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Maynooth University John and Pat Hume Doctoral Awards Scheme

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MU John and Pat Hume Doctoral Awards Scheme (1 of 2)

<p>€18,000 Scholarships & Women in STEM x 2</p>	<p>€16,000 stipend, up to €2,000 research expenses allowance, fees</p>	<p>Full-time students only</p> <p>*Women in STEM Awards available in Faculty of Science & Engineering only</p>
<p>€10,000 Scholarship (MAP value the same)</p>	<p>€9,000 stipend, up to €1,000 research expenses allowance, fees</p>	<p>Full-time students only</p>
<p>MU Doctoral Studentships</p>	<p>Fees</p>	<p>Full- and part-time students. *NOT available in Faculty of Science & Engineering.</p>

MU John and Pat Hume Doctoral Awards Scheme (2 of 2)

- prospective doctoral students only
- single competition
- online application system
- two referees (supervisor can also act as a referee)
- supervisor's confirmation to supervise
- two-step evaluation process (department -> faculty)
- allocations at faculty level
- application deadline: Midnight, 29th March 2019
- referees' deadline: Midnight, 29th March 2019

Eligibility (1 of 2)

Academic excellence

- First class or upper second-class honours bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, in the discipline of the department of application, or in a cognate discipline approved by the proposed supervisor -OR
- Hold a Master's (Research or Taught) Degree in the discipline of the department of application or cognate discipline as approved by proposed supervisor.
- **Current students eligible to apply on the basis of expected results (conditional offers subject to meeting eligibility criteria)**

Eligibility (2 of 2)

All applicants: doctoral awards only

General rule: applicants intending to pursue a doctoral degree at MU
(includes students registering initially for Masters by Research)

Specific eligibility criteria for individual awards types

€18,000 and €10,000 Scholarships:

Must qualify for exemption from income tax in relation to income arising from the scholarship (Sect 193 Taxes Consolidation Act 1977)

- must register as full-time students

Maynooth Access Programme – specific criteria

Eligibility exclusions

Existing doctoral students INELIGIBLE (includes students registering initially for Masters by Research and progressing to PhD)

Student previously awarded the John & Pat Hume scholarship INELIGIBLE

Check Terms & Conditions for all eligibility requirements

If in doubt contact humephdsscholarship@mu.ie

Evaluation criteria

Applications for ALL awards:

1. Quality of the applicant (assessed at Dept & Faculty)
2. Quality of project proposal (Assessed at Dept and Faculty)
3. The fit of the proposed research and candidate with the research profile and available supervisory resources of the department (assessed at Departmental review only)

Each criterion receives equal weighting.

MAP scholarship applicants: additional criteria

Evaluation process

All applications:

Two steps evaluation process

1. departmental panel – marking and ranking
2. faculty panel – final ranking within faculty

MAP applications:

Applicants ranked for funding by departmental panels progress to assessment under MAP criteria.

JPHDA MAP Scholarship

(1 of 2)

One scholarship allocated to Access Office to be awarded under the Maynooth Access Programme to an applicant deemed fundable by a department/school/research institute (applicants from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, applicants with disability etc.)

Dedicated section for MAP applicants

- Confidential – not provided to departmental panels
- Applicants should not make references to applying for MAP scholarship in other sections of their application

JPHDA MAP Scholarship

(2 of 2)

Criteria:

- applicants from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds (HEAR);
- applicants with a disability. Special consideration may be given to applicants with a physical and/or sensory disability;
- mature applicants (those entering college/university as a mature student at undergraduate level).

JPHDA Application

1. Applicant's details incl. third level education and results (upload certified transcripts –stamped by your Institution)
 2. Supervisor's confirmation to supervise. (read T&Cs for exact wording required)
 3. Previous achievements and awards
 4. Project title and abstract
 5. Research project proposal
 6. Personal statement
 7. Maynooth Access Programme
 8. Academic references – (You can ask your proposed supervisor to act as one of your referees)
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Abstract

Very important part of your application

Two-step evaluation process – your application will be assessed by both expert and non-expert evaluators

Communicate effectively with both types of evaluators

Research project proposal

1. Describe the topic, including aims and objectives and central research questions

2. Methodology, including for example investigative and analytic methods and theoretical frameworks

3. Research Plan to include for example a schedule for the completion of tasks and phases of the project and efficient management and performance of research.

4 pages for Proposal plus 3 pages for additional charts bibliography etc. See Guide for applicants for formatting restrictions.

Personal statement

1.Explain why you wish to pursue doctoral studies at MU in the area you have chosen. Include information on any **relevant experience and interests** that have informed your desire to pursue this degree.

2.“Fit of Applicant” demonstrates the alignment of your research with the academic department’s expertise.

3.Dissemination: Include a statement indicating the anticipated impact of your research and general for dissemination.

4.Provide any **additional information** you feel will offer a full picture of your **capability, motivation and interests**.

Maynooth Access Programme

The section will be only displayed if applicant selects MAP scholarship at the beginning of the online application form.

Applicants will be required to provide the University with a letter authorising the relevant former institution(s) to confirm that the information provided in this Section is accurate.

Consult with MU Access Office if unsure about your eligibility.

State why you should be considered for the scholarship under the Maynooth University Access Programme
(e.g. your socio-economic background, impact of a disability etc.)

Academic references

- 1. Choose right referees (academic referees)**
- 2. Mandatory for all applicants including past & current Maynooth University students!**
- 3. Help your referees to help you**
 - Give them enough information about the scheme (evaluation criteria)
 - Inform them about your research project
 - Early notice & gentle following up
 - Thank your referees!
- 4. Referee form to be used; online submission.**
- 5. Comply with formal requirements**

Key dates

Application and referees' deadline midnight, 29th March 2019 (GMT)

Late applications NOT accepted

Results expected in Late May(exact timing depending on turnaround of acceptances)

Start date: September 2019 or January 2020 registration

(note – implications of January registrations for other funding schemes such as IRC postgraduate scholarship)

Tips for Proposal Preparation

 Good grantsmanship is a **learned skill**

 Make the process easier:

 *Be **positive** about your project*

 *Be **prepared***

Dos & Don'ts

- Put yourself in the mind of the reviewer
- Be positive about your project
- You can only get points for what you include in your proposal. Keep your research topic on point –avoid vague language. Balance background intro and main text -
- Make it as easy as possible for the reviewers – spell things out, diagrams, tables (i.e if you are interviewing -how many people? What type of sampling will you conduct? What archives will you examine? etc)
- Consult with your prospective supervisor, get feedback, proofread
- Comply with the Terms & Conditions
- Read the Guide for applicants
- Submit on time – deadline:midnight(GMT), 29th March 2019 –avoid last minute submission – keep in mind unforeseen technical issues.

Online application system

- Read the Guide for applicants

- Online system available at:

https://app.hobsons.co.uk/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=nuim

- Can return to a saved draft repeatedly

- Upload transcripts

- **No changes possible once application submitted**

Have question when applying?

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/fees-funding-scholarships/john-and-pat-hume-doctoral-awards>

- Terms and Conditions
- Guide for applicants
- Frequently Asked Questions (to be published after info session)
- Guide for referees

If answer not found in the above documents,

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