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THE E J PHELAN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW (€25,000) REGULATIONS 2010

1. THE E. J. PHELAN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

The National University of Ireland is pleased to invite applications for the E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law. For the purposes of the fellowship, International Law is taken to include the following:

International Arbitration Law
International Commercial Transactions
International Comparative Law
International Intellectual Property Law
International Labour Law
International Legal Protection of Cultural Heritage
International Media Law
International Protection of Human Rights
International Trade Law
Globalisation and the Law
The Law of the Sea
World Legal Systems.

2. VALUE OF FELLOWSHIP: (€25,000)

The value of the Fellowship is €25,000 to be paid in instalments over one year.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship is intended to encourage and support a postgraduate student at an early stage of his/her academic career but of proven academic excellence to advance his/her scholarly research in one of the areas listed above, in a Constituent University of NUI. It is expected that the research undertaken will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge worthy of publication.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Graduates of the National University of Ireland, holding a degree in Law, or other appropriate discipline, and who are interested in pursuing research in any of the aspects of International Law listed above, are eligible to apply for the Fellowship.
- 4.2 Full-time members of staff, of the Constituent Universities and Recognised Colleges of the NUI or other higher education institutions, are not eligible to apply for this award.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP TENURE

5.1 Tenure

The Fellowship will be tenable in NUI. The Fellow may elect to take up the Fellowship in any of the Constituent Universities of NUI, subject to the concurrence of the Senate and the institution concerned. The holder will be based in a Department in one of the NUI institutions.

5.2 Duties

The holder of the Fellowship will be required to complete a substantial piece of research and publish the results in book form, or as articles in refereed journals, with an acknowledgement of the support received from NUI. In addition, the holder will be required to conduct a seminar in the Department to which he/she is assigned and/or within the NUI system, and on an occasional basis, to participate in the programmes on offer in the Department, subject to the conditions set out below.

5.3 Responsibility to Head of Department

The holder of the Fellowship will be responsible to the Head of the Department in the NUI institution to which he/she is assigned, and thereafter to the NUI Senate. The holder will be required to report on the progress of his/her work to the Head of Department, or other designated authority in the institution to which he/she is attached. The Head of Department will be required to advise the Senate on the progress of the work. The Fellowship will be renewed at the end of the first year subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Head of Department.

5.4 Institutional support

The Department to which the holder of the Fellowship is assigned will provide office space, phone, PC, and the normal facilities available to members of the academic staff in that Department. In applying

for the Fellowship, candidates are required to indicate any specific facilities required for their research.

5.5 Hours of work

The Fellowship is a full-time one, and the working time is that reasonably required to fulfil the duties of the post, taking account of socially acceptable norms. The holder is not entitled to hold any other appointment or undertake any work, which, in the opinion of the Senate, may impair or hamper the due discharge of the terms of the Fellowship.

5.6 Fellowship payments

Payments will be made monthly through a bank account of the holder's choice, on the last working day of the month, with effect from an agreed date.

5.7 Notice period

The appointment is terminable at not less than three months' notice in writing, given either by the University or by the holder of the Fellowship. Any earlier termination date will be subject to agreement with the Head of School / Department in order to take account of the holder's current duties and responsibilities.

5.8 Termination of Fellowship and right of appeal

Should the Senate determine that the conditions of the Fellowship are not being fulfilled satisfactorily, it shall reserve the right to terminate the Fellowship. In such circumstances, the holder of the Fellowship shall have a right of appeal to a sub-committee of the NUI Standing Committee.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(a) Application Forms

Application forms are available from the Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49, Merrion Square, Dublin 2, phone: (+ 353 1) 4392424, fax: (+ 353 1 4392466), e-mail: registrar@nui.ie, website: www.nui.ie. **The closing date for applications is Friday, 16 April 2010.**

(b) Summary of Research Project to be undertaken during the Fellowship

Candidates are required to submit a proposal (1,500 - 2000 words) and give details of:

(i) the proposed topic of the research; (ii) the proposed nature, scope and methodology of the study; and (iii) include a preliminary literature review. It should also (iv) indicate where the research will be carried out and (v) the proposed duration of the research work and (vi) any equipment or special facilities essential to the work, where relevant. Candidates are advised to consult the Professor or Head of the relevant Department/School in advance concerning the Research Proposal.

(c) Choice of NUI institution and Department

Candidates should indicate their preferences in relation to the NUI institution(s) and Department(s) in which they would wish to be based, giving reasons for their choice(s).

Candidates are required to submit a letter from the Head of Department concerned indicating that he/she supports the application and would provide the office-space, facilities and resources required if the application is successful.

(d) 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.

(e) Previous grants and publications

Where appropriate, candidates should provide information on previous research grants and scholarly publications.

(f) Referees

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 on time to NUI.**

(g) The Selection Process

Following consideration of their written submissions, candidates will be invited to attend for Interview in connection with the award of the Fellowship. 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.

7. LODGEMENT OF DOCUMENTS

(i) An **electronic copy** of the Research Proposal (word/pdf format) which can be emailed to awards@nui.ie together with **SIX** copies of the (ii) the Research Proposal (iii) completed application form (iv) Curriculum Vitae (v) Certified Academic Transcript(s) for each degree (i.e. 1 original + 5 copies) (vi) letter of support from the Head of Department in the Institution in which you would wish to be based, together with the completed application form must be submitted to The Registrar, NUI, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, by **Friday, 16 April 2010**, the closing date for applications.

It should be noted that while faxed or emailed applications and references may be submitted, these should be followed by hard copies in each case.