



Introduction to Data Stewardship Microcredential (DH5001)

Bursary Opportunities

We are delighted to announce that **three bursaries**, funded by Sonraí Irish Data Stewardship Network, are available for the 2027 delivery of the Introduction to Data Stewardship Microcredential at University College Cork (UCC).

These bursaries will be awarded to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below. We are particularly interested in supporting individuals who would benefit from the training but do not have access to a dedicated professional development or training budget.

Course Details

NFQ Level: Level 9

Duration: 13 weeks

Start Date: 11 January 2027

In-Person Workshop: Tuesday, 12 January 2027, UCC

Teaching Methods: See <https://www.ucc.ie/en/dh5001/> for full course details.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Researchers without a training budget, including:

- Unfunded researchers (e.g. PhD students) currently affiliated with a publicly funded higher education institution listed by the Irish Government.
- Unfunded researchers affiliated with Irish publicly funded research-performing organisations, higher education institutions, health services, national research infrastructures, and other public-sector bodies involved in research and innovation.

2. Library and Information Science (LIS) Students

- Currently enrolled in a Library Association of Ireland (LAI) accredited programme or equivalent.

3. Research Support Professionals

- Individuals working in research support roles, including research administration, research data management, open research, scholarly communications, and related areas, who do not have access to a training budget.

4. Other Applicants

- The bursary may also be of interest to:
 - o Early-career researchers
 - o Data stewards or those aspiring to data stewardship roles
 - o Professionals supporting research data management in academic, public-sector, or research-intensive environments
 - o Individuals without access to a dedicated training budget who wish to develop expertise in data stewardship

What Does the Bursary Cover?

The bursary includes:

- Full registration costs for the microcredential (€1,000)

Bursary recipients must be available to attend the in-person workshop in UCC on 12 January 2027.

How to Apply

To apply for a bursary, please email researchdata@ucc.ie with a letter of expression of interest (maximum one page) that includes:

- The bursary criterion or criteria under which you believe you are eligible.
- A brief motivational statement (included within the one-page limit) outlining:
 - a. Your interest in data stewardship and research data management.
 - b. How the micro-credential aligns with your current role, research, or professional development goals.
 - c. How you intend to apply the knowledge and skills gained through the programme.

To ensure fair access to the bursaries, awards will be made, where possible, across a range of institutions, disciplines, and professional backgrounds. We aim to support a diverse cohort of participants and foster a rich and collaborative learning environment.

Closing date for bursary applications: 20th November at 17:00.

Notification of outcome: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their bursary application by 1st December.

Applicants who are awarded a bursary will then be invited to complete their formal application through the [UCC Apply portal](#).