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TWO TRAVELLING STUDENTSHIPS in THE SCIENCES – RUBRIC 2010

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

Applications are invited for **TWO** Travelling Studentships 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 Sciences and will include Agricultural Science, Engineering, Architecture, Food Science and Technology, Medicine and Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine. For the purpose of the Travelling Studentship competition, Mathematics, Mathematical Physics and Statistics are also included among the Sciences.

1. Graduates in these subjects and disciplines are eligible to enter for one of the above Travelling Studentships.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. To be eligible to enter for one of the **TWO** Travelling Studentships on offer, candidates must:

- Be holders of a NUI primary degree in one of the Sciences or other disciplines as defined above, 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 the Sciences.
- MB BCh BAO graduates must have obtained Second Class Honours in the primary degree *or* Second Class Honours in a Masters degree *or* a Masters degree by research.

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

2.3. 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.

2.4. 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. The Candidate's Research Proposal on his/her area of doctoral research

Candidates must prepare and submit a written Research Proposal (1,500 words) on the area of doctoral research they would pursue, if successful, encompassing (i) an evaluation of its relevance and importance; (ii) the reasons they have decided on that area of research and their commitment to it; and (iii) how they see it developing in the future. The Research Proposal should also (iv) indicate where the candidate would plan to conduct the research, the reasons for choosing that centre and the name of a potential supervisor there.

The information presented in the Research Proposal should be in accordance with the four headings set out above.

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

3.4. An Interview

Depending on the number of applications received, it may be necessary to short-list 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 two 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 two 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) Certified Academic Transcript(s) for each Degree awarded (i.e. 1 ORIGINAL + 7 copies).

6. **TIME OF THE INTERVIEW:** The interview will be held in August 2010. Candidates will be given at least two weeks notice of the date.