BUILDINGS ARCHAEOLOGY BURSARY 2026

The National Monuments Service is delighted to invite applications for its bursary scheme for a one-year course in buildings archaeology skills at Atlantic Technological University

Is the course for me?

The Certificate in Buildings Archaeology (Level 7) mixes theory and practice to introduce you to Ireland's rich built heritage and will teach you new skills in historic building recording and conservation. It will comprise three modules (mostly taught online, two hours per week) taught over one academic year, commencing September 2026. There will be four consecutive days of in-person practicals in November 2026 at Atlantic Technological University's Sligo campus.

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Atlantic Technological University

Am I eligible to apply?

You must have an existing Level 6 qualification, or the equivalent in professional experience in archaeology, built heritage conservation or a related discipline.
You must also be practicing in Ireland, working as a professional archaeologist or in other related disciplines (for example, architects and engineers) in the private/commercial sector.

Are there formal exams?

There will be no formal exams. Instead, all three modules (15 credits, NFQ Level 7) will have two pieces of assessment, a combination of online tests, essays and building reports.

Whats costs does the bursary cover?

The bursary covers all course fees, as well as an additional direct payment of €500 to assist with attendance expenses for on-campus in person practicals.

How do I apply for the bursary scheme?

Please send an email titled 'Expression of Interest in NMS Bursary' to the ATU Programme Coordinator and the National Monuments Service, as below:

ATU Programme Coordinator
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Shirley.markley@atu.ie

NMS Archaeologist
Cóilín Ó Drisceoil
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Deadline for expression of interest and ATU application is **6pm, Friday 12 June 2026**.

How are bursaries awarded?

A total of ten bursaries is available. ATU will manage the selection criteria according to its approved systems. If there is oversubscription to this bursary scheme by eligible candidates, places will be selected randomly.

Where can I find more information on the course?

Learn more at **ATU/Certificate-in-Buildings-Archaeology-Blended** or scan the QR code on the bottom right.

Please note you must have completed an ATU application in conjunction with the expression of interest email by the NMS bursary application deadline of **6pm June 12th 2026**.