

Application for NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2014



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Please write in block capitals.

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First name(s) _____

Permanent address _____

Date of birth _____ Male Female

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If yes, please provide additional information with your application.

Have you previously applied for an NUI Scholarship or Prize? Yes No

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

Classification, for example 1H or 2.1
Institution, for example UCD or UCC

Qualifications

Degree Title	Year conferred	Classification	Institution
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Research

Research subject area _____

Title of research proposal _____

Proposed venue for Studentship _____

Academic referees

<p><u>Academic referee one</u></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Institution _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><u>Academic referee two</u></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Institution _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Application must include

- A Research proposal
- B Application form
- C Curriculum Vitae
- D Certified academic transcript(s)
- E Academic References (x2)

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **21 March 2014.**

I declare that the information set out in this application is correct

Signature _____

Date of signature _____

Regulations for NUI Travelling Studentships Scheme 2014

The National University of Ireland is pleased to invite applications for Travelling Studentships, offered for competition in 2014. The Studentships will be awarded on the basis of a common competition open to NUI graduates.

1. Travelling Studentship Scheme

- 1.1 Four Travelling Studentships will be allocated in all branches of the Humanities and Social Sciences and will include Business and Law.
- 1.2 Two Travelling Studentships will be allocated 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 this competition, Mathematics, Mathematical Physics and Statistics will also be included in the Sciences.

2. Terms of a Travelling Studentship

A Studentship is tenable for up to four years.

3. Value of a Travelling Studentship

The value of a full Studentship is **€64,000**, (i.e. €16,000 per annum for up to four years) to be paid in quarterly instalments. Where a recipient has other substantial funding, the Senate may take into account the value of the Studentship to be awarded (see section 6.3).

4. Objectives

The Travelling Studentship Scheme, in existence since 1910, has as its main objectives:

- to encourage the most able candidates in the NUI federal system to pursue research;
- to enable these candidates to undertake postgraduate research abroad, in the most reputable universities, towards a doctoral degree.

While traditionally, it has been the practice that holders of Travelling Studentships registered abroad during their Travelling Studentships, it is also permissible for the holder of a Travelling Studentship to register in an NUI institution and complete a doctorate within NUI, where the research programme will involve substantial periods of research abroad.

5. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter for a Travelling Studentship:

- 5.1 Candidates must be holders of an honours bachelor degree from a Constituent University, Recognised College or College linked with a Constituent University of the National University of Ireland in the relevant discipline in which they wish to apply.
- 5.2 In addition to an NUI honours bachelor degree in the **Humanities and Social Sciences**, Candidates must have obtained First Class Honours in the honours bachelor degree as a whole or in a subject/specialization of the degree, or First Class Honours in a thought masters degree, or a masters degree by research.
- 5.3 In addition to an NUI honours bachelor degree in the Sciences, candidates must have obtained First Class Honours in the honours bachelor degree, or First Class Honours in a thought masters degree, or a masters degree by research. The following exception applies: graduates of the MB BCh BAO and BDS must have obtained at least Second Class Honours in a thought masters degree or a masters degree by research.

- 5.4 Candidates who have commenced doctoral degrees must be at an early stage of their studies.
- 5.5 Full-time members of staff of the Constituent Universities, Recognised Colleges or College linked with Constituent Universities of the NUI *or* of other higher education institutions are not eligible to apply for these awards.
- 5.6 Previous recipients of full NUI Travelling Studentships or the E J Phelan Fellowship in International Law are not eligible to apply.

6. General Conditions of Tenure of a Travelling Studentship

6.1 Conduct of research in approved venue

A Studentship will be held upon the condition that the recipient during each year of their tenure thereof apply themselves to research in the subject area in which they obtain a Studentship, or in some cognate line of research approved by Senate. Such research shall be pursued wholly or partly outside Ireland 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.

6.2 Six-Monthly reports

Holders of Studentships are required to submit a report, every six months, from the Professor/Director under whom they are studying, confirming that they are satisfactorily pursuing the research work of their Studentships. Further payment of Studentship instalments may be withheld, if the Senate considers such a report unsatisfactory. The NUI will provide a report form for this purpose.

6.3 Studentship recipient who has other funding

Where the recipient of a Travelling Studentship is also in receipt of funding from another source(s) in this or any other university or institution, details should be included with the application, or, where appropriate, made known in advance of the interview. Where the value of such other funding is substantial, this may be taken into account by the Senate when awarding the Travelling Studentship and a lower amount may be awarded.

6.4 Postponement of tenure

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

6.5 Power to withdraw and right of appeal

The Senate shall have power to withdraw the award of a Studentship if, in the opinion of the Senate, the recipient was guilty of any misconduct in connection with any examination for, or used unfair means to obtain the award of any such Studentship, or otherwise fails to adhere to the General Conditions as outlined above. In such circumstances, the holder of the Studentship shall have a right of appeal to the NUI Registrar who shall refer the appeal to an independent third party.

6.6 Acknowledgement of NUI Support

The recipient of a Travelling Studentship must acknowledge receipt of NUI support in all publicity relating to the research undertaken. The publicity may include but is not restricted to the following: public lectures, conferences, publications, monographs, print and online materials.

7. Application Procedure

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

- 7.1 **Research Proposal:** Candidates are required to submit a proposal concerning the research they propose to undertake during the tenure of the Studentship

The Research Proposal should give details of:

- (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 carried out, and should specify other investigators involved in the research, where relevant;
- (vi) the proposed duration of the research.

The research proposal should be no more than **5000 words** for applications in the Humanities and Social Sciences and **2000 words** in the Sciences.

Candidates are advised to consult the Professor or Head of the relevant Department/School in advance concerning their proposal.

- 7.2 Curriculum Vitae:** to include academic and other relevant achievements to date.
- 7.3 Certified Academic Transcripts:** to be submitted for each degree and diploma awarded.
- 7.4 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

8. Selection Process

- 8.1** Two Interdisciplinary Panels are convened to administer the competitions for the Studentships, i.e. one panel for the Humanities and Social Sciences and one for the Sciences. The Panels consist of the NUI Heads/Deans/Principals of the Faculties/Schools/Colleges concerned, or their representatives, from each of the constituent universities. Additional specialist(s) may also be invited to sit on the Panel, if required.
- 8.2** The relevant Panel will interview shortlisted candidates and will be chaired by an independent specialist, appointed by NUI.
- 8.3** Two independent subject specialists will assess the research proposal of each candidate. The reports of the subject specialists will be made available to the relevant Panel and will inform the shortlisting of candidates for interview.
- 8.4** Following the interviews, each Panel will finalise their recommendations to the NUI Senate on the awarding of the Studentships.
- 8.5** The decision of the Senate on the awarding of the Studentships will be final.

9. Lodgement of Documents (see checklist on front of form)

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

- 9.1** An electronic copy of the Research Proposal (word format) should be emailed to: awards@nui.ie
- 9.2** The **closing date** for receipt of applications is **Friday, 21 March 2014**.

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