

# PhD Scholarship Opportunity

## Centre for Assessment Research, Policy and Practice in Education

Dublin City University ([www.dcu.ie](http://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 sound working knowledge of key assessment and testing issues in educational and/or workplace settings;
2. a Primary degree/Master's degree in which quantitative research was a component;
3. the ability to conceptualise research projects pertinent to the design, development and delivery of tests;
4. high level competence in written and oral communication;
5. the ability to work independently and collaboratively 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 (<http://www4.dcu.ie/registry/postgraduate/index.shtml#Entry>) 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 September 29, 2017**

**Prepare a statement indicating how you meet each of the criteria 1-5 above (c 200 words in respect of each) and submit electronically with a CV (include the names of two referees) to [michael.oleary@dcu.ie](mailto:michael.oleary@dcu.ie) or in hard copy to:**

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