

Academic Year 2020-2021 – Questions and Answers 27th August 2020

Further to the [update which was issued to all students on Tuesday 18th August](#), please find below some answers to frequently asked questions about the forthcoming academic year. Students are asked to note that this is a quite dynamic situation dictated by public health considerations. Therefore, please continue to monitor <http://covid19.cit.ie> and your email for updates.

What will the blended academic delivery model for Semester 1 mean for me as a student?

In general, lectures will be delivered remotely. You will therefore need access to a computer and internet connectivity. Further guidance is at <http://www.mycit.ie/itsupport>. Student training materials on CIT's Learning Management System, Canvas, continue to be available at <http://tel.cit.ie>.

The situation for small group learning activities such as practicals, workshops, kitchens, laboratories, and tutorials will vary according to programme. Some of these will be delivered face-to-face on campus, while others will be delivered remotely. It will depend on factors such as the needs and requirements of the academic discipline, space considerations, and stage of programme.

How will I find out the arrangements for my programme?

We will keep you updated on the arrangements as they are put in place. Please monitor <http://covid19.cit.ie> and your email for updates. Students are asked to note that this is a quite dynamic situation dictated by public health considerations. As arrangements are completed, academic departments will email programme-specific information to their students regarding remote and on-campus provision.

I am trying to decide on my accommodation requirements for next year. Any advice?

This is a dynamic situation dictated by public health considerations. We are therefore advising students to take account of this when making arrangements regarding accommodation and travel to/from CIT in 2020-2021.

As already indicated, students are advised to ensure that any arrangements with regard to accommodation and/or travel are as flexible as possible. Where a class is required to be on campus for small group learning activities, we will do our best to ensure that the number of days on which that class is required to be on campus is kept as small as possible.

CIT's Accommodation Office (email: accommodation@cit.ie) assists students in finding a suitable place to live, providing information and guidance to students on the accommodation most appropriate to their needs.

Listings are updated regularly at <https://www.cit.ie/studentlife/accommodation/>

Please note that while every effort is made to facilitate students seeking accommodation, the Institute is not involved in any agreement/contracts entered into between students and landlords or other accommodation providers.

I have read about the Government's laptop scheme to assist with remote learning. Will there be an opportunity for CIT students to apply?

A sum of €515,866 has been allocated to CIT under this scheme. Applications can be made through the Institute's Student Assistance Fund. Details for applying will be available at www.mycit.ie/saf from the middle of September. Please refer to the website at this time and if you have any questions, please email student.assistance@cit.ie

Will there be a blended academic delivery model in Semester 2 as well as in Semester 1?

A decision will be made in relation to Semester 2 delivery as and when clarity emerges in the first semester.

What are the Craft Apprentices term dates?

Term 1

Monday 28th September 2020 – Friday 4th December 2020 (10-week blocks)

Monday 28th September 2020 – Friday 11th December 2020 (11-week blocks)

Term 2

Monday 4th January 2021 – Friday 12th March 2021 (10-week blocks)

Monday 4th January 2021 – Friday 19th March 2021 (11-week blocks)

Term 3

Tuesday 6th April 2021 – Friday 11th June 2021 (10-week blocks)

Tuesday 6th April 2021 – Friday 18th June 2021 (11-week blocks)

SOLAS cancelled some of my practical craft assessments in Term 2 of 2019/2020, due to COVID-19. Will there be an opportunity to complete those soon?

Apprentices who have outstanding practical assessments from Term 2 of 2019/2020, will be asked to complete these assessments on campus this September. Dates remain to be confirmed.

Will CIT Libraries re-open in Semester 1?

The Library is currently planning for the gradual re-opening of its facilities across all campuses in time for Semester 1. Various measures will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of all users. This is likely to impact somewhat on the physical services available, particularly in Semester 1. However, library supports and services will continue to be available at <http://library.cit.ie> and new click and collect options will also be introduced.

How will CIT Student Services operate in 2020-2021?

Since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, the Institute's [Student Services](#) have continued to run remotely and engage with students. These services, including [Access and Disability](#), [Pastoral Care](#), [Counselling](#), [Medical Service](#), and the [Careers Service](#) are planning to resume some face-to-face activity in the new academic year, but will also continue to be available remotely.

CIT's student [clubs](#) and [societies](#) are preparing for the forthcoming academic year. Extra gym space will be made available in order to provide opportunities to students and staff to exercise and train while complying with social distancing requirements. They have also been addressing innovative ways in which to engage with students and staff for the coming academic year. These services will communicate with students over the coming academic year.

Will the *Good Start* programme take place in 2020-2021?

AnSEO – the Student Engagement Office will roll out the [Good Start](#) programme in each semester. The Semester 1 *Good Start* will be extended in order to afford students the maximum opportunity to benefit from it.

What about the Academic Learning Centre?

The [Academic Learning Centre](#) will continue to deliver and enhance support across a range of disciplines, both face-to-face and remotely.

Will CIT Academic Success Coaching be available?

CIT [Academic Success Coaches](#) will also be available to students, again both face-to-face and remotely.