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Funding for Postgraduate Studies at NUI Maynooth

Student Grant

(County Council/City Council Grants)

- All new applications to Student Universal Support Ireland – www.susi.ie
- No maintenance grants for postgraduate study
- Fees grant means tested:
  - up to €6,270 for low income applicants (must be in receipt of one of specified social welfare benefits)
  - €2,000 fees grant also means tested
- Over 23 by June 2014 and living independently – assessed on own income
- http://www.studentfinance.ie – see postgraduate link
- Online application system to open in early May

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60 Taught Masters Bursaries for 2014-15

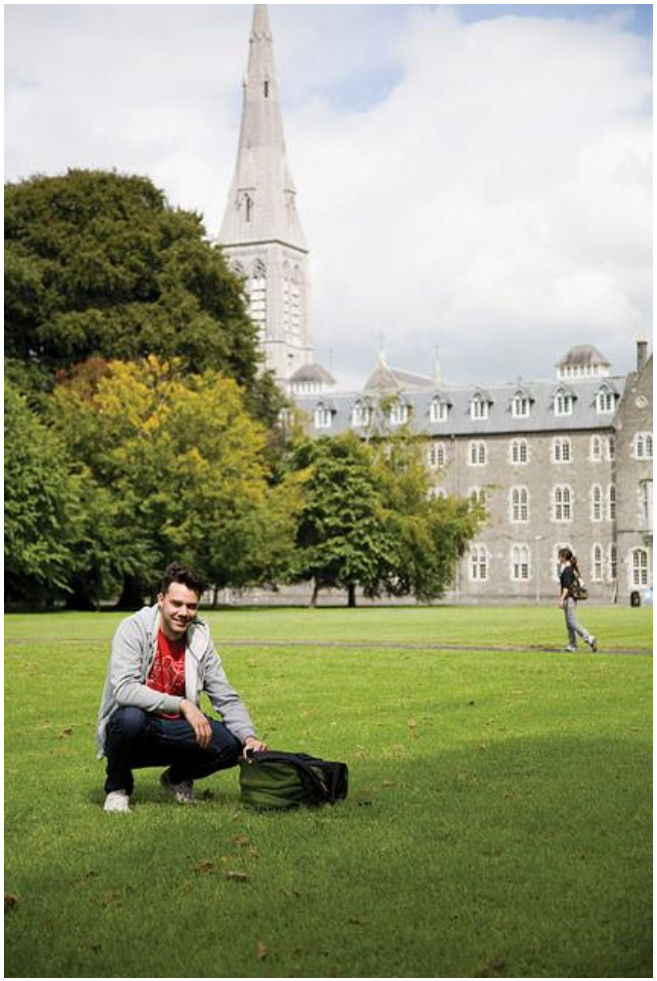
- NUI Maynooth has introduced 60 new 2,000 euro Taught Masters Bursaries for 2014-15 across all Departments

- The Bursaries are open to applications from students who have received a SUSI/County/City Council Higher Education Grant for their undergraduate studies

- Closing Date for applications **2nd June 2014**

Taught Masters Bursary Application Process

- The scholarship is not open to those who have already commenced a Masters
- Results of examinations taken after 1st July 2014 will not be considered.
- **Apply by the 1st May** to receive an early offer of a Bursary (provisional based on final grades for those who are graduating 2014)



Taught Masters Alumni Scholarship

- 1. Achieve a minimum overall result of 65% in an Honours Bachelor's degree from NUI Maynooth. Candidates who are unaware of their degree result should contact NUI Maynooth Student Records office: records.office@nuim.ie

- 2. Satisfy the entry requirements of the NUI Maynooth Taught Masters Programme they intend to undertake in 2014-15.

- 3. The candidate must have applied on PAC.

- 4. Complete and submit the Alumni Scholarships application form to the Graduate Studies Office by the **2nd June 2014.**

Alumni Scholarship – 600 word Personal Statement

- 1.1 Primary Degree in relevant discipline

- 1.2 Personal Statement outlining (a) your interest in the NUI Maynooth Masters Programme to which you are applying and (b) why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship?

- https://www.nuim.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/fees-funding-scholarships/alumni-scholarships

Funding Opportunities for Research Students

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- **Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholarships – 2014-15 call closed** (see following slides)
- **NUIM JOHN & PAT HUME SCHOLARSHIPS** – 4 year research scholarships – closing date 6th May 2014. Full fees and a stipend of 5-8k for 4 years of PhD study.
- **NUI Travelling Studentships** www.nui.ie – NUI graduates with 1st class honours – must spend substantial period(s) researching abroad – annual deadline usually March
- **OTHER PhD OPPORTUNITIES** - Stipends might be available within larger institutional/research grants funded by EU and Irish funding agencies, across all faculties
- www.researchprofessional.com – access on campus
- **http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie**

External Funding Opportunities

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IRISH RESEARCH COUNCIL (IRC)

- Created in 2012 following merger of the Irish Research Council for Sciences, Engineering and Technology (IRCSET) and the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS)
- Currently 3 IRC postgraduate schemes open to all disciplines – see next slide
- Eligibility: at least 2.1 at undergrad level (Masters can be considered)
- Current students eligible (except for Employment Based Programme)
- 2 attempts per scheme only

Overview of IRC PG Schemes

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Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarships	Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postgraduate Scholarships	Employment Based Postgraduate Research Scheme
Closed for 2014-15	Closed for 2014-15	Call expected May 2014
Research Masters & PhD	Research Masters & PhD	Research Masters & PhD
Full time student	Full time student	Employed by Partner, registered full time student
Scholarship 16k/year + up to €2,250 research expenses	Scholarship 16k/year + up to €2,250 research expenses	Salary minimum 24k/year + up to €2,250 research expenses
up to 2 years structured RM, up to 4 years structured PhD	up to 2 years structured RM, up to 4 years structured PhD	NEW ENTRANTS ONLY, up to 4 years structured PhD
Irish Research Council 100% funded	Funding: IRC 66%, Enterprise partner 33%	IRC funding 16k towards salary costs + 8k for fees and research expenses; remaining salary costs Partner
no partner	Enterprise Partner based anywhere	Partner must have operational base in Ireland

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