



# Student Survey.ie

## Pilot Study 1 - New questions for 2022

*Information for students [on the final page]*

For the first time, StudentSurvey.ie have decided to ask students directly to share more information about themselves. We plan to use the answers to consider if your background and personal experience have an impact on your engagement with your higher education institution, with the aim of improving the experience for all students.

### **A few key things to remember when answering these questions:**

- Your responses will be anonymous.
- Your responses to the following questions will not be shared with your higher education institution.
- You may not know the answer to every question and not all questions may apply equally well to you as to others.
- Like all the questions in StudentSurvey.ie, you don't have to answer them if you don't want to.
- We also invite you to give feedback on these questions at the end.

1. Do you have a disability or condition that impacts on your learning, working, or living activities?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

2. If Yes, please indicate the nature of the disability or condition. Select as many as apply to you:

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- Attention Deficit Disorder/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ ADHD)
- Blind/ Vision Impaired
- Deaf/ Hard of Hearing
- Developmental Coordination Disorder (dyspraxia)
- Mental Health Condition (e.g., depression, anxiety)
- Neurological Conditions (e.g., multiple sclerosis)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness (e.g., Crohn's Disease, fibromyalgia)
- Physical Disability (e.g., spina bifida, amputations)
- Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g., dyslexia, dyscalculia)
- Other disability or condition, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to say

3. What is your ethnicity? Select as many as apply to you.

- Arab
- Arab-Irish
- Arab - mixed/multiple
- Any other Arab background
- Asian
- Asian - Irish
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Asian - Mixed/multiple
- Any other Asian background
- Black
- Black - Irish
- Black – African
- Black – Caribbean
- Black - mixed/multiple
- Any other Black background
- Hispanic
- Hispanic - Irish
- Hispanic - mixed/multiple
- Any other Hispanic background
- White
- White Irish
- White - Roma
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - mixed/multiple
- Any other White background
- Any other ethnic background
- Any other mixed/multiple background
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

4. Do you have substantial caring responsibilities now, or did you at any point since you began your current programme? Select as many as apply to you.

- Yes - childcare, with shared caring responsibilities
- Yes - childcare, with sole caring responsibilities
- Yes - elder care, with shared caring responsibilities
- Yes - elder care, with sole caring responsibilities
- Yes - other caring responsibility, with shared caring responsibilities
- Yes - other caring responsibility, with sole caring responsibilities
- Little or no caring responsibilities
- Prefer not to say

5. Do you have any of the following further education and training major awards (QQI/ FETAC) at NFQ Level 5 or Level 6? Select as many as apply to you. *Click here for more information about what this is.*

- A Level 5 Certificate
- An Advanced Certificate
- An equivalent award from another country/ qualifications awarding body
- No
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

Just a quick reminder:

Your responses will be anonymous. Your responses to these background questions will not be shared with your higher education institution.

6. Did you qualify for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) alternative entry scheme? *Click here for more information about what this is.*

- Yes
- No
- No, but I qualified for an equivalent alternative entry scheme from another country/ education system
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

7. What was the highest level of educational qualification of your parents/ guardians?

- Junior Certificate or equivalent
- Leaving Certificate or equivalent
- Advanced Certificate/ Higher Certificate or equivalent
- Ordinary Bachelor Degree or equivalent
- Honours Bachelor Degree/ Higher Diploma or equivalent
- Masters Degree/ Postgraduate Diploma or equivalent
- Doctoral Degree/ Higher Doctorate or equivalent
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

8. Which of the following forms of formal financial support are you receiving? Select as many as apply to you.

- SUSI grant
- Back to Education allowance
- Scholarship based on financial need
- Scholarship based on other criteria, e.g. sport, music
- Loan
- Some other formal financial support
- I'm not receiving any formal financial support
- I don't know
- Prefer not to say

9. Please describe your gender. A short list of frequently used words is provided below. If you prefer, use the text box to describe it in your own words.

- Female
- Male
- Gender non-binary
- Transgender woman
- Transgender man
- Prefer not to say
- I'd prefer to describe it in my own words: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please describe your sexual orientation. A short list of frequently used words is provided below. If you prefer, use the text box to describe it in your own words.

- Heterosexual/ Straight
- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Asexual
- Queer
- Prefer not to say
- I'd prefer to describe it in my own words: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Is there anything you think we should know in deciding whether to include these questions in future years, or do you have any other feedback about these questions you want to share?

#### QUESTION 5 More information

These major awards include the Level 5 Certificate and the Advanced Certificate (which is at Level 6). They were issued by FETAC until 2012 and by QQI since 2012. Level 5 Certificates, for example, are often awarded upon successful completion of one-year post leaving certificate (PLC) programmes and also after [some apprenticeships](#). Advanced certificates are awarded after completing a further year of PLC studies. Also, many apprenticeships, including many four-year craft apprenticeships, lead to an Advanced Certificate award.

#### QUESTION 6 More information

The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university scheme that offers places on reduced points and extra college support to school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are resident in the Republic of Ireland. HEAR has been set up by a number of colleges and universities, as evidence shows that socio-economic disadvantage can have a negative effect on how well a student does at school and whether they go on to college. HEAR applicants must meet a range of financial, social and cultural indicators to be considered for a reduced points place and extra college support. You can find more information on the HEAR website [here](#).

