

PhD Scholarship Opportunity

Centre for Assessment Research, Policy and Practice in Education

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 Institute of Education, a Centre for Assessment Research, Policy and Practice 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 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 Master's degree in education or psychology ;
2. a good understanding of key assessment and testing issues in educational and/or workplace settings;
3. a sound working knowledge of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research design and data analysis;
4. the ability to conceptualise research projects pertinent to the design, development and delivery of tests and other forms of educational assessment;
5. high level competence in written and oral communication in English;
6. the interpersonal skills necessary for productive collaborations;
7. the ability to take initiative and to work independently 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 (<https://www.dcu.ie/instituteofeducation/phdmasters-research-application>) 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 Policy and Practice 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: Friday October 29th, 2021

Prepare a statement indicating how you meet each of the criteria 1-7 above (write about 200 words in respect of each) and submit electronically with a pdf version of your CV (include the names of two referees) to michael.oleary@dcu.ie. You may also post your application to:

Prof. Michael O'Leary

Prometric Chair in Assessment/Director of CARPE

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