will not be offered a place on the programme. Springboard+ funding offers cannot be transferred to another programme.
- If you do not meet the Springboard+ funding eligibility criteria, you may apply for the programme as a fee-paying student, subject to availability.

How do I apply?

Once you have checked both the:

- Programme entry requirements AND
- Springboard+ funding eligibility criteria

If you decide to apply for Springboard+ funding, you must do so via the Springboard+ website.

Steps to Apply:

1. Visit <https://springboardcourses.ie/>
2. Find your chosen programme
3. Click **Register** and complete your application
4. During the registration, you will be required to upload:
 - An up-to-date CV
 - Academic Transcripts from previous relevant qualifications
 - A motivational statement (min. 500 words) stating why you wish to study this programme at UCC and how you meet the programme entry requirements.
 - If English is not your first language, you will need to upload a copy of a UCC approved English Language Test/Exam. (English language requirements can be found [HERE](#).)

- You can also see the Springboard+ funding link via each programme page.
- You cannot apply via UCC Apply as a Springboard+ applicant until you have been offered a place and explicitly instructed to do so.

If you have applied via UCC Apply as a fee-paying applicant, you will not be considered for Springboard+ funding.

Review & Offers:

- Your application will be reviewed, with priority applicants receiving first offers.
- If you are successful, you will receive a **provisional** offer by email. You will not be enrolled until your eligibility is verified and payment (if required) is received.

Payment & Verification:

- Applicants who are approved for 90% or 50% funding will be required to pay the remaining 10% or 50% fee balance at the point of registration. If your employer is covering the remaining 10%/50% of programme fees, you must pay this amount at the time of application and any reimbursement must be arranged directly between you and your employer.
- Additional documentation will be requested via the Springboard+ platform before the programme begins to verify your eligibility.
- Offers will be withdrawn if you are unable to provide requested documentation to verify you meet eligibility and programme requirements.

IMPORTANT:

- Candidates are advised to apply early as high demand is anticipated and places are limited.



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