



## Postgraduate Scholarship Eligibility

1. **Are you a permanent member of staff in an Irish HEI or an international HEI?**
  - a. **Yes** = you are not eligible to apply for a Council Postgraduate Scholarship.
  - b. **No**, go to 2.
2. **Have you a 1<sup>st</sup> or upper 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours primary degree or equivalent?**
  - a. **Yes**, go to 3.
  - b. **No** = you are not eligible to apply for a Council Postgraduate Scholarship.
3. **Are you a new entrant to the postgraduate degree for which you are to receive Council funding?**
  - a. **Yes**, go to 4.
  - b. **No, I have already registered and completed part of the postgraduate degree for which I am to receive Council funding**, go to 5.
4. **Do you currently hold or have you previously held a Council Postgraduate Scholarship?**
  - a. **Yes, to do a Research Masters** = you are not eligible to apply for funding to do a Research Masters degree, structured or not, but you may apply to the Council for a Scholarship to do a Doctoral Degree if you will be finished your Research Masters degree prior to the start date of the Doctoral Degree. Go to 8.
  - b. **Yes, to do a Doctoral Degree** = you are not eligible to apply for Council funding to do a Research Masters or Doctoral degree.
  - c. **No** = you are eligible to apply for a Council Postgraduate Scholarship to do a Research Masters degree or a Doctoral Degree, go to 8.
5. **Have you completed part of the postgraduate degree for which you are to receive Council funding, on the basis of being self-funded?**
  - a. **Yes** = you are eligible to apply for funding to continue doing the degree that you are already registered for and have completed part of. The date of your first registration will determine the maximum number of years funding that you are eligible to apply for. Go to 8.
  - b. **No**, go to 6.
6. **Have you completed part of the postgraduate degree for which you are to receive Council funding, on the basis of being in receipt of a HEI bursary or HEI scholarship?**
  - a. **Yes** = you are eligible to apply for funding to continue doing the Degree that you are already registered for and have completed part of. The date of your first registration will determine the maximum number of years funding that you are eligible to apply for. Go to 8.
  - b. **No**, go to 7.
7. **Have you completed part of the postgraduate degree for which you are to receive Council funding, on the basis of being a student in the Institute of Technology Sector in receipt of Strand 1 funding wishing to transfer to the PhD register?**
  - a. **Yes** = you are eligible to apply for Council funding to transfer to the PhD register and finish with a Doctoral Degree. The date of your first registration for the Masters Degree will determine the maximum number of years funding that you are eligible to apply for. Go to 8.
  - b. **No, I have been funded by another exchequer, non-exchequer or not-for-profit source** = you are not eligible to apply for funding from the Council to continue doing the Degree that you are already registered for and have completed part of.
8. **Are you applying to do a structured Postgraduate Degree?**
  - a. **Yes**, = you are eligible to apply for up to 2 years of funding for a Research Masters Degree and up to 4 years of funding for a Doctoral Degree as long as your application has been endorsed on behalf of your institution by the office of the Vice-President/ Dean of Research / Head of Development as applicable. Endorsement of your application confirms that the postgraduate degree in which you are enrolled includes the development of discipline-specific knowledge, research skills and generic/transferable skills in line with the national definition in Appendix 2 of the Terms and Conditions, and meets institutional requirements

(as determined by the Dean of Graduate Studies or equivalent in her/his HEI) for a structured programme, including course work requirements.

- b. **No** = you are eligible to apply for 1 year of funding for a Research Masters Degree and up to 3 years of funding for a Doctoral Degree.