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Overview

DCU Business School invites applications for PhD scholarship. This scholarship will provide support for fulltime PhD study and is open to applicants who register in Year 1 of the fulltime PhD programme in the Business School in DCU in September/October 2018.

Our PhD programme combines scholarly theory-building with a strong applied focus. Research scholars work under the supervision of an academic expert and are an important part of DCU Business School's vibrant research community. The scholarship will allow students to undertake research in one of the following specialist disciplines (see <http://www.dcu.ie/dcubs/index.shtml> for further information on staff specialisms, publications, and the academic groups in DCU Business School):

- Accounting
- Economics, Finance, Entrepreneurship
- Human Resource Management and Organisational Psychology
- Management, Operations, Information Systems
- Marketing

The Scholarship

The following scholarship type will be awarded:

Scholarship with an annual stipend of €15,000 per annum (for a maximum of 3 ½ years); payment of PhD fees (for a maximum of four years); and up to €5,000 to support research activity (over the four year period).

Eligibility Criteria

- Successful applicants are required to meet the PhD eligibility criteria of DCU (<https://www4.dcu.ie/registry/postgraduate/index.shtml>). They will normally hold an honours Masters degree (taught or by research). Students in the final year of a Masters degree may apply.

- Applicants must have the support of a DCU Business School academic supervisor. Potential supervisors can be identified from the DCU Business School website: <http://business.dcu.ie/staff>
- Successful applicants must register with DCU Business School as a Year 1 full-time PhD student for the academic session 2018/2019. DCU Business School Scholarship will be awarded only to those who register as full-time PhD students in DCU for the period of the award.
- Applicants should indicate if they have any additional stipend or alternative external sources of funding.

DCU Business School Scholars on an annual stipend of €15,000 cannot normally be in receipt of a concurrent scholarship or educational grant greater than €4,000 per annum during the period of their scholarship.

Scholarship Application Guidelines and Process

All 2018 DCU Business School PhD Scholarship applicants are required to submit the following documentation in soft copy as a single PDF file:

- A fully completed 2018 DCU Business School PhD Scholarship Application Form. Applications should be typed. Signatures from you and your proposed DCU supervisor are also required. This form includes your research proposal.
- Scanned copies of a full set of original, notarised academic transcripts of results for all years of your undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, IELTS Test results if applicable.
- Scanned copies of two signed academic reference letters, one from each of two independent referees who have recent knowledge of your achievements.
- Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file by email to DCU Business School Research Officer Margaret Galuszynska (dcubsresearch@dcu.ie).
- The file name should be: surname_firstname_DCUBS_2018.pdf.
- Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted. The DCU Business School Research Officer will acknowledge receipt of your application by e-mail. Should you choose to withdraw your application after submission, please inform the Research Officer by email (dcubsresearch@dcu.ie) at your earliest convenience.
- Successful applicants will be required to supply original copies of all transcripts and references. Candidates may be required to attend for interview.
- Winning the scholarship completion does not grant a place on the PhD programme.

Submission Dates

- Call opens: 29th March 2018
- Applications must be received, in full, by **12 mid-day Irish Time** on Thursday **10th May 2018**.
- Candidates can expect email notification of the outcome by 5th June 2018.

Assessment Process

- Applications will be assessed by a panel of evaluators from DCU Business School.
- In the final allocation of scholarships the panel will consider the strategic priorities of DCU Business School.
- Applications will be assessed according to the specific weightings given to each of the sections of the application as follows (for more information on these please see below):

APPLICATION FORM SECTION	WEIGHTING ¹
1 Biographical & Application Information	not applicable
2 Academic Record (e.g. prior academic record, prior relevant business/work experience, academic references)	60%
3. Research Proposal	40%
4. Signatures	not applicable

¹Although no weighting is given to Sections 1 or 4 of the application form, these sections must be completed for the application to be considered.

Enquiries

All enquiries on the 2018 DCU Business School PhD Scholarship Scheme can be directed as follows:

- Email: Margaret Galuszynska, Administrative Officer for Research:
dcubsresearch@dcu.ie
- Telephone: **+353 (0)1 7005734**

APPLICATION FORM NOTES

Notes on Section 2: Academic Record

This section of your application is worth 60% of the overall assessment, reflecting the emphasis on awarding the scholarships to exceptional candidates. Evaluators will consider such factors as academic grades, class position and previous academic awards. However, the following are also important: input from academic referees, evidence of particular suitability for PhD research work, relevant work or professional experience, specific personal motivations for pursuing a higher degree by research, and longer term career plans.

Applicants should include any information that they feel the evaluators should know which would strengthen their case and which they feel would strengthen their application. Applicants should type their information directly onto the application form and expand as required, while adhering to the specified word limit.

Applicants must include a results transcript for each year of their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, if applicable. The transcripts must be original and notarised. They should be scanned, appended to, and submitted in soft copy as part of your application file.

Applications must include two signed academic reference letters by two independent referees who have recent knowledge of your achievements. The references should comment on the applicants' academic ability, their aptitude to undertake a research degree in the chosen area of research, and their suitability to be considered for the 2018 DCU Business School PhD Scholarship. The letters should be scanned, appended to, and submitted in soft copy as part of the application file.

Notes on Section 3: Research Proposal

This section of the application is worth 40% of the overall assessment. Only projects which are well thought through, innovative and substantial will be supported. The Research Proposal should be approximately 1,500 words in length (+/- 10%) and should address the following issues:

- The basis for the proposed research
- The specific research question being addressed and the objectives of the proposed research
- The research methodology to be employed
- The impact the research will have in theory and practice in the field

It may also be relevant to comment on why you have chosen this particular research supervisor and why you have chosen DCU Business School, to pursue this project.

Please type your Research Proposal directly onto the application form. The proposal can be as many pages long as necessary but should not exceed the specified word limit. Please ensure to include a list of relevant publications / references on which your proposed research is based. Note that these are not included in your 1,500 word count.