



Maynooth University Ollscoil Mhá Nuad

Doctoral Scholarship in the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

The School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures is pleased to announce that a PhD Scholarship will be available for one student intending to commence PhD studies in October 2021.

Full-time research degree students intending to commence a PhD programme in October 2021 (or on a date to be agreed), i.e. new entrants to PhD or PhD-track programmes, and who have a relevant first-class or 2.1 honours in their primary degree, or have a relevant Master's degree, are eligible to apply for scholarship support in the School.

The scholarship will entail:

1. Full annual tuition fees support;
2. A fixed maintenance award of €10k per annum;
3. Participation in School activities as part of this scholarship with a requirement to undertake teaching support duties for up to 240 hours per academic year, which will generally include no more than 4 classroom contact hours in any one week. These activities will be carried out under the direction of the Head of School, or a member of staff nominated by the Head. Specific details are outlined in Terms and Conditions below.

The scholarship will be awarded to newly registered students only, for four years of study, subject to satisfactory annual review of progress in research.

The scholarship will be awarded by the School on the basis of research potential of the applicant in an area clearly aligned with the School's research priorities as they relate to Chinese Studies, French Studies, German Studies, or Spanish and Latin American Studies.*

The School's research priorities encompass the following:

- Cultural representations of motherhood
- Applied Linguistics & Intercultural Studies
- Cultures of Migration
- 20th & 21st Century Literary and Film Studies
- Cultural representations of conflict/Memory Studies
- Representations of gender

For further details of the current research going on in the SMLLC in these areas, see [here](#).

* Prospective applicants should note that the SMLLC is not currently in a position to offer supervision for doctoral research on English as a Foreign Language/English for Academic Purposes.

Application

All applicants are required to submit the following as one pdf-file to smlc@mu.ie by the closing date of 31st May 2021:

- Personal statement (max 300 words)
- Curriculum Vitae (max 2 pages)
- Research proposal (max. 4,000 words to include (1) description of the project; (2) relationship of the proposed project to the state of the art of research in the field; (3) research question/s; (4) research methodology; (5) rationale for carrying out the proposed research project at the MU SMLLC; and (6) list of works cited)
- Relevant academic final transcripts

Applications that are incomplete or arrive after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants may be shortlisted for interview and, if so, will be contacted directly by the School.



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Terms and Conditions 2021-22

The School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures is offering a PhD Scholarship for one student intending to commence PhD studies in October 2021.

The scholarship may be held by new entrant full-time registered students only.

Description of the Scholarship

The scholarship will entail:

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3. Participation in School activities as part of this scholarship with a requirement to undertake teaching support duties for up to 240 hours per academic year, with generally not more than 4 contact hours in any one week. These activities will be carried out under the direction of the Head of School, or a member of staff nominated by the Head.

Eligibility

Full-time research degree students commencing a programme of study in October 2021 (or on a date to be agreed), i.e. new entrants to PhD or PhD-track programmes, and who have a relevant first class or 2.1 honours in their primary degree, or have a relevant Master's degree, are eligible to apply for scholarship support in the School.

The scholarship will be awarded to newly registered students only, for four years of study, subject to satisfactory annual review of progress in research.

Teaching support

As part of this scholarship, the scholarship holder may be required to undertake such duties as may be specified by the Head of School or his/her nominee within the stipulated maximum of 240 hours per academic year. In addition, the scholarship holder may engage in an additional 120 hours outside term time. These duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To assist the delivery of a range of teaching and assessment activities, including language classes, conversation classes, tutorials, and language lab classes, in support of the required teaching commitments of undergraduate students;
- To contribute, under supervision, to the development of appropriate teaching materials to ensure that content and methods of delivery meet learning objectives;
- To contribute, where appropriate and under supervision, to the preparation and implementation of assessment processes, to include oral, aural, and written assessment;
- To contribute, where appropriate and under supervision, to the correction and marking of student work and to provide effective, timely and appropriate feedback to students to support their learning;

- To lead classes with groups of students and/or participate in the supervision of practical work, advising on skills, methods, and techniques to assist the transfer of knowledge;
- To undertake limited administrative duties related to teaching, as requested by the Head of School;
- To be available at fixed times or by prior arrangement for consultation by undergraduate students;
- To attend meetings associated with the course they support as requested/appropriate.

Maintenance Award

A fixed stipend of €10k per annum will be offered. This will be paid in twelve equal instalments from October to September. The scholarship will be awarded for the expected duration of the studies, up to a maximum of four years, subject to satisfactory annual review of progress in research under the university's normal processes.

To ensure an appropriate balance may be achieved between study and work commitments, the average weekly hours worked (teaching support and occasional duties) may not normally exceed the lesser of 20 hours per week or 240 hours per academic year. A greater number of hours may be worked per week outside of term-time, to a maximum of 360 hours per calendar year.

There will be no pension entitlements arising from the scholarship.

Application and Selection Procedure

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All eligible applications will be evaluated by the School on the basis of the following criteria, which will carry equal weight:

1. Academic profile and quality of the applicant;
2. Quality of the research proposal;
3. Fit of the proposed research and the applicant with the department's expertise and research areas.

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

Successful application for a funded scholarship

If a scholarship holder is subsequently successful in securing an externally funded scholarship that covers tuition fees, then this Doctoral Scholarship will lapse at the commencement of the funded scholarship. In those circumstances, and if the scheme remains in operation, then the School commitment will also lapse, and the School may choose to commence a new doctoral scholarship.

Progression

A doctoral scholarship is contingent on the holder being a registered doctoral student and meeting all the requirements for annual progression. The scholarship, and any teaching support activities, will terminate automatically when the holder ceases to be a registered graduate student. It is a legitimate objective of the university to provide education and training for successive cohorts of postgraduate students and providing an opportunity to students to develop skills in teaching by serving as a teaching assistant, tutor or demonstrator is an important part of postgraduate training, so University makes such work available to postgraduate students as a priority.

Closing date for applications

Applications will be accepted up to the closing date of 31st May 2021.