



PhD Scholarship Opportunity

Assessment and Testing

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. As a core element of DCU's new Institute of Education, a Centre for Assessment Research and Policy in Education (CARPE) has been established. In partnership with Prometric (a leading, worldwide provider of technology-enabled testing and assessment services with a significant operations base in Ireland), DCU has appointed a Chair in Assessment to provide academic and research leadership in the area of educational assessment

With the support of Prometric, we now have an opportunity for a **three year fully-funded PhD Scholarship** in the area of assessment and testing. Under the supervision of the Prometric Chair, the successful candidate will develop a research project in consultation with Prometric and of interest to the educational community more broadly. The research topic will be focused on the design, development and/or delivery of tests in educational and workplace settings. In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to deliver on related research inputs and outputs as required by DCU Doctoral Regulations and by the Prometric Chair.

Criteria

Applicants should have:

1. a sound working knowledge of key assessment and testing issues in educational and/or workplace settings;
2. a Primary degree/Master's degree in which quantitative research methods, statistics and/or psychometrics were significant components;
3. the ability to conceptualise research projects pertinent to the design, development and delivery of tests;
4. high level competence in written and oral communication;
5. the ability to work independently and collaboratively in meeting demanding research goals.

It should be noted that the award is contingent on the applicant meeting all the requirements for admission to doctoral studies at DCU (<http://www4.dcu.ie/registry/postgraduate/index.shtml#Entry>) and, following the initial selection process, a detailed research proposal being developed with and approved by Prometric.

The successful candidate will be engaged full-time in their research and will be based at the Centre for Assessment Research and Policy in Education (CARPE), St Patrick's Campus, DCU. The scholarship will cover DCU's PhD fees for three years as well as a stipend of €16,000 per year for three years.

Closing Date: Monday 18th January, 2016

Prepare a statement indicating how you meet each of the criteria 1-5 above (c 200 words in respect of each) and submit this with a CV (include the names of two referees) to:

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