TALENT SEARCH

ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FORM 2017-2018

For Second Level students aged 12–16 Years
with Exceptional Academic Ability.

CTY
IRELAND

DCU
**Applicant Information**

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<th>First Name:</th>
<th>Last Name:</th>
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<th>Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)</th>
<th>Sex: Male Female</th>
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**Home Address:**

**Mother/Guardian’s Name:**

**Mother/Guardian’s Mobile Number:**

**Father/Guardian’s Name:**

**Father/Guardian’s Mobile Number:**

**Home Phone Number:**

**Parent/Guardian’s Email:**

**Your custodial parent/guardian?**

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<th>Mother</th>
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**Name of Secondary School:**

**School Roll number:** (available from school)

**Mother/Guardian’s Signature:**

**Father/Guardian’s Signature:**

Find your school’s roll number at [www.schooldays.ie/articles/education-system-in-ireland](http://www.schooldays.ie/articles/education-system-in-ireland)

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<th>Have you previously taken part in courses with CTYI at secondary school level?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>If yes, in what year(s)?</td>
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<th>Did you take part in CTYI classes for primary school children?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>If you already have a CTYI student number, please write it below.</td>
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**Saturday, 21st October 2017**

- Dublin (DCU)
- Cork (UCC)
- Limerick (UL)
- Sligo (SIT)

Closing date for this assessment is Friday, 6th October 2017.

Applications received after this date will be included in the January assessment.

**Saturday, 13th January 2018**

- Dublin (DCU)
- Galway (NUIG)
- Limerick (UL)
- Wexford

Closing date for this assessment is Friday, 22nd December 2017.

Applications received after this date will be included in the February assessment.

**Saturday, 10th February 2018**

- Dublin (DCU)
- Cork (UCC)

Closing date for this assessment is Friday, 26th January 2018.
Talent Search Conditions

The information in this brochure is intended as a guide only, and shall not be deemed to constitute a contract of the terms thereof between the University or CTYI and a student or any third party.

All Centres are contingent on minimum numbers, so there is a chance that you may not be allocated to your chosen test Centre. In this instance, we will allocate you to your nearest available Centre.

The Talent Search fee of €55 may be paid by cheque or postal order, and should be made payable to “CTYI”. This fee is non-refundable. Please note that CTYI do not accept cash.

Applicants with a Psychological Assessment

Applicants should forward a copy of their psychological assessment, along with a completed application form and the €55 evaluation fee to the address below.

(CTYI do not carry out psychological assessments).

Talent Search Agreement

I certify that I have read the 2017-18 Talent Search brochure, meet the criteria and agree to the terms of the Talent Search and intend to take the SCAT at the selected Test Centre.

I understand and agree that the personal data relating to the applicant provided on this form will be used by CTYI for the purposes of processing this application and assessing the child’s eligibility for the course. This personal data will be retained until your child reaches the age of 18 years and then destroyed. CTYI will be the data controller in respect of such personal data. For further information on CTYI’s data processing, including your data protection rights, please see CTYI’s https://www.dcu.ie/ctyi/CTYI-Policies.shtml.

For students who have provided a psychological assessment:

As the guardian of the applicant, I expressly consent to CTYI’s use of the psychological assessment (and any information contained in that assessment) supplied with this form for the purposes of processing this application and assessing the child’s eligibility for the course.

Parents: I give permission for my child to enter the 2017-18 Talent Search and to participate in the qualifying exam.

__________________________  ______________________
Student Signature           Date

__________________________  ______________________
Parent Signature            Date

Both signatures required

Applications should be posted to:

Talent Search
CTY Ireland
Dublin City University
Dublin 9

Contact Us

Web www.dcu.ie/ctyi
Tel 01 700 5634
Email ctyi@dcu.ie
Facebook ctyi, DCU
Twitter ctyi
2017-18 Talent Search
Participating students have the opportunity to take the School and College Ability Test (SCAT) in October, January and February. This test is an excellent indicator of outstanding mathematical and verbal reasoning ability at a young age.

The Centre & Our Assessments
The Centre for Talented Youth, Ireland (CTYI) is a national centre founded by Dublin City University in 1992. It aims to identify students aged 8-18 years with exceptional academic ability and to provide services for them, their parents and their teachers. Since 1992 thousands of students have taken part in the annual Talent Searches. Assessment results determine which programmes students are eligible for. Centre for Talented Youth (CTYI) programmes are available to students with results in the 95th percentiles, Centre for Academic Talent (CAT) programmes are available to students with results falling between the 85th and 94th percentiles, while DCU Summer Scholars is available to everyone who participates in the Talent Search. Over 30 subject areas are offered, including subjects as diverse as Popular Fiction, Criminology, Psychology, Computer Gaming and Engineering. These challenging courses are designed to provide heightened academic stimulation. They also provide an opportunity for students to meet other young people with similar interests.

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Fees are charged for courses run by the Centre, but scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and/or need. All Talent Search applicants are invited to special taster days which explore specific academic areas and give students an idea of what taking a programme with us would involve.

How to Register
To register, complete the form overleaf and return it to CTYI with the £55 assessment fee before the closing date (indicated). Applicants will receive a practice test paper following the closing date. Results will be posted 6-7 weeks following the test.

Students who have been assessed independently by an educational psychologist may submit a report between 1st Sept and 31st May, for consideration. The evaluation fee is £55.

Talent Search Eligibility
To be eligible to participate in the Talent Search, students must be aged between 12 and 16 years and must attend secondary school in Ireland.

Previous achievement at a regional or national level in a competition that reflects high ability in an academic area, e.g. Young Scientist Exhibition, etc., or

Previous standardised aptitude or achievement score report showing a 95th or higher percentile score relating to mathematical and/or verbal reasoning ability.

Previous talent search qualifiers have shown some of the following characteristics:
• Outstanding aptitude in either mathematical and/or verbal reasoning.
• Excellent ability in written work and/or spoken vocabulary.
• Exceptional interest in one particular area of knowledge or specialty.
• Enjoys intellectual challenge and possesses an ability to work things out in their head.
• Lively and original imagination.

Students from countries other than Ireland who wish to establish eligibility for CTYI should contact CTYI directly.

Talent Search Participants
• Students reaching a certain age dependent standard are invited to take part in academic programmes at CTYI or CAT.
• All CTYI qualifiers from the Talent Search are invited to the Celebration of Talent Ceremony in April/May.
• Merit scholarships are offered each year to candidates who perform particularly well on the test. Please note, merit scholarships may only be awarded to the same prize winner for no more than two years.
• All participants are invited to attend our Taster Day events and to sign up to our correspondence courses.

Summer Courses 2018
CTYI Session 1: 24th June – 13th July
CTYI Session 2: 15th July – 3rd August
CAT Session 1: 24th June – 6th July
CAT Session 2: 15th July – 27th July
Summer Scholars: 24th June – 6th July

Course Fees
CTYI Programme
Duration: 3 weeks
Residential: €1750
Commuter: €850
CAT Programme
Duration: 2 weeks
Residential: €1250
Commuter: €600
Summer Scholars
Duration: 2 weeks
n/a
Commuter: €500

Commuter fees include tuition only. All fees are approximate.