

The Denham Fellowship 2023

Application Form for applicant categories 1 and 2

This application form is for the following categories of applicant. Please tick the category that applies to you.

Category 1

Graduates holding a **Law degree** that is approved for the purposes of eligibility to sit the King's Inns Entrance Examination and who accessed a Higher Education Institution **through an Access Programme/Access Route** as school leavers, or mature years' students*, **due to socio-economic disadvantage**. This category includes persons who have not yet completed an approved Law degree but who are due to complete same in the year of application for the Fellowship.

Category 2

Graduates of other disciplines who have been awarded the **Diploma in Legal Studies** at The Honorable Society of King's Inns and who accessed a Higher Education Institution **through an Access Programme/Access Route** as school leavers, or mature years' students*, **due to socio-economic disadvantage**. This category includes persons who have not yet completed the Diploma in Legal Studies but who are due to complete same in the year of application for the Fellowship.

* Mature years' students are defined as those aged 23 years or over prior to entry date and who have no previous undergraduate Level 8 qualification.

Personal Details

Surname:		First Name(s):	
Date of Birth* (DDMMYY):		Country of Birth:	

Gender:	
Home Address:	
Eircode:	
Correspondence Address (if different):	
Eircode:	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
Email:	
* Please enclose a copy of your birth certificate or passport	

Education	
Did you enter a Higher Education Institution through an Access Programme/Access Route?*	Yes No
<p>If yes, please provide details and enclose a letter from the Access Office of your current or former Higher Education Institution confirming that you accessed third level education through a specified Access Programme/Access Route due to socio-economic disadvantage.</p> <p>If no, you are not eligible for the Fellowship.</p>	

*Definition of "Access Programme/Access Route" extends to a variety of higher education initiatives which support access to third level education, and which are specifically targeted at students from socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds, for example the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) and other access initiatives which are local and specific to individual Higher Education Institutions and which cater to both school leavers and mature years' students. Mature years' students are defined as those aged 23 years or over prior to entry date and who have no previous undergraduate Level 8 qualification. If you are unsure as to whether or not you qualify as an "Access Student" please contact fellowship@lawlibrary.ie.

Name of Higher Education Institution:

Year(s) attended:

Name and brief description of the Access Programme/Access Route:

Have you completed, or are you due to complete this year, an approved law degree/approved postgraduate diploma for the purposes of eligibility to sit the King's Inns Entrance Examination?*

Yes
No

If **yes**, please specify below.

If **no**, you are not eligible for the Fellowship.

*Please refer to the Schedule of Approved Degrees on the King's Inns website
<https://www.kingsinns.ie/education/entrance-examination>

Name of approved law degree/approved postgraduate diploma

Name of Institution

Did you complete the programme?

Please tick as appropriate

I am in my final year

Please submit transcripts of all law degree/diploma results (to include all years of third level study, and Erasmus where applicable) as soon as they become available but no later than 1st July.

Yes

Year completed:

Please submit transcripts of all law degree/diploma results (to include all years of third level study, and Erasmus where applicable).

No

You are not eligible for the Fellowship.

Applicant Status*

Are you an EU National?

Yes

OR Have you been granted Refugee Status?	No
	Yes Year Granted: _____
	No
Do you require an education visa to study in Ireland?	Yes
	No
Do you require a visa to work in Ireland?	Yes
	No
<p>*Please be advised that you may be required to provide additional supporting documentation to confirm your status.</p>	

Employment History			
Are you currently employed?	Yes	Part-Time	Full-Time
	No		
Place of Work	Position held with a brief outline of your responsibilities, the skills used or experience gained while working in this position	Dates	
		From	To
Please start with most recent			

Add more rows as appropriate...			

