

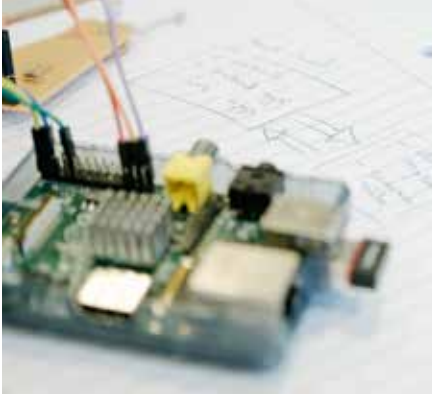


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Dublin City University



PhD at DCU

Be part of a research intensive, globally engaged University of Enterprise



**Purposefully
different,
consistently
excellent**



What is a PhD

The PhD Degree is one of the highest qualifications awarded by Dublin City University. It is awarded to successful candidates on the strength of a body of original work of scholarship prepared and presented in accordance with internationally accepted academic standards.

If you have a passion for finding out more about the world we live in and helping society benefit from your findings, research is an area you will enjoy.

Completing a research degree is very distinct from taught studies. You will be expected to work with a high degree of autonomy and much of your learning will be self-directed.

As a research student you will pursue a unique project over several years with the support of senior researchers and the broader university community. You will be expected to meet the highest standards of scholarship, to advance knowledge and actively engage in a vibrant academic community through dialogue, dissemination and collaboration with peers and faculty.

Dublin City University – Who we Are?

1. DCU is the fastest growing university in Ireland
2. Leading young university on the island of Ireland (QS Top 50 under 50).
3. Over 50,000 graduates and counting
4. 5 faculties, multi-campus university
5. 22% of student population are international students representing 110 different nationalities.

Dublin City University (DCU) is a research intensive institution that creates knowledge and translates it into society and economic benefits. Our research student community is a vital component of our research success and graduate research studies are central to the mission of DCU. DCU has five faculties, all with vibrant and active research communities:

- DCU Business School
- Faculty of Engineering and Computing
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Institute of Education
- Faculty of Science and Health

For further information on the priority research areas visit:
dcu.ie/research/key-research-areas.shtml

What is DCU's PhD programme like?

In DCU we have adopted a structured approach to doctoral education which supports our students in pursuing the highest standards in research, in novel and innovative research projects. Students are supported and guided by their supervisory panel and have access to a wide range of graduate training opportunities through short workshops and courses right up to full accredited modules.

The DCU Graduate School currently has in the region of 800 research students, registered across five faculties and we currently register around 170 new research students each year. Our research community has our most diverse cohort of students, with mature, international and part-time students all being highly represented.

Where we are – Dublin, Ireland

DCU is a multi-campus university which is only a short distance from Dublin City Centre. The campus is in a residential area which is easily accessible from the centre by bike or bus. Dublin is the capital city of Ireland, and a great city for students. Internationally known as a fun, vibrant city it is also steeped in history and heritage. Dublin is on the east coast of Ireland, a country known for its long tradition of education and a love of learning.





← Working for the past three years on a highly interdisciplinary project, DCU has allowed me to learn from experts in the fields of physics, nanotechnology, chemistry and biochemistry. Access to this knowledge bank has paved the way for cross discipline collaboration and made a very interesting and fulfilling PhD journey.

Claire O'Connell

DCU has the appropriate infrastructure to enable me to build my specific skill-set during the course of my PhD, which in the long-run will assist me in achieving my career goal. I was offered a full postgraduate scholarship from the School of Law and Government in DCU. I didn't hesitate in taking up the scholarship, as the opportunities provided under the structured PhD programme and the ENRICH framework resonated perfectly with my long term career goal and that is precisely why I chose DCU to do my PhD!

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During my time as a PhD student in Dublin City University I have been fortunate to receive excellent guidance from my supervisor, great support from the Graduate Studies Office and opportunities to lecture, travel, network and present my work both nationally and internationally. The skills and experiences I've gained will benefit me regardless of what direction my career follows.

David Gaul

How to apply

As a research student you are free to pursue an area of deep interest to you, with the guidance of an expert supervisory panel. Before you consider applying we recommend you take the time to investigate the areas of research which are being pursued in DCU, to determine if we have a supervisor who could be a suitable 'fit' with your area of interest.

The following checklist details the typical application route. Individual schools and faculties may also have local processes, so we advise that you make contact with the relevant school/faculty as early as possible.

- 1. Check that you meet DCU entry requirements**
dcu.ie/registry/postgraduate/index.shtml
- 2. Check that you meet DCU's English Language requirements**
dcu.ie/registry/english.shtml
- 3. Prepare a draft research proposal and identify potential supervisor/s**
Make informal contact with supervisor and engage in School specific application process
 - May include interview, proposal refinement etc
 - Normally applies to self-funded projects or where student must obtain their own funding
- 4. Or apply for specific, pre-defined projects as per advertisement**
 - Normally applies to funded projects with predetermined funding and timelines
- 5. Discuss funding opportunities, apply for funding, agree terms or financially plan for self-funded study**
- 6. Submit a formal application to DCU via the PAC (www.pac.ie)**
 - Your application must include the project outline (proposal) and the name of the principal supervisor
- 7. Applications review (2-4 weeks). Applicants are notified by email of outcome.**



For further information, please consult the Prospective Research Students section of the Graduate Studies Office website: dcu.ie/graduatestudies/index.shtml

In addition, we recommend that you visit individual School and Faculty webpages that are of interest to you and browse through our staff profiles to identify potential supervisors. We accept applications for full and part-time studies and applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

Scholarships and Funding

Funding for postgraduate research in Ireland is very competitive and limited. For this reason, we encourage research students to investigate and secure their own funding in advance of making contact with the University. Information about scholarship opportunities and competitive funding schemes can be found on our website: dcu.ie/graduatestudies/scholarship-opportunities





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