



# EARLY IRISH & CELTIC STUDIES MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

## Terms and Conditions 2018

Following major successes in offering doctoral and postdoctoral research opportunities through European Research Council and Irish Research Council awards, the Department of Early Irish at Maynooth University has decided to consolidate its reputation for research and teaching excellence by offering full financial support to one outstanding individual wishing to pursue the taught MA in Medieval Irish Studies. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop their ability in Old Irish (at beginners, intermediate or advanced level) while also pursuing optional courses in Middle Welsh, Breton, Palaeography and Medieval Irish Literary and Cultural History.

### Eligibility

Applicants must intend to pursue a full-time Taught Master's degree in Medieval Irish at Maynooth University in the academic year 2018-19 and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants are required to complete and submit the scholarship application form to the Department of Early Irish at Maynooth University by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.
2. An honours bachelor's degree or Master's degree in Medieval Irish or a cognate discipline is required.
3. Applicants will need to demonstrate through the provision of official academic transcripts that they have achieved (or will achieve in summer 2018):
  - a minimum 1<sup>st</sup> class undergraduate honours degree
  - **OR** a 2.1 upper 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours degree with a 1<sup>st</sup> in the undergraduate dissertation or in one of their final degree subjects (incl. major/minor)
  - **OR** a 2.1 upper 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours Master's degree
4. Applications will be accepted from EU and non-EU candidates that can satisfy the eligibility criteria. Graduates from Maynooth University and other universities (both national and international) are welcome to apply, including applicants from the BA/MA graduating class of 2018. Alumni of the university who are unaware of their degree result should contact the Maynooth University Student Records office: [records.office@mu.ie](mailto:records.office@mu.ie) to request official transcript information.
5. The candidate must have applied for the MA Medieval Irish at Maynooth University on [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie) by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

### **Ineligibility**

Graduates or current students of PhD or Research Master's programmes are not eligible to apply. Prospective students interested in research programmes should apply instead for the Maynooth University John and Pat Hume Doctoral Research Awards.

### **Value of the Scholarship**

The total value of the scholarship will be €18,000 stipend plus fees for 1 year of full-time Taught Master's studies in Medieval Irish at Maynooth University.

### **Scholarship assessment**

An initial eligibility check will be undertaken by the Department of Early Irish at Maynooth University to ensure that applications have met the eligibility requirements. Eligible applications will be reviewed by an academic panel consisting of the Dean of Faculty, the Head of the School of Celtic Studies and the Head of the Department of Early Irish at Maynooth University. The panel will rank the applications using the following marking scheme:

1. Academic attainment – 10%
2. Previous awards – 10%
3. Personal statement – 30%
4. Master's thesis proposal – 40%
5. References – 10%

### **Application Process**

Application forms should be downloaded in word format from the Departmental website: [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/early-irish-sean-ghaeilge](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/early-irish-sean-ghaeilge) and then submitted by the closing date to: [earlyirish@mu.ie](mailto:earlyirish@mu.ie). Academic reference letters must be submitted via email directly from the referee to [earlyirish@mu.ie](mailto:earlyirish@mu.ie) by the closing date. Please do not provide the reference letters with your application form.

### **Miscellaneous**

If an awardee does not take up a place or accept the scholarship the award may be made to the next ranked candidate. The scholarship may not be deferred.

The recipient may be required to undertake some light departmental duties, such as attendance at University Open Days or assisting at conferences, at the discretion of the Head of Department.

### **Closing Date**

Completed applications should be submitted via email by the closing date of the **1<sup>st</sup> of June 2018**. Applications may be submitted any time before the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding the application process may be submitted by email to: [earlyirish@mu.ie](mailto:earlyirish@mu.ie)