**John J Sweeney Scholarship at Ulster University**

**Application Form**

This application form must be submitted **by midnight (GMT time) 31 May 2016**.

**Criteria and Eligibility**

The Scholarship will be open to all US citizens who:

* Have been offered a full-time place on the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies and have made a firm commitment to Ulster University during the admissions phase;

**AND**

* Are a US union member; or
* Have a familial connection to a US union member (mother, father, sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent); or
* Can provide a reference letter from a union sponsor.

**Section 1**

**Personal Details**

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| Full Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |

**S**e**ction 2**

**Evidence of Academic Achievement**

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| **Academic Qualifications Obtained** |
| **Name of HEI attended** | **Dates Attended** | **Course undertaken** |
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Candidates must attach an official transcript from their home Higher Education Institution (HEI). Scanned copy of original degree certificate demonstrating achievement of GPA of 3.0 or above. The applicant must have been offered a full-time place on the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies by 31 May 2016 through the normal application process to be eligible for the scholarship and have made a firm commitment to Ulster University during the admissions phase. To apply for the MSc. see <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/apply/how-to-apply>. Criteria for acceptance are appended at the end of this form.

**Section 3**

**Details of Union Membership**

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| Please provide full name as registered with the union and the union affiliation |

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| Outline familial connection to union member*Applicant to provide name of union member, the union member’s union affiliation and connection to the union member, e.g. John Smith, IBEW Local 103, Uncle* |

OR

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| Reference letter from a Union sponsor (*letter to include the sponsor’s full name as registered with the union, and the union affiliation and outline how long the union member has known the applicant)* |

*Please note that once the recipient has been selected, Ulster University will ask the AFL-CIO to confirm the recipient’s stated union member and corresponding union affiliation.*

**Section 4**

**Statement on how the Scholarship will be used**

Candidates must supply a brief statement on how the Scholarship will be used.

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| Brief statement on how the Scholarship will be practically used, e.g. payment of fees, accommodation, etc. |

*N.B. The Scholarship has a value of $20,000/£14,046\* per year, of which $18,363/£12,890\* \* must be used towards the Scholar’s tuition fees with any balance remaining being provided to the Scholar on successful progression to the MSc stage. This balance may be used to purchase study materials/equipment, support course-related activities and/or in support of the Scholar’s living expenses and travel costs. Based on xe.com 1 GBP=1.42383 USD, 13 April 2016 – please note these amounts will vary due to fluctuations in exchange rates.*

**Section 5**

**Statement of Support**

Applicants must complete a 500-750 word personal statement which addresses the following:

* How do you meet the criteria?
* What do you understand are the benefits to receiving the scholarship?
* Demonstration of impact post-study – how you intend to use the experience and knowledge gained from the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies in the future?

**Section 6**

**Reference**

Two reference letters should be written by someone who knows the applicant well in either an academic or professional capacity. The reference should be written specifically in support of the scholarship application i.e. applicants should not use the same reference that was submitted for admission (the same referee can be used but the reference must support your application to this scholarship). The referees should provide their views on academic abilities and personal qualities that make the applicant a suitable recipient for the scholarship.

**Section 7**

**Citizenship**

I confirm I am a US citizen YES \_\_\_

**Notes**

* The applicant must have been offered a full-time place on the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies by 31 May 2016 through the normal application process to be eligible for the scholarship and have made a firm commitment to Ulster University during the admissions phase.
* The offer of a place on the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies programme does not automatically imply the offer of a scholarship.
* If the recipient is selected for the scholarship, INCORE will ask the AFL-CIO to confirm the recipient’s stated union member and corresponding union affiliation. By submitting this application and signing below the applicant gives the University the right to make these inquiries.
* The award of this scholarship is dependent on the student progressing to the MSc stage.
* *The Scholarship has a value of $20,000/£14,046\* per year, of which $18,363/£12,890\* \* must be used towards the Scholar’s tuition fees with any balance remaining being provided to the Scholar on successful progression to the MSc stage. This balance may be used to purchase study materials/equipment, support course-related activities and/or in support of the Scholar’s living expenses and travel costs. Based on xe.com 1 GBP=1.42383 USD, 13 April 2016 – please note these amounts will vary due to fluctuations in exchange rates*
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* Along with this application form, candidates must attach:
	+ scanned copy of original degree certificate (see Section 2)
	+ where applicable, reference letter from a Union sponsor (see Section 3)
	+ 500-750 word personal statement (see Section 5)
	+ two reference letters (see Section 6)
	+ a copy of their US passport (see Section 7)

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| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**Submission**

Completed applications and relevant attachments for the John J. Sweeney Scholarship must be submitted by email to INCORE by midnight (GMT time) 31 May 2016 to Janet Farren (JE.Farren@ulster.ac.uk). Queries on the scholarship can also be sent to this address.

For queries on the course contact Dr Stephen Ryan (s.ryan@ulster.ac.uk).

**MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies: Entry requirements and information**

To be eligible for the John J. Sweeney Scholarship the applicant must have been offered a full-time place on the MSc in Applied Peace and Conflict Studies by 31 May 2016 through the normal application process and have made a firm commitment to Ulster University during the admissions phase.

For information on the MSc. see <http://ulster.ac.uk/incore/courses/msc>

To apply for the MSc. see <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/apply/how-to-apply>

A first degree with a 2ii classification or higher, though applications can also be considered from students without such a degree who have extensive practical experience in relevant areas.

English Language requirements for international students who are not native English speakers: IELTS 6.0.

English language requirements for international students. General English language entry requirement for most programmes of study require you to have a minimum of IELTS equivalent 6.0 (with no contributing band of less than 5.5). Our Centre for English Language Teaching (CELT) is a specialised unit providing English language teaching and support for registered students who have English as an additional language. Individual courses may require a higher level of attainment - please check course entry requirements individually.