



Employment Based Postgraduate Programme Research Scholarship - Join DCU as a graduate research student

The Irish Research Council's Employment Based Postgraduate Programme Research Scholarship will sponsor a full-time employee of a private or public sector organisation to undertake a Masters by research or a PhD, in any discipline, with an Irish higher education institution. Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland's University of Enterprise, is now inviting interested candidates to enter into partnership with us in applying to this innovative funding programme.

How will it work?

- Interested candidates will agree a research project in conjunction with an "employment participant" and DCU, and submit the project proposal to the Irish Research Council (IRC) for funding
- Eligible employment participants include SMEs, multinationals, indigenous Irish companies, and private and public sector organisations with a physical operational base in the Republic of Ireland
- At time of application, candidates do not have to be a full-time employee (or a pre-existing employee of the employment participant), but enter into such an arrangement before the award commences
- Successful candidates who are awarded IRC funding will be issued with a full-time employment contract with their employment participant and must register as a full-time postgraduate research student at DCU for a period of 24 months (Masters by research) or 48 months (PhD)
- The researcher's salary will be paid jointly by the IRC and the company, and the IRC will cover payment of DCU tuition fees and costs
- Researchers will carry out the project primarily on their employer's premises and will have full access to state-of-the-art on-campus services, facilities and training courses at DCU

Why DCU?

- Dublin City University (DCU) is a dynamic and ambitious University and is currently ranked in the top 4% of all universities, and in the top 50 new universities, worldwide
- DCU is Ireland's 'University of Enterprise' - we're company/ngo/organisation-focused and have a long history of engaging with enterprise to foster highly collaborative research
- Our partners include national and international academic, clinical and industrial bodies, and we are keen to continue expanding our portfolio of company partnerships
- Our cutting-edge Innovation and Enterprise Centre, INVENT, supports our translational and commercial activities to exploit the discoveries and skills of our research community
- Our current annual research expenditure is in the region of €40m, and over €100m has been invested to date in the development of our state-of-the-art research facilities



We have over 11,300 registered students, including almost 2000 international students representing 115 countries. 25% of our students are registered in postgraduate programmes, including over 750 pursuing research degrees at Master's or doctoral level.

What are the benefits?

- A full-time employment contract of 24 or 48 months duration
- Registration as a full-time PhD / research Masters student with DCU with access to all services and facilities
- A research degree, a broad range of skills and significantly enhanced employability on completion
- A unique opportunity to define a research project with an employment participant and one of the world's leading universities
- Supervision and mentoring from industry and academic experts
- Maximum exposure to a commercially orientated research environment
- In-company time ring-fenced for dedication to the project
- Access to training in professional development and the business aspects of research
- Membership of DCU's international, innovative and inter-disciplinary postgraduate community



How do I proceed with an application?

- Identify a DCU Academic Supervisor, and an employment participant and "Employment Mentor"
- Agree a project in association with the DCU Academic Supervisor and Employment Mentor
- Submit the project proposal to the Irish Research Council – the closing date for receipt of applications is 16:00 GMT on Tuesday 24th September 2013.
- If the funding application is successful, submit an application to DCU through the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC) www.pac.ie (see entry requirements below)
- Contractual documentation pertaining to the scholarship and collaborative research agreement will be prepared by DCU in association with the researcher and the employment participant

DCU's entry requirements for postgraduate research

To register for a postgraduate research programme with DCU, a candidate must normally have obtained a primary degree classification equivalent to Lower Second Class Honours or above, from an approved University or an approved equivalent degree-awarding body, or have an approved equivalent professional qualification in an area cognate to the proposed research topic.

PhD: In order to gain direct access to the PhD register, candidates must hold a Master's by Research degree. Candidates with a taught Master's degree or an honours primary degree grade I or II.1 may gain access to the PhD-track and can normally progress to the PhD register in Year 2 of their studies following an oral examination and submission of a report.

Master's by Research: To gain access to the Master's by Research register at DCU, candidates must normally hold an honours II.2 primary degree.

If you would like to discuss the scheme in more detail contact DCU Graduate Studies Office at
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