Personal Statement (max wordcount: 750 words in total — for example 125 words per question)

1. Please explain why you wish to apply for The Denham Fellowship and pursue a career at the Bar.

2. Please provide a summary of your personal circumstances e.g. family, education.

3. Please outline your readiness to commit to the full 5 year duration of the Fellowship programme (or 6 years, if undertaking the Barrister-at-Law degree programme as a modular student).

4. What barriers/challenges (past, present and future) have you met or expect to encounter in accessing professional legal education and a career at the Bar?

5. What difference will The Denham Fellowship make for you?

6. What would make you a good Denham Fellow?

Referees

Please provide the details of two referees e.g. a tutor / teacher from a course you have attended or supervisor from a place of work.

REFEREE 1

Name	
Job Title	
Relationship to you	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Email	

REFEREE 2	
Name	
Job Title	
Relationship to you	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Email	

Check-List	
Please tick to confirm	
	I accessed a Higher Education Institution through an Access Programme/Access Route, which specifically targets students from socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds, as a school leaver or mature years' student.
	I hold, or I am in my final year of a Law degree/diploma that is approved for the purposes of eligibility to sit the King's Inns Entrance Examination.
	I am committed to the full five year duration of the Fellowship programme (six years if I undertake the Barrister-at-Law degree programme as a modular student).
	If shortlisted, I am available to attend an interview in February 2023. (The Denham Fellowship Board will endeavour to notify shortlisted applicants at least one week in advance of interview).
	If I am offered the Fellowship, I understand I must apply to sit the Entrance Examination to the Barrister-at-Law degree programme by 31 st May 2023 and I must be available to sit the Entrance Examination in August 2023.

	<p>If I am offered the Fellowship, and if I successfully complete the Entrance Examination, I understand that I must take up my place on the Barrister-at-Law degree programme in October 2023.</p>
	<p>If I am offered the Fellowship, and I successfully complete the Barrister-at-Law degree programme, I understand that I must take the call to the Bar and commence practice in the Law Library in October 2024 (or October 2025 if I undertake the Barrister-at-Law degree programme as a modular student).</p>
<p>Please ensure the following documentation is enclosed with your completed application form. Any documents not available to you at this point in time can be submitted following submission of your application. All of the supporting documentation required can be submitted as copies, however applicants may be required to show original copies if selected for interview.</p>	
	<p>I enclose a copy of my birth certificate or passport.</p>
	<p>I enclose a letter from the Access Office of my current or former Higher Education Institution confirming that I accessed third level education through a specified Access Programme/Access Route due to socio-economic disadvantage.</p>
	<p>I enclose transcripts of all law degree/diploma results (to include all years of third level study, and Erasmus where applicable) if available at time of application but no later than 1st July 2023.</p>

<p>Permissions*</p>	
<p>Please tick to confirm</p>	
	<p>I give permission to The Denham Fellowship Board and supporting staff to contact me in relation to my application.</p>

	I give permission to The Denham Fellowship Board and supporting staff to contact the referees I have supplied.
	I give permission to The Denham Fellowship Board and supporting staff to contact my current/former Higher Education Institution for any additional information or clarification required in connection with my application.
	I give permission to The Denham Fellowship Board, its advisors and/or experts, and supporting staff to review the documentation I have provided.
	I give permission to The Denham Fellowship Board to share my application details and the documentation I have provided as part of the application process with The Bar of Ireland and The Honorable Society of King's Inns.
*Personal data will be processed by The Denham Fellowship Board, The Bar of Ireland and The Honorable Society of King's Inns in accordance with Data Protection legislation.	

Declaration

Please print and sign

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is true and accurate. I understand that any of the information supplied as part of my application may be subject to verification and if I have misrepresented myself and/or am found to have given false declaration, I will be ineligible for The Denham Fellowship.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

The closing date for applications is no later than 5pm, Tuesday 28th February 2023.

Completed application forms can be submitted via email to: fellowship@lawlibrary.ie or via post to:

The Denham Fellowship

The Bar of Ireland

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For queries please contact fellowship@lawlibrary.ie