



FOUR TRAVELLING STUDENTSHIPS in the HUMANITIES and SOCIAL SCIENCES

€42,000 (i.e. €14,000 per annum for three years)

RUBRIC 2010

1. Applications are invited for **FOUR** Travelling Studentships to be offered for competition in 2010. These Travelling Studentships will be awarded on the basis of a common competition open to NUI graduates in all branches of the Humanities and Social Sciences and include Business and Law. For the purpose of the Travelling Studentship competition, Mathematics, Mathematical Physics and Statistics are included among the Sciences rather than the Humanities. Graduates in these subjects are eligible to enter for one of the two Travelling Studentships in the Sciences on offer in 2010 (see www.nui.ie/awards).

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to enter for one of the **FOUR** Travelling Studentships on offer:

2.1. Candidates in the Faculties/Colleges of Arts, Celtic Studies and Human/Social Sciences must:

- Be holders of a NUI primary degree in Arts, Celtic Studies or Human/Social Sciences; and
- Have obtained First Class Honours in the primary degree as a whole, *or* in a subject of the Honours BA/BSocSc degree, *or* First Class Honours in a Masters degree, *or* a Masters degree by research, in Arts, Celtic Studies or Human/Social Sciences.

2.2. Candidates in the Faculties/Colleges of Commerce/Business, and Law, must:

- Be holders of an NUI primary degree in Commerce/Business or Law; and
- Have obtained First Class Honours in the primary degree, *or* First Class Honours in a Masters degree, *or* a Masters degree by research, in Commerce/Business or Law.

2.3. Candidates who have commenced doctorate degrees must be at an early stage of their studies.

2.4. Full-time members of staff of the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges of the NUI *or* of other higher education institutions are not eligible to apply for these awards.

2.5. Previous recipients of NUI Travelling Studentships are not eligible to apply.

3. CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

The award of the Travelling Studentship will be based on the following:

3.1.A Research Proposal of approximately 5,000 words, indicating how the candidate would propose to use the Travelling Studentship, if successful, to pursue doctoral research. The Research Proposal should give details of (i) the proposed topic of the doctoral research; (ii) set out the proposed nature, scope and methodology of the study; and (iii) include a preliminary literature review. It should also (iv) indicate where the research would be carried out and (v) the proposed duration of the research work. Candidates are advised to consult the Professor or Head of the relevant Department/School in advance concerning the Research Proposal.

The information presented in the proposal should be in accordance with the five headings set out above.

Candidates presenting in a Modern Language may opt to submit their Research Proposals *either* in English *or* the language concerned, along with translation copies in English.

3.2.A Curriculum Vitae and Certified Academic Transcript

The Curriculum Vitae should include academic and other relevant achievements to date. The Certified Academic Transcript should include undergraduate and, where relevant, any postgraduate results.

3.3. The Reports of Two Academic Referees

Candidates are required to provide the names of two referees. The referees should preferably be chosen from university teachers or research supervisors who can fully testify to the quality of the candidate's work, if possible over the last three years. The application form includes a confidential reference form to be given by the candidate to each referee. The completed reference forms are to be returned by the referees to The Registrar, NUI, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

However, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the necessary references are submitted to NUI by the closing date, Friday 26 March 2010.

3.4. An Interview

Depending on the number of applications received, it may be necessary to shortlist candidates. In that event, not all candidates will be called for interview.

4. THE SELECTION PROCESS

4.1. An Interdisciplinary Panel consisting of the NUI Deans/Principals of the Faculties/Colleges concerned, or their representatives, will administer the competition for the four Travelling Studentships, and interview the short-listed candidates.

4.2. The reports of two subject specialists on each candidate's Research Proposal on his/her area of doctoral research will be made available to the Panel.

4.3. Following the interviews, the Panel will finalise their recommendations to the NUI Senate on the awarding of the four Travelling Studentships

4.4. Marks are awarded as follows: Research Proposal (40) + Interview (60) = Total (100)

5. APPLICATION FORM AND LODGEMENT OF DOCUMENTS

Application forms are available from www.nui.ie/awards. **The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 26 March 2010** and completed applications should be returned to: **The Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.** Applications should include: (i) An **electronic copy** of the Research Proposal (word/pdf format) which can be emailed to awards@nui.ie together with **EIGHT** hard copies of (ii) the Research Proposal, (iii) the Application Form (iv) Curriculum Vitae and (v) A Certified Academic Transcript for each Degree awarded (i.e. 1 ORIGINAL + 7 copies).

6. TIME OF THE INTERVIEW

The interview will be held in June 2010. Candidates will be given at least two weeks notice of the date.