

Veronica Guerin Memorial Scholarship

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, 14 April 2010

Independent News and Media and DCU School of Communications have announced the 2010 Veronica Guerin Memorial Bursary at Dublin City University. The bursary is awarded in memory of investigative journalist Veronica Guerin, who was murdered on 26 June 1996, and who served as a member of the governing body of NIHE/DCU from 1982 to 1992.

The bursary award scheme was initiated in 2007. Each bursary is for a sum of €8,500 and is intended to meet the cost of fees and some part of the general expenses of a prospective student of the MA in Journalism in Dublin City University who wishes to specialize in investigative journalism.

Applicants must propose an outline for their final thesis/major project that is on a topic or in a format relevant to the memory of Veronica Guerin. This might be, for example, a series of five investigative articles or an in-depth radio documentary or an academic study of issues in investigative journalism.

The panel of assessors will include representatives of DCU School of Communications and of Independent News and Media. They will make their selection on the basis of the rationale and clarity of the proposals and the applicant's academic and/or professional performance to date.

Applications are invited from individuals who have worked in some capacity as journalists, including student journalists, and who wish to be registered on the Masters in Journalism programme at DCU in the next academic year, 2010/11.

The successful candidate for the scholarship will have a place reserved for them on the Masters in Journalism in autumn 2009, subject to them meeting all the requirements for entry to that programme. If the successful applicant has secured scholarship funding from another source, this may be taken into account in determining the final level of the award.

Applications should be delivered to The Secretary, School of Communications, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 (mary.nulty@dcu.ie) by noon on 14 April 2010. The application should include: 1. a curriculum vitae; 2. a statement of motivation and suitability for the scholarship (max. 300 words); 3. an outline of the investigative project to be undertaken as part of the Masters in Journalism studies (max 1000 words).