

Application for NUI E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law 2012



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Have you previously applied for an NUI Scholarship? Yes No

Are you in receipt of funding from other source(s)? Yes No

If yes, please provide additional information with your application

*Classification, for example 1H or 2.1
Institution, for example UCD or NUIG*

Qualifications

Degree Title	Year conferred	Classification	Institution								
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Research

Research subject area _____

Title of research proposal _____

Proposed venue for Fellowship _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Applications must include:
- A Research proposal
 - B Application form
 - C Curriculum Vitae
 - D Certified academic transcript(s)
 - E Academic References (x2)
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- F A copy of your research proposal (in Word format) to awards@nui.ie

Academic referees

<p>Academic referee one</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Institution _____</p> <p>Address _____ _____</p>	<p>Academic referee two</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Institution _____</p> <p>Address _____ _____</p>
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The closing date for receipt of completed applications is
30 March 2012

Signature _____

Date of signature _____

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Regulations for 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, offered for competition in 2012. This Fellowship is offered to NUI graduates at an advanced stage of their doctoral studies in any area of International Law.

1. Value of Fellowship

The value of the Fellowship is €25,000 to be paid in instalments for up to 18 months

2. Objectives

The Fellowship is intended to encourage and support a doctoral candidate of proven academic excellence at an advanced stage of their studies towards a doctoral degree in any area of International Law (see section 3.2), in a constituent university of NUI. It is expected that the research undertaken will result in a substantial contribution to knowledge worthy of publication.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Graduates of the National University of Ireland, holding a degree in Law, or other appropriate discipline, and who are pursuing a doctoral degree in any area of International Law.
- 3.2 Candidates must have completed at least one year of their doctoral studies to be eligible to apply for the Fellowship.
- 3.3 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 Fellowship.

4. Terms and conditions of the Fellowship

4.1 Tenure

The Fellowship will be held upon the condition that the recipient during the period of tenure thereof apply themselves to research in the subject area in which they obtain the Fellowship, or in some cognate line of research approved by Senate. Such research shall be pursued wholly in such places as the Senate may direct, and under the direction of a Professor/Director of a University or of some other person selected by the recipient and approved by the Senate, or by such authority as the Senate may direct.

4.2 Duties

4.2.1 Every six months, the holder of the Fellowship is required to submit a report from the Professor/Director under whom they are studying, confirming that they are satisfactorily pursuing the research work of the Fellowship. The final report to be submitted should indicate when the holder of the Fellowship intends to present his/her research for examination towards the doctoral degree. Further payment of Fellowship instalments may be withheld, if the Senate considers such a report unsatisfactory.

4.2.2 The holder of the Fellowship will acknowledge the support received from NUI in any material published that relates directly to the research work.

4.3 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.

4.4 Postponement of tenure

In special circumstances, the Senate may consider an application from the holder of a Fellowship for the postponement of their tenure, for a period of not more than one year. Such applications must be accompanied by a letter from the Professor/Head of Department/School of Law in the holder's NUI institution recommending the postponement.

4.5 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 the NUI Registrar who shall refer the appeal to an independent third party.

5. Application Procedure

Application forms are available to download at www.nui.ie/awards and should be submitted with the following documentation:

- 5.1 **Research Proposal:** Candidates are required to submit a detailed statement (max. 2000 words) concerning the research which they propose to undertake during the tenure of the Fellowship. The statement should include:
 - (i) the proposed topic of the research;
 - (ii) the proposed nature, scope and methodology of the research;
 - (iii) the relevance and importance of the study;
 - (iv) a preliminary literature review;
 - (v) where the research will be conducted and reasons for choosing that centre;
 - (vi) other investigators involved in the research, where appropriate;
 - (vii) potential future developments for the study.
- 5.2 **Letter of support for application:** A letter from the relevant Head of Department/School concerned should also be submitted indicating support for the application and confirming that the resources required will be provided if the application is successful.
- 5.3 **Curriculum Vitae:** to include academic and other relevant achievements to date.
- 5.4 Where appropriate, candidates should provide information on **previous research grants and scholarly publications.**
- 5.5 **Certified Academic Transcripts:** to be submitted for each degree and diploma awarded.
- 5.6 **Reports of two Academic Referees:** to be completed by the referee(s) and returned to the candidate in a sealed envelope. The referee(s) should sign their name on the sealed flap of the envelope. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the references are submitted to NUI with their applications by the closing date.

Following an independent evaluation of each application, a shortlisting process will apply and shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend for interview.

6. Selection Process

- 6.1 A Panel consisting of the Heads of the NUI Departments/Schools of Law, or their representatives, will administer the competition for the Fellowship. Additional specialist(s) may be invited by NUI to sit on the Panel, if required.
- 6.2 Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by the Panel, which will be chaired by an independent specialist, appointed by NUI.
- 6.3 Two independent subject specialists will assess the research proposal of each candidate. The reports of the subject specialists will be made available to the Panel and will inform the decision on the shortlisting of candidates for interview.
- 6.4 Following the interviews, the Panel will finalise their recommendations to the NUI Senate on the awarding of the Fellowship.
- 6.5 The decision of the Senate on the awarding of the Fellowship will be final.

7. Lodgement of Documents (checklist)

Applications and associated documentation should be submitted in hard-copy to: The Registrar, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

7.1 An electronic copy of the Research Proposal (word format) should be emailed to: awards@nui.ie

7.2 The **closing date** for receipt of applications is **Friday, 30 March 2012**.

Please note that applications and references may be submitted electronically but these should be supported by hard copies in each case.