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
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 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2014 will not be considered.

- **Apply by the 1\textsuperscript{st} 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](https://www.nuim.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/fees-funding-scholarships/alumni-scholarships)
Funding Opportunities for Research Students

- **Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholarships – 2014-15 call closed** (see following slides)

- **NUIM JOHN & PAT HUME SCHOLARSHIPS** – 4 year research scholarships – closing date 6\textsuperscript{th} May 2014. Full fees and a stipend of 5-8k for 4 years of PhD study.

- **NUI Travelling Studentships** [www.nui.ie](http://www.nui.ie) – NUI graduates with 1\textsuperscript{st} 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](http://www.researchprofessional.com) – access on campus

- [http://graduatetudies.nuim.ie](http://graduatetudies.nuim.ie)
External Funding Opportunities

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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USEFUL CONTACTS

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