

# The James Brosnan Scholarship: Foundations in AT Course

Enable Ireland's National AT Training Service offers annually the **James Brosnan Scholarship**, in memory of a man who was an expert AT user, journalist, powerful advocate, artist, Liverpool fan and all-round renaissance man.

James followed his own path in terms of his use of technology, and he generously shared his extraordinary experience with others. His immense legacy can be seen in the video linked here that charts just a fraction of his life story, through the lens of Assistive Technology.

This scholarship will enable the successful applicant to register for Enable Ireland's Foundations in Assistive Technology course, accredited by Technological University, Dublin (TU Dublin), free of charge. This course is a Level 6 course, with 5 ECTs (European Credit Transfers). The standard course fee is €950. For further information, please see <u>Foundations in AT Course</u> 2024 information.

## Who Can Apply?

This scholarship is open to Assistive Technology users or prospective users, who wish to upskill in this area, and who are also willing to share their learning with others, through peer mentoring.

#### Applicants must be:

- 18 years or older.
- Have a lived experience of disability
- Be committed to 100 hours of blended learning.
- Be committed to submitting a project based on their learning.

### When is the next course and how is it delivered?

The next Foundations in AT Course starts in January 2025 and is delivered entirely online using two methods.

- 1. Self-directed study, quizzes and forum participation: Learning materials and activities will be provided to participants on our Moodle based Learning Management System.
- 2. Live webinars: There will be a series of 2.5-hour webinars featuring guest presentations and group discussion.

Do I need any equipment or software to participate in the course?

A range of Assistive Technology will be made available to you throughout the course however you will need:

- A reliable broadband connection capable of supporting video.
- Access to a computing device for the duration of the course. We recommend a desktop or laptop (either Microsoft Windows or Apple MacOS) for the best experience.
- Webcam, microphone and speakers (or headset). We strongly encourage everyone to participate in the webinar discussions.



# **Application Form**

Name:
Address:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Why do you want to do this Foundations in AT course?
What do you plan to do with your learning when you complete the course?
Please outline your experience with technology (mainstream technology and/or Assistive Technology) to date:
Are there any barriers that might prevent you from taking up this scholarship, should you be successful in your application?
$\square$ Yes, there are barriers that might prevent me from taking up this scholarship.
$\hfill\square$ No, there aren't any barriers that might prevent me from taking up this scholarship
Do you have a lived experience with disability?
$\square$ Yes, I have a lived experience with disability.
$\square$ No, I do not have a lived experience with disability
The Foundations in AT course is 100 hours of blended learning. Can you commit to investing that amount of time to successfully complete the course?
$\square$ Yes, I can commit to 100 hours of blended learning.
$\square$ No, I am unable to commit to 100 hours of blended learning.
To successfully complete the course, you need to submit a project based on your learning.
$\square$ Yes, I am committed to submit a project as part of the course.
$\square$ No, I cannot commit to submitting a project as part of the course.
Closing Date for completed applications  Completed applications should be emailed to <a href="mailto:sdeakin@enableireland.ie">sdeakin@enableireland.ie</a> before Friday,  October 11th 2024 @ 5 P.M.