PhD Scholarship Opportunity
DCU National Centre for Family Business
DCU Business School

The National Centre for Family Business (www.dcu.ie/national-centre-for-family-business) at Dublin City University Business School invites outstanding graduates (who have completed or are about to complete a Master’s Programme in any discipline) to apply for its full-time PhD Programme starting September 2019. This is a fully-funded position for 3 years.

The purpose of this study is to examine the potential benefits of mentoring in the context of family businesses, providing structured engagement research between current and future business leaders. The research will look at the areas of intergenerational engagement and succession planning, governance and the family business, family and non-family engagement amongst others.

DCU is a young, dynamic and ambitious university with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation. DCU’s excellence is recognised internationally with the University being ranked highly among leading global institutions.

DCU Business School is Ireland’s most ambitious business school, part of DCU’s ‘University of Transformation and Enterprise’. Through teaching, research and engagement with industry DCU Business School proactively contributes to the development of individuals, industry and society at home and abroad. The DCU Business School is an AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and AMBA (The Association of MBAs) accredited school.

DCU Business School research students are an internationally diverse group of high academic achievers. They are a central part of our vibrant research community. Our students have a record of achieving high level publications both during and post their PhD studies and on graduating those seeking academic appointments get work national and international universities.
The National Centre for Family Business (NCFB) is a recognized research centre within DCU Business School and supports Family Businesses by producing high quality academic research and by providing professional development opportunities for multi-generational family businesses. Recognised nationally as the leading National Centre for Family Business, NCFB is developing an international reputation as a centre of research expertise on family business.

As part of our growth strategy we have hired world-class faculty members. We offer a stimulating learning and research environment, and a structured PhD programme. The programme offers advanced courses in research methods, and for those interested in a career in academia, training in teaching. Successful candidates will conduct research projects under faculty supervision and get access to world-leading scholars who are engaged with the NCFB.

Applications are sought from exceptional graduates from Ireland and overseas. Applicants should have an outstanding academic record at undergraduate and postgraduate level in any discipline and a research interest in one of the following subject areas:

- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Strategy and Growth
- Human Resources Management Practices
- Family Business and/or SMEs’

This project is fully funded by the National Centre for Family Business for the duration of three years with a stipend of €18,000 per year. The Scholarship covers the cost of tuition fees, and a travel and conference allowance. Selection will be made on academic merit.

To apply send your CV, cover letter, a research proposal (please see guidelines https://business.dcu.ie/research/phd/applications), and a sample of academic writing to Dr Eric Clinton, Centre Director, at eric.clinton@dcu.ie by Friday 31st May, 2019.