



Ollscoil Mhá Nuad

Maynooth University Department of English Doctoral Scholarship

Call for Applications: Department of English Doctoral Scholarship

The Department of English is pleased to invite applications for a Doctoral Scholarship. This is open to students intending to commence a PhD from September 2019 and will be awarded for a period of 4 years, subject to progressing through the annual PhD research review.

Applications are invited from students interested in pursuing a PhD in any area of English literary studies, but those with an interest in early modern literature, or in an area that complements the research field of the MACMORRIS project led by Professor Pat Palmer, are especially welcomed.

Applications will be accepted up to the **closing date of 12noon, Monday 22 July 2019.**

The scholarship will entail:

1. Full annual tuition fees support (approximately €6,200 per annum);
2. A fixed maintenance award of €10,000 per annum;
3. Participation in Departmental activities as part of this scholarship with a requirement to undertake teaching support duties for not more than 4 hours per week in the teaching term. These activities will be carried out under the direction of the Head of Department, or a member of staff nominated by the Head.

The scholarship is open to applicants who already have a conditional offer of acceptance onto the English PhD programme, and it also welcomes new applicants who can apply for both a PhD place and the studentship through this application.

Knowledge, skills and experience

It is essential that scholarship holders have the following:

- Master's degree in English literature, or relevant MA degree accepted by the Department;
- Excellent research skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication and language skills;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and presentation skills;
- Time management skills;

- Ability to work independently, and as part of a team;
- Ability to work under supervision;
- Self-motivation.

Application and Selection Procedures

The Department will award the scholarship on the basis of (i) the quality of a candidate's research proposal and (ii) the alignment of the proposal with the Department's research interests and priorities.

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of Departmental members and chaired by the Head of the Department. Results will be communicated to applicants in early August 2019.

Applicants for the scholarship are asked to submit to English.Department@mu.ie the following as a single PDF document:

- A one-page cover letter outlining their motivation and suitability for the scholarship;
- A summary (no more than 1,500 words) of the research proposal, including the focus of the project, the research questions, a research plan or timeline, mapping out Year 1 to 4, and a select bibliography;
- A CV detailing academic experience.

no later than 12noon on Monday 22 July 2019.

Applicants may be shortlisted for interview and, if so, will be contacted directly by the Department.

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Terms and Conditions

The scholarship may be held by new entrant full-time registered postgraduate research students only, which is offered on a fixed-term basis during the successful graduate's course of study. Students who have fees paid from external sources are not eligible to apply.

Successful application to funded scholarship

If a scholarship holder is, during the duration of the scheme, successful in securing a funded scholarship that covers tuition fees, then the Doctoral Scholarship will lapse. In those circumstances, and if the scheme remains in operation, the departmental commitment will also lapse, and the department may choose to offer a new scholarship.

Maintenance Award

A fixed maintenance award of €10,000 per annum will be offered. This will be paid in twelve equal instalments from October to September. The scholarship will

be awarded for a period of 4 years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23) subject to satisfactory annual review of progress in research under the university's normal processes.

As part of the scholarship, there is a requirement to undertake teaching support duties for not more than 4 hours per week in the teaching term. These activities will be carried out under the direction of the Head of Department, or a member of staff nominated by the Head. The Department will select one of the following options in the offer letter to the student: Student not required to undertake up to 4hrs teaching support duties Student required to undertake up to 4hrs teaching support duties.

There will be no pension entitlements arising from the scholarship.

Scholarship beneficiaries may not undertake any other substantive paid work within the University.