

PhD Scholarship (all disciplines) **– open to graduates of the DCU Access programme**

Dublin City University invites applications, from DCU graduates who have participated in the DCU access programme, or who are in their final year of study on the access programme, for a four-year fully funded PhD scholarship, starting in September 2023. Outstanding PhD candidates will be offered a scholarship to cover tuition fees (EU or non-EU) **and a tax-free scholarship of €19,000 per annum** for four years.

DCU offers the largest and oldest university-based access programme in Ireland, opening up opportunities to create equal access to third-level education for students from under-represented groups in higher education. Thousands of students have benefited from the programme since its inception, at Bachelors and Masters level. With the generous support of a donor through DCU Educational Trust, we are now extending the programme to PhD level.

DCU offers outstanding opportunities for doctoral research across its five Faculties. We have excellent PhD programmes, which will allow excellent students to flourish and achieve their objectives in research intensive settings with supportive supervision.

We invite applicants for PhD research in any School in DCU. Prospective applicants should consult the webpages of members of staff to check which staff member's research interests would best match their proposed projects. Prospective applicants should make informal contact with the member of staff whose research area covers their proposed doctoral work in advance of an application, to get their advice and input. You will find links to the Faculties here

<https://www.dcu.ie/research/research-dcu>

You will find general information about undertaking a PhD at DCU on the website of our Graduate Studies Office. <https://www.dcu.ie/graduatestudies>

How to apply

The deadline for application is May 5th 2023, 5pm (local time). Late applications will not be accepted. Following informal consultation with a relevant staff member, applicants should send 1) a one page **personal statement** outlining why you are applying for this scholarship 2) a full **CV with contact details for 2 referees**, 3) the **grades** achieved in Bachelor's and/or Masters degree 4) a brief **research proposal**, of less than 2,000 words, to vpr@dcu.ie

Candidates are not required to apply formally through the university application system at this stage. We intend to shortlist and interview selected candidates either in person or online in May. Successful candidates then will be required to apply formally to be admitted as PhD students and will need to provide copies of all relevant documentation such as transcripts. Successful candidates will begin their studies in September 2023 and are expected to be resident in the Dublin region for the duration of the programme, other than periods of approved research travel and annual leave.