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DR MARY L THORNTON SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION (€5,000)

REGULATIONS 2010

1. The Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship is an annual scholarship in Education, funded by a bequest from the late Dr Thornton. This Scholarship, which is open to holders of an NUI degree, is intended to encourage postgraduate research within NUI in the field of Education.

The NUI would wish, through the scholarship, to encourage research related to Irish higher education and accordingly, preference will be given to applications in this area. However, applications will be accepted in relation to projects in any area of educational research.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to enter for the scholarship, a candidate must be a graduate of the National University of Ireland and must have been accepted, or have applied for admission as a research student at Masters or PhD level in the field of Education in a Constituent University or Recognised College of the National University of Ireland.

Students who are registered for a taught Masters degree are not eligible.

3. **CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD**

The award of the scholarship will be based on the following:

- (i) **A Detailed Research Proposal** of approximately 3,000 words, indicating how the candidate would propose to use the scholarship, if successful. The Research Proposal should give details of the proposed topic of the research and set out the proposed nature, scope and methodology of the study and include a preliminary literature review;
- (ii) **An Interview.**
At the interview, candidates will be expected to discuss the Research Proposal. The Interview will be conducted by Internal Examiners from the Departments of Education in the constituent universities, together with an agreed extern examiner who will act as chairperson. Depending on the number of applications, a short-listing procedure may be necessary, in which case not all applicants will be called for Interview.
- (iii) **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.

4. **APPLICATION FORM AND LODGEMENT OF DOCUMENTS**

Application forms can be downloaded at www.nui.ie/awards. Completed application forms, together with **SIX** copies of the (i) Research Proposal and (ii) application form (iii) curriculum vitae and (iv) a Certified Academic Transcript for each Degree awarded (i.e. 1 ORIGINAL + 5 copies) must be lodged with the Registrar of the University by **FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL 2010.**

5. **CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORMS**

Candidates are required to provide the names of two referees. 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 16th April 2010.**

6. **INTERVIEWS**

Interviews in connection with the Scholarship will be held in NUI in **June 2010**. Candidates will be given at least two weeks' notice of the date.

7. **MARKS**

Research Proposal	50 Marks
Oral Examination	<u>50 Marks</u>
TOTAL	100 Marks

8. **COMPLETED RESEARCH**

The candidate who is awarded the Dr Mary L Thornton Scholarship will be required to present one copy of the completed research to the National University of Ireland